



THE KIDDERMINSTER EAST PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

Sunday 8th February 2026
Second Sunday before Lent

Warm Welcome to All our Services

COLLECT

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

READINGS

Genesis 1:1 - 2:3
Romans 8:18 - 25
Matthew 6:25 - end

SUNDAY 8th FEBRUARY

ST CHAD'S

10:30am Service for Racial Justice Sunday

ST CECILIA'S

9:45am Café Church

ST GEORGE'S

11:00am Holy Communion

ST MARY'S, STONE

-- : -- No service today

Welcome to Bishop Martin

Bishop Martin, the Bishop of Dudley, is visiting St Chad's on **Sunday 8th February** for a joint service with St Mary's for **Racial Justice Sunday** based on the theme "*Love your Neighbour*". This service is at **10:30am** (with **no service** at **St Mary's** that day). There are the usual services at St Cecilia's and St George's, but you are of course welcome to be at St Chad's.



St Chad's Church 70th Anniversary Year

This year St Chads marks its Platinum Jubilee with a number of celebratory events, starting with the visit of Bishop Martin. Other events, for the first half of the year, are now on the [Year Plan](#) and on **posters** in our churches.



Confirmation/Baptism group

If you'd like to work towards Baptism or Confirmation, or simply want to explore what the Christian faith is all about, please speak to David or Jacqueline as soon as possible since we are in the process of setting up the next group.



Lent 2026



If you have missed signing up for a booklet please let David H know as soon as possible.

Our Lent meetings this year begin on **Thursday 19th February**, 7:00pm for 7:30pm start, in **St George's Church**. We will be taking a journey through the season with six particular people from the past who have written prayers that have stood the test of time; we will be praying with these great pray-ers. To help us with this journey there will be a booklet of prayers. The Thursday evening meetings will offer us an opportunity to meet together as a parish and to be introduced to the context and inspiration of these pray-ers.

We have services of **Holy Communion** for **Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of Lent, on **18th February: 10:00am** at St George and **7:30pm** at St Mary

KEYouth

Kidderminster East Youth is a group for young people in school years 5 to 13 that meets at St Cecilia's twice a month, on a Sunday evening, throughout the year. If you are interested please contact keyouth@kidderminstereast.org.uk for further details or you can speak to David or Jacqueline.



Parish Prayers Online via Zoom

Morning Prayer with Daily readings at 8:00am: David will lead Morning Prayer via Zoom through the week. Please check the tables below. When you see David's initials in the Zoom column there will be **Morning Prayer** that day. The tables also give one of the daily readings. 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. Please join David and others for a great way to start the day.

Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 9 th February			Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 16 th February		
Date	Bible passage	Zoom	Date	Bible passage	Zoom
Mon 9 th	2 Timothy 4:1 – 8	--	Mon 16 th	Galatians 1:1 – end	DH
Tue 10 th	2 Timothy 4:9 – end	--	Tue 17 th	Galatians 2:1 – 10	DH
Wed 11 th	Titus 1:1 – end	--	Wed 18 th	Psalm 51:1 - 18 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	DH
Thu 12 th	Titus 2:1 – end	--	Thu 19 th	Galatians 2:11 – end	DH
Fri 13 th	Titus 3:1 – end	--	Fri 20 th	Galatians 3:1 – 14	DH
Sat 14 th	Philemon 1 - end	--	Sat 21 st	Galatians 3:15 – 22	--

Monthly Parish Prayer Meeting: Please join us on **Wednesday 11th February** for 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. It's easy! Just request a link from the address below. All welcome.



To join **either** of the online Prayers please email parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk **by 6:00pm the day before the meeting**, requesting a copy of the link & password.

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd Jacqueline Shalloe for 6th February
Matthew 28. The resurrection of Jesus is a moment of profound hope and joy. Despite fear and confusion, the women at the tomb received the astonishing message: "He has risen." This event signifies victory over death and the promise of new life. It reminds us that despair can be transformed into faith and celebration. The guards' report and attempt to conceal the truth highlight the power of this news - nothing can hide the light of Christ's resurrection, bringing grace to all believers.



Come and join us at St Cecilia's
 for a **Friendship lunch**
 Saturday 14th February at 1pm.

Ploughman's lunch and pudding.
 £6.00

Why not invite a friend or
 come along and make new
 friends?

*Please let us know if you are
 coming either by phoning
 Margaret on 07503 521071
 or email
 margaret@hodgsonfamily.org*



Young at Heart

Every **Wednesday** at
 St Cecilia's Church, Hoo Road
 Starting with tea/coffee from **1:00pm.**
 Meeting time **2:00pm - 4:00pm.**

11th Feb *Worcestershire Wildlife Trust* Gordon Forrest

18th Feb *Tea Out* Contact organiser

For more information please contact the organiser,
 Jean Bailey, via the parish office.

Children's Half Term Activity Morning

At **St George's Church,**

Tuesday 17th February, 10.00am to 12 noon.

This event is for children up to age of 11 (Year 6), accompanied by a parent or carer. There will be lots of crafts and games exploring the theme of **Creation.** Refreshments will be available, come along and have fun. The cost is £1 per child – under 2's are free. Contact Carol Bishton for further info Tel 01562 827093



Kidderminster East Children's Club at St Chad's 2026

Our theme this year is "A Journey Through the Bible".

Next meeting is on **Friday 27th February at 5pm – 7.30 pm** with all the usual activities – food, games, craft as well as time to learn about our theme story.

Booking is essential so if you know of a child aged 6-12 years who would like to join us, please contact

ChurchClub@kidderminstereast.org.uk for info, enrolment and registration forms.

Future dates: Friday 20th March and Friday 24th April, both at 5:00pm.



In Brief: The next **PCC meeting** is on Monday 23rd February, 7:30pm at St Chad's.

The next **parish newsletter** will be published on **Friday 20th February**, and will cover **Sundays 22nd February and 1st March.** Please send Items for inclusion to news@kidderminstereast.org.uk by **Wednesday 18th February** at the latest. Thank you.



Encountering God
following Jesus
Spirit-transforming lives

Sunday next before Lent

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

Sunday 15th February 2026

COLLECT

Holy God,
you know the disorder of our sinful
lives: set straight our crooked
hearts, and bend our wills to love
your goodness and your glory
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

READINGS

Exodus 24:12 - end
2 Peter 1:16 - end
Matthew 17:1 - 9

SUNDAY 15th FEBRUARY

ST CHAD'S

9:30am Morning Worship

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



St George's Church Valentine's Day Supper & Quiz

Saturday 14th February 7:00pm

Tickets £15 available from
Jan Ferguson (07801 118214) or
Chris Griffiths (07919 178236)
Please bring your own drinks

Ladies' Valentines Pudding Night

Saturday 14th February, 7:00pm

St Chad's Church



Cost £6:00 per person
(Profits to charity)



Booking essential for catering purposes by

Monday 9th February.

Email elaine.voice7@gmail.com or

Tel: 07747607216 to book.



Stone Corner Café



Wednesday 11th February
at **St Mary's Stone**

Call in any time between **2pm - 4pm**
for a chat, a drink and a slice of cake.

Everyone welcome.



Men's Curry Night

Saturday 14th February, 7:00pm
Offmore Community Centre

Cost £6:00 per person (Profits to charity)
Booking essential for catering purposes by

Wednesday 11th February.

Please email Tony Bill on

runningbill57@gmail.com to book.

Curry provided but bring your own drinks.

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd Jacqueline Shalloe for 13th February

Titus 3. In the selected passage from *Titus 3*, Paul is encouraging believers to be obedient to law and authorities, and to be ready for good works. He urges them not to slander anyone, to be peaceable, considerate, and gentle towards all. Paul reminds his readers that before coming to faith, they too were foolish, disobedient, and led astray by their own desires. However, salvation came not because of their own righteous deeds, but because of God's mercy, through the renewal of the Holy Spirit. This transformation leads them to devote themselves to doing what is good, which is beneficial for everyone. Paul's teaching is to focus on living out faith through good deeds, harmony, and kindness, rather than getting lost in controversies.



Churches Together Easter Hunt Trail

At St George's Park

Holy Saturday 4th April 10:30am

(Wet weather venue **St George's Church**)



Volunteers needed from 8:00am - 1:30pm for a wide range of roles: to set up gazebos and clear away after, to be Trail Clue Stewards, to run stalls (e.g. balloon making, face painting, crazy golf, or anything else you can offer) plus refreshment tent, parking, reception, **etc**. We cannot function without you! If you would like to help with this event please contact pollandjane@yahoo.co.uk / 07949 968276 or Bernie Halama 07871 823759. See posters for more info.

Diocesan News

Hundreds of people from across Worcestershire and Dudley gathered in Worcester Cathedral on 17th January to **welcome Hugh Nelson** to the Diocese as the 114th Bishop of Worcester. You can read more about the service, watch a 2 minute highlight video and learn more about Bishop Hugh by clicking the following link: [Bishop Hugh](#)

A choir from those in **smaller churches** across the diocese is being put together to **sing in the Cathedral on 18th & 19th April**. If you are interested in participating, please contact Mark Blackwell from Fladbury on markblackwell96@gmail.com or Tel: 07768 146879

The full **Spring Training and Events programme** is now available at <https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/events-training/>

Please Pray for:

- Volunteers and participants of the Children's Club at St Chads.
- The children's half term event at St George's
- The success of the Jubilee Year at St Chad's
- That all those attending the Lent groups will be inspired by the Holy Spirit.
- Those in our world who live in fear and despair; that they will know the peace of God.

Midweek Services

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

DIARY

Homegroups meet on 1st & 3rd wks of the month, usually on a Tuesday but not in Lent

Regular Weekly Events

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

Wed 11th Feb	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	2:00pm	Stone Corner Café	St Mary's Stone
	7:30pm	Parish Prayer Meeting	Online via Zoom
Sat 14th Feb	1:00pm	Friendship Lunch	St Cecilia's
	7:00pm	Ladies' Pudding Night	St Chad's
	7:00pm	Men's Curry Night	Offmore Community Centre
	7:00pm	Valentine's Day Supper & Quiz	St George's
Sun 15th Feb	<i>Sunday Services are detailed elsewhere in this publication</i>		
Tues 17th Feb	10:00am	Children's Half-term Activity Morning	St George's
Wed 18th Feb	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	7:30pm	Holy Communion	St Mary's Stone
Thurs 19th Feb	7:00pm	Lent Course	St George's
Sun 22nd Feb	9:30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
	9:45am	Morning Worship	St Cecilia's
	11:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	11:00am	Morning Worship	St Mary's Stone
Mon 23rd Feb	2:00pm	Bereavement Café	St Cecilia's

The full parish diary is available online using the following link [Year Plan 2026](#).

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

SUNDAY 22nd FEBRUARY

Readings: Genesis 2:15 - 17, 3:1 - 7 Romans 5:12 - 19 Matthew 4:1 - 11

SUNDAY 1st MARCH

Readings: Genesis 12:1 - 4a, Romans 4:1 - 5, 13 - 17 John 3:1 - 17

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