



# THE KIDDERMINSTER EAST PARISH NEWSLETTER

Churches of St Cecilia's, St Chad's,  
St George's & St Mary's Stone

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**Fifth Sunday of Lent - Passion Sunday**

*A Warm Welcome to All our Services*

## COLLECT

Gracious Father,  
you gave up your Son out of love  
for the world: lead us to ponder  
the mysteries of his passion,  
that we may know eternal peace  
through the shedding of our  
Saviour's blood,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

## READINGS

Isaiah 43:16 - 21  
Philippians:3:4b - 14  
John 12:1 - 8

## SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> APRIL

### ST CHAD'S

9:30am Worship for All

### ST CECILIA'S

9:45am Holy Communion

### ST GEORGE'S

11:00am Morning Worship

6:30pm Evening Worship

### ST MARY'S, STONE

11:00am Holy Communion

## Family Activity Afternoons

@StCecilia's, Hoo Road

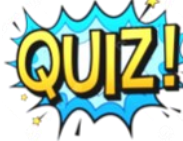


First Sunday of every month

**Next Meeting: Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April,  
3:30pm - 5:30pm**

Crafts, games, refreshments & more, for  
all the family. **All ages welcome!**

## St George's Quiz



Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April

Start time 7:00pm.

Teams of up to six.

Fish and chip supper.

Bring Your Own drinks.



**Cost £15.** Contact Jan 01562 630431

## Parish Finance Officer



There are just a few more days until the deadline for applications, **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April**. We are advertising again, trying to recruit to this part-time job as part of the Office staff for the parish. Does it fit you? Or do you know someone you could encourage to consider the role? We need someone with finance and payroll experience (or a fast learner!), who has good IT skills. More details can be requested from the Office on [office@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:office@kidderminstereast.org.uk) or phone 01562 822131.

## Parish Electoral Roll

This year the Parish Electoral Roll is being completely renewed. **No names on the current roll will be carried forward.** All who wish to, and qualify, may join the new roll by completing an application form, including your current GDPR preferences, prior to the annual church meetings (AGMs) coming up in May.

Entry onto the roll enables you to vote at the AGMs. It signals that you belong to this part of God's family and ensures that you are prayed for regularly throughout the year.

Forms are available in church, from the Electoral Roll Officer and the Parish Office.

Please complete and return them by **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025.**

*Hilary Hildred* (Electoral Roll Officer)

### Lent Lunches at St George's

We shall be serving a simple soup,

bread and cheese lunch at

St George's on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>**

**April, 12:00noon till 2:00pm.**

No charge, but donations welcome.

**No Lent Lunch on 9<sup>th</sup> April**

### Parish Breakfast

The next **Men's Breakfast** is on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May**, 9:30am at St Cecilia's Church, for a time of fellowship and good food. *Roger and Ron*

**Ladies**, we shall meet on the **same day** at **The Eazy Lounge Café** from 10:00am.

Hope to see you there.

*Lyn and Cynthia*

## Parish Prayers Online via Zoom

**Morning Prayer with Daily readings at 8:00am:** David (DH) or Jacqueline (JS) will lead Morning Prayer via Zoom through the week. Please check the tables below for who is leading, so that you use the **correct link** to get into the meeting. The tables also give one of the daily readings. Join us for a great way to start the day. All welcome.

Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> April			Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> April		
Date	Bible passage	Zoom	Date	Bible passage	Zoom
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	John 11:28 – 44	JS	Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 22:1 – 23	DH
Tue 8 <sup>th</sup>	John 11:45 – end	JS	Tue 15 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 22:24 – 53	DH
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	John 12:1 – 11	JS	Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 22:54 – end	DH
Thu 10 <sup>th</sup>	John 12:12 – 19	JS	Thu 17 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 23:1 – 25	DH
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	John 12:20 – 36a	--	Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	Hebrews 10:1-10	DH
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>	John 12:36b - end	JS	Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	John 19:38 - end	--

If you do not automatically receive a Zoom link for **Morning Prayer** you can ask for one to be sent to you by emailing the address below. Anyone is welcome to attend.

**Parish Prayer Meeting:** Please join us on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

for the usual monthly 45 mins of prayer, worship and praise for the parish and the wider world **online via Zoom**. Login from 7:20pm for a **7:30pm** start. Just request a link from the address below. All welcome.



To join **any** of the online Prayers please email [parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk) requesting a copy of the link & password **by 6:00pm on the day before the meeting.**

## Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd Guy Hewlett for Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April

*John 11.1-16.* Jesus raises Lazarus, whom he loves, from the dead – but not straight away! Mary and Martha sent messages to Jesus that ‘the one you love is sick’ but Jesus stayed where he was for 2 more days. This story is about the ways in which Jesus surprises people and overturns their expectations. What did Jesus do in those 2 days? Tom Wright (a New Testament scholar) thinks that he prayed. If you are waiting for a breakthrough, try to be patient – without Jesus’s prayer the outcome may have been different for Lazarus. Stick with prayer, trust God and be prepared to be surprised.

### KEP Parish Children’s Club - Easter Special

The **Easter Special** event of the **Children's Club** will take place on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April** (9:30am – 1:30pm). A place for each child **MUST** be booked by emailing Karen on [ChurchClub@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:ChurchClub@kidderminstereast.org.uk) by midday **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April**, at the very latest. Places need to be secured, as spaces are limited, and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis so, no guarantee can be given even if your booking is received in time. This is because we need to ensure that we have food and materials available for each child.

In addition, if we haven't already received one for this year, an enrolment / consent form must be completed for each child. The form is available to [download here](#) from the [parish website](#). Alternatively, you can request a form from Karen by emailing her on [ChurchClub@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:ChurchClub@kidderminstereast.org.uk).

The **Children's Club** is a fun and friendly club for children aged 6 to 11 years (we can be slightly flexible on ages - please enquire). Children enjoy games, music, craft, stories, drama plus a meal & refreshments at every session, and all in a safe and friendly environment.



All events are provided **free of charge**. Staff are fully safeguarding trained and have DBS clearance.

The dates of the next few events, after the Easter event, for 2025 are:

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** (5.00 – 7.30pm) - *bookings by midday Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May.*

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June** (5.00 – 7.30pm) - *bookings by midday Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June.*

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July** (5.00 – 7.30pm) - *bookings by midday Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July.*

All meetings are at **St Chad’s Church, Burcher Green, Kidderminster, DY10 3AY**

*Please see the flyer in church for further dates.*

### Stone Corner Café

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

**at St Mary’s Stone**

Call in any time between  
2:00pm - 4:00pm

for a chat, a drink and a slice of cake.

**Everyone welcome.**



### Winifred Bridgford RIP

Winifred Bridgford, the wife of the late Gerald Bridgford, passed away recently. Her funeral service is on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April**, 12:30pm, at St George’s. All who knew her are welcome to attend.



Encountering God  
following Jesus  
Spirit-transforming lives

# Palm Sunday

Times of Services at the Churches of  
St Cecilia's, St Chad's, St George's & St Mary's Stone

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

## COLLECT

True and humble king,  
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:  
grant us the faith to know you and  
love you, that we may be found  
beside you on the way of the  
cross, which is the path of glory.

## READINGS

Psalms 118:1 - 2, 19 - end  
Luke 19:28 - 40

## SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> APRIL

### ST CHAD'S

**9:30am** Holy Communion

### ST CECILIA'S

**9:45am** Café Church

### ST GEORGE'S

**11:00am** Holy Communion

### ST MARY'S, STONE

**11:00am** Morning Worship



## Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter

**Palm Sunday** (13<sup>th</sup> April) sees the start of **Holy Week**, a week when we focus in on the climax of the earthly life and ministry of Jesus. It begins with the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on a donkey, and it ends with the shocking empty tomb of **Easter Day** after his resurrection.

Please make use of the services (described elsewhere in this newsletter) to journey with Jesus to the depths of his self-offering which come between these two high points on the Sundays. Take these last few days of Lent to prepare for the amazing celebration of Easter.



## Easter Hunt Trail Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April 10:30am - 12:00noon



**White Wickets Park, Franche Road, DY11 5AL**



For children 11 years and under. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Includes face painting, balloon modelling, crazy golf and eggciting rewards! No booking required. This event is **FREE**. Please note new venue for this year is **White Wickets Park** In the event of bad weather the Hunt will move to Kidderminster Baptist Church, Franche Road, DY11 5BE. For more information or to volunteer to help please contact Jane Pollard on 07949 968276/[pollardjane@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pollardjane@yahoo.co.uk) (corrects previous info).

## Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd Guy Hewlett for Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April

*John 12.20-36a.* Jesus predicts his death. 'We would like to see Jesus', said some Greeks who went to the Passover feast. Jesus replies that 'the hour' has come 'for the Son of Man to be Glorified'. What were the Greeks expecting? Surely not that this man Jesus was to die. But Jesus the Christ came to die, and although troubled he did not turn away from his Father's purpose. He declares 'Father glorify your name' and says that he will draw all people to himself. Would you like to see Jesus? What do you expect from him? Such love, paying the debt you owe?

### *Holy Week Services and Events in the Parish*

#### *Maundy Thursday* (17<sup>th</sup> April)

10:00am Holy Communion  
6:30pm Christian Passover Meal



St George's  
St Chad's

#### *Good Friday* (18<sup>th</sup> April)

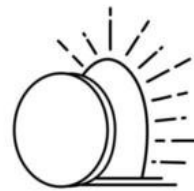
10:30am All-age reflective service  
2:00pm Hour at the Cross



St Cecilia's  
St Chad's

#### *Easter Sunday* (20<sup>th</sup> April)

9:30am Holy Communion  
9:45am Holy Communion  
11:00am Holy Communion  
11:00am Holy Communion  
6:30pm Evening Worship



St Chad's  
St Cecilia's  
St George's  
St Mary's, Stone  
St George's

### Midweek Services

**Holy Communion:** Every Wednesday at **10:00am** at **St George's Church, Radford Avenue, DY10 2ES**



### Young at Heart

Meets on **Wednesdays** at St Cecilia's Church, Hoo Road.

Starting with tea/coffee from **1:00pm**.

Meeting time **2:00pm - 4:00pm**.

**9<sup>th</sup> Apr** Peter Sara Marie Curie

**16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr** No meeting - Easter break

For more information or if you wish to join this group please contact the parish office.

### St George's Coffee Shop

(Including Art Table)

**Every Friday**

10:00am - 12:00noon.

No need to book, just turn up!



**Please Note:** There will be **NO** coffee shop on **Good Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April**. We will be open again at our regular time, on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April**. *Thank you*

### Diocesan News

The Crown Nominations Commission will be meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> May to shortlist candidates to be our **next bishop** and interviews will take place on 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> June. Can you please commit to pray for this process.

If there are any clergy/church workers who would be up for forming a joint Hereford & Worcester **cricket team** to take on the might of Lichfield, please get in touch with Mark Carter on [mcarter@cofe-worcester.org.uk](mailto:mcarter@cofe-worcester.org.uk)

# DIARY

## Regular Weekly Events (some events may close for Easter, please check)

Café Chad	Mondays & Weds	9:15am - 12:15pm	St Chad's
BYO Craft/Knitting	Mondays	10:00am - 12:00noon	St Chad's
Art Group	Mondays & Weds	10:00am - 12:00noon	St Chad's
Young at Heart	Wednesdays	1:00pm - 4:00pm	St Cecilia's
Knit & Natter	Wednesdays	2:00pm - 4:00pm	St George's
Coffee Shop/Art Table	Fridays	10:00am - 12:00noon	St George's
Meet and Eat	Fridays	from 12:00noon	Morrison's Café

## Other events during the next fortnight are listed below

Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Apr	7:30pm	St George's DCC	St George's
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> Apr	7:30pm	Lent Course week 5	St Cecilia's
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	12:00noon	No Lent Lunch (due to funeral)	St George's
	2:00pm	Stone Corner Café	St Mary's, Stone
	7:30pm	Parish Prayer	online via Zoom
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<i>Parish Church services are listed elsewhere in this publication</i>		
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Apr	7:30pm	St Mary's DCC	St Mary's, Stone
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	12:00noon	Lent Lunch	St George's
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Apr to Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<i>See separate notice for Holy Week services</i>		
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10:30am	Easter Hunt Trail	White Wickets Park

The full parish diary can be accessed through the online [Year Plan for 2025](#). Please send updates to the parish office.

Online resources: See our [YouTube channel](#), [Facebook page](#) and [parish website](#).

## SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> APRIL - Easter Sunday

**READINGS:** Acts 10:34 - 43    1 Corinthians:15:19 - 26    John 20:1 - 18

## SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> APRIL

**READINGS:** Acts 5:27 - 32    Revelation 1:4 - 8    John 20:19 - end

The next parish newsletter will be published on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April**, covering **Sundays 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> April**. Items for inclusion should be sent to [news@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:news@kidderminstereast.org.uk) by **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April** at the latest. Thank you.

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