



THE KIDDERMINSTER EAST PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

Sunday 17th May 2026
Sunday after Ascension Day

Warm Welcome to All our Services

COLLECT	SUNDAY 17 th MAY		
<p>Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father.</p>	ST CHAD'S		
	9:30am	Morning Worship	
	ST CECILIA'S		
	9:45am	Holy Communion	
	ST GEORGE'S		
	11:00am	Morning Worship	
READINGS		6:30pm	Evening Worship
<p>Acts 1: 6 - 14 1 Peter: 4: 12 - 14, 5: 6 - 11 John: 17: 1 - 11</p>		ST MARY'S, STONE	
		11:00am	Holy Communion

Annual Meetings 2026

After each church has had its own AGM we then have the Parish Annual Meeting, known by its abbreviation, APCM.

This is where all those parish roles are finally elected: come along and vote if you are on the Electoral Roll (or for the Churchwardens, if you are on the civil Electoral Register!).

Come and be thankful for the year gone by and anticipate the Lord's leading for the year ahead. Come and raise a thoughtful question.



The APCM takes place at:

St George's Church

7:30pm on Monday 18th May 2026

St Chad's Party in the Garden

You are invited to our **Platinum Jubilee Party** on **Sunday 31st May**
(apologies for the wrong day in the previous newsletter!)
from 2:00pm to 5.00pm.



Party Tea - 1950's style tea, Bouncy Castle, Facepainting, Stalls.

The Blackwell Concert Band will be playing.

Please bring a fold up chair / blanket.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO THIS FREE EVENT. Accessible parking available on site.

*This event is part of St Chad's 70th birthday celebrations. See **posters** in our churches.*

Midweek Services

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

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 18 th May			Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 25 th May		
Date	Bible passage	Zoom	Date	Bible passage	Zoom
Mon 18 th	Luke 7:36-end	DH	Mon 25 th	Luke 9:18-27	--
Tue 19 th	Luke 8:1-15	DH	Tue 26 th	Luke 9:28-36	DH
Wed 20 th	Luke 8:16-25	DH	Wed 27 th	Luke 9:37-50	--
Thu 21 st	Luke 8:26-39	DH	Thu 28 th	Luke 9:51-end	--
Fri 22 nd	Luke 8:40-end	--	Fri 29 th	Luke 10:1-16	--
Sat 23 rd	Luke 9:1-17	DH	Sat 30 th	Luke 10:17-24	DH

Morning Prayer on Zoom

Have you ever wondered what happens at 8:00am during the week when we gather on Zoom for Morning Prayer? Well, we pray ... and listen to some Bible readings. If you'd like to give it a try now is the ideal time, as we'll soon be switching to Version 1 of the booklet that we use to follow along.

If you need help getting onto Zoom let us know. Just send a request to be included in the messages for Morning Prayer to:

parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk



Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 15th May

Acts 1. We don't know very much about Matthias, but it would seem a shame to miss thinking about him in our Faithful Friday slot when we land exactly on his feast day! He was chosen to take the place of Judas as one of the twelve apostles. His qualifying criteria for being on the shortlist were that he had been present for the whole of the 3-year ministry of Jesus and that he could be a witness of the resurrection. We could easily think that those around Jesus were just the original Twelve plus a few women, but this selection of Matthias enables us to realise there were many more unnamed followers with Jesus. If you are someone who thinks of themselves as being "in the background/behind the scenes", will you respond willingly like Matthias to being called by the Lord into a more prominent role?



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**.

20th May The Complex Life of Lawrence of Arabia
Alan Bradbury

27th May Half Term - **NO MEETING**

3rd June Quiz *Terry Hadleigh*

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



St George's Coffee Shop

Every Friday **10:00am - 12:00noon** at St George's Church, Radford Avenue

**** Includes Art Group* ***

All welcome



Bereavement Café - *Life after Loss*



If you are grieving the loss of a loved one you are warmly invited to join us at the bereavement café '*Life after Loss*'. There will be refreshments and a warm welcome provided by volunteers with a listening ear.

Next meeting: Monday 18th May, 2:00pm - 4:00pm (*due to Bank Holiday*) at **St Cecilia's**, Hoo Road. For more info email Carol or Alison on lifefterlosskep@gmail.com or call the parish office on 01562 822131.



Concert at St Mary's Church, Stone

Saturday 23rd May 7:00pm (Refreshments from 6.30pm)

Wyre Forest Chamber Choir presents

Songs for a Spring Evening

Tickets available via <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GHIJ>, QR code on posters in church or, on the door.

(£10 adults / £5 for students in full time education including refreshment of choice)



Encountering God
following Jesus
Spirit-transforming lives

Pentecost

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

Sunday 24th May 2026

COLLECT

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the
gift of faith, revive your Church with
the breath of love, and renew the
face of the earth, through Jesus
Christ our Lord.

READINGS

Acts 2: 1 - 21
1 Corinthians 12:3b - 13
John 20: 19 - 23

SUNDAY 24th MAY

ST CHAD'S

9:30am Holy Communion

ST CECILIA'S

9:45am Morning Worship

ST GEORGE'S

11:00am Holy Communion

ST MARY'S, STONE

11:00am Morning Worship

Children's Half Term Activity Morning

at **St George's Church, Tuesday 26th May**, 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 2**. Refreshments will be available, come along and have fun.

The cost is £1per child – under 2's are free.

For further info, contact Hilary Hildred via Parish Office 01562 822131.



KEY Helpers needed - Our parish youth group, KEY (Kidderminster East Youth) is seeking 3 new helpers to assist with the running of the group. We are particularly looking for more ladies to help but, gents, please don't let this stop you from offering to join us.

Volunteers would be required to provide cover for one month out of three (2 meetings on Sunday evenings each month approx.)

Positions would be subject to DBS / Safer Recruitment Checks.

If you are interested, please contact Rev Jacqueline on 01562 729074 / 07543 975577 / j.shalloe@kidderminstereast.org.uk or Peter Cooper on 01562 632175 / kh.creative@yahoo.co.uk in the first instance.



Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 22nd May

Luke 8. In this week's readings Luke has been calling to our attention remarkable things that happened to Jesus, that Jesus caused to happen, and that he taught (in parables). It culminates in today's reading with Jesus displaying such authority over sickness and death; this is no mere human being. Tomorrow we read how he is able to gift that same power and authority to his disciples, but it is not for the purpose of being able to put on a good circus show: it is to enhance their preaching of the gospel (v2, v6). Our task is still to share the good news of Jesus: is that best enhanced today by miraculous healings, or should expect something different?

Thy Kingdom Come 2026 - God with Us

Ascension Day, 14th May - Pentecost, 24th May 2026

Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus.



Reflections for the nine days between Ascension Day and Pentecost ('Novena'), written by Dame Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury, are available online at:

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources-0>

On that same page there are other resources, such as the Prayer Journal (you might want to read it online, but write down your thoughts in another place) and the challenge of a "Digital Detox" (which of course is quite ironic if you tackle this by doing it online).

Our Deanery has set aside a time when we can pray together in our different parishes but using the same material, and so you are invited to join together:

at **St Mary's, Stone**

Saturday 16th May, 10:00am, for about half an hour.



Parish Prayerlink: Requests for prayer for specific people / situations can be emailed to: prayerlink@kidderminstereast.org.uk. Alternatively, if you are not on email, please call Glenn & Anne Scott on 01562 822690 and they will relay the request to the Prayerlink Team.

Please Pray for:

- All the children and young people, who attend Sunday Schools, Children's Club, YOKE and KEY within the Parish, and their families.
- Those elected to various positions during this season of Annual meetings, who will serve the Lord in this way. And give thanks for those who have served previously for their dedication.



Café Chad

Mondays and Wednesdays
9:15am - 12:15pm
St Chad's, Burcher Green

All welcome

PLEASE NOTE: The Café will be open for reduced hours **9.30am - 11.30am** on **Bank Holiday Monday, 25th May**.

Climate Action

Care for God's creation: have you considered asking your energy supplier if any of your power comes from green sources? Think about possible ways of reducing your personal energy consumption. [Learn more](#) about the Diocese's commitment to Climate Action.

Joint services at the end of the month

Sunday 31st May is a 'fifth Sunday' and so we have another pair of joint services that help us to worship together with the other congregations in our parish.

The services are at 10:30am and this time:

St Chad's & St Mary's meet together at St Chad's

St Cecilia's & St George's meet together at St Cecilia's.

Please plan ahead to attend and be an encouragement to the other churches.

KEP Community Together WhatsApp Group

We have a parish Whatsapp group which is great for exchanging news, prayer requests and keeping in touch.



If you would like to join please send a Whatsapp message to Lyn on 07982 248 645.

Street Pastors: could you be part of what they do?

There is a team that is working across Bewdley, Stourport and Kidderminster, and it's not just the 'night-time economy' users that they are seeking to help, there are also day-time events which they also attend. Could you be such a pastor, or a prayer-pastor supporting them from home or the base, or a trustee, or an administrative support, or a volunteer tackling a job on a list I could show you, or someone who supports all this financially. If you'd like to know more, or wish to contact the Street Pastor team, please ask me for details.



David H.

Diocesan News

This May, we're encouraging you to put the lawnmower away and let your garden grow wild giving much-needed support to bees, butterflies, and other pollinators. If your church will be taking part in 'No Mow May', [please email us a photo](#) at the end of the month - we'd love to share a collage on social media.

Fun for All Ages @StCecilia's

@StCecilia's Church, 164 Hoo Road, DY10 1LP



It has been decided to change the name of 'Family Fun' to 'Fun for all Ages'. It will remain on the 1st Sunday of each month, but the time will be 3pm-4.30pm. The venue remains St Cecilia's. There will **not** be a session in August.

Next Meeting: Sunday 7th June, 3:00pm - 4:30pm

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

For more information, contact Shirley or Roger via the parish office.



Parish Breakfast

On 2nd May 14 men got together for another enjoyable breakfast, fellowship and laughter.

Unfortunately, we are having difficulty arranging another date due to personal and church commitments.



As soon as we can sort something out we will let everyone know the next date, via the newsletter and the Community Together Whatsapp group.



St George's Pop up Café

Wednesday 3rd June

12noon - 2pm at St George's Church

Summer menu being served:

Ploughman's Lunch, fresh fruit, cake, tea / coffee

Come along for a **tasty lunch** and a **warm welcome**.

No charge. Donations welcome.



Knit & Natter

at St George's Church
every Wednesday

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Come for a **knit** or
come for a **natter**,
either or both are
fine!



Stone Corner Café

Wed 10th June at St Mary's Stone

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

Everyone welcome.



'Meet and Eat'

Come and join us every
Friday at 12.00 noon
at Morrison Café

Green St, Kidderminster DY10 1AZ.
Newcomers welcome.

The next **parish newsletter** will be published on **Friday 29th May** and will cover **Sundays 31st and 7th June**.

Please send items for inclusion to news@kidderminstereast.org.uk by **10.00am on Wednesday 27th May** at the latest. Thank you.

DIARY

Homegroups meet on 1st and 3rd weeks of the month, usually on a Tuesday.

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

Sun 17 th May	6:00pm	KEYouth	St Cecilia's
Mon 18 th May	2:00pm	Bereavement Café	St Cecilia's
	7:30pm	APCM	St George's
Wed 20 th May	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
Sat 23 rd May	7:00pm	Concert: Songs for a Spring Evening	St Mary's Stone
Sun 24 th May	<i>Sunday Services as detailed elsewhere in this publication</i>		
Tues 26 th May	10:00am	Children's Half-term event	St George's
Wed 27 th May	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
Sun 31 st May	10.30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
	10.30am	Holy Communion	St Cecilia's
		NO SERVICE	St George's
		NO SERVICE	St Mary's, Stone
	2:00pm	Platinum Jubilee Party	St Chad'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 31st MAY

Readings: Isaiah 40: 12-17, 27-end 2 Corinthians 13: 11-end Matthew: 28: 16-end

SUNDAY 7th JUNE

Readings: Hosea 5:15 - 6:6 Romans 4: 13 - end Matthew 9: 9 - 13, 18 - 26

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