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# THE KIDDERMINSTER EAST PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
Third Sunday of Easter**

*Warm Welcome to All our Services*

<b>COLLECT</b>	<b>SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL</b>	
<p>Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.</p>	<b>ST CHAD'S</b>	
	<b>9:30am</b>	Morning Worship
	<b>ST CECILIA'S</b>	
	<b>9:45am</b>	Holy Communion
	<b>ST GEORGE'S</b>	
	<b>11:00am</b>	Morning Worship
<b>READINGS</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	Evening Worship
	<b>ST MARY'S, STONE</b>	
	<b>11:00am</b>	Holy Communion
	<p>Acts 2: 14a, 36 - 41 1 Peter: 1:17 - 23 Luke: 24:13 - 35</p>	

## **Country and Western Music Night**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April, 7:00pm**

At St George's Church, Radford Avenue, DY10 2ES

Join us for an evening of entertainment with talented local singer Rob Pitt.

Tickets £15 to include supper (bring your own drinks) available from:

Chris Griffiths 07919 178236 and Jan Ferguson 07801 118214



The next **parish newsletter** will be published on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May** and will cover **Sundays 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> May.**

Please send items for inclusion to [news@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:news@kidderminstereast.org.uk) by **10.00am on Wed 29<sup>th</sup> April** at the latest. Thank you.

**Parish Office Refresh** - We are looking to freshen up the Parish Office and are seeking the following if anyone is willing to donate or help:

- Neutral coloured, hardwearing carpet - Either a piece 3m x 2.5m approx. to replace the damaged section or 5m x 5.5m approx. to replace the whole carpet.
- Someone able and willing to fit the above carpet.
- 2 office chairs.
- Cream / Magnolia matt emulsion and gloss paint .
- Someone willing to help decorate the office.



Please contact Karen or Stella in the Parish Office 01562 822131 if you are able to help



**Parish Prayerlink:** Requests for prayer for specific people / situations can be emailed to: [prayerlink@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto: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.

Our praying friends across the whole parish will then be happy to pray for you.

### 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 20 <sup>th</sup> April			Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April		
Date	Bible passage	Zoom	Date	Bible passage	Zoom
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 1:1 – 25	DH	Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 2:41 – end	DH
Tue 21 <sup>st</sup>	Luke 1:26 – 38	DH	Tue 28 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 3:1 – 14	DH
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Luke 1:39 – 56	DH	Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 3:15 – 22	DH
Thu 23 <sup>rd</sup>	2 Timothy 2:3 – 13 <i>George, martyr, patron of England</i>	DH	Thu 30 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 4:1 – 13	DH
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 2:1 – 20	--	Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	John 14:1 – 14 <i>Philip &amp; James, Apostles</i>	--
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	Mark 13:5 – 13 <i>Mark the Evangelist</i>	DH	Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Luke 4:31 - 37	--

**Monthly Parish Prayer Meeting:** Please join us on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May** 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](mailto: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 Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April

*Colossians 3*. Paul wrote these instructions to the church at Colossae to address issues related to unity, behaviour, and relationships among believers. There were concerns about false teachings and disputes within the church, so Paul wanted to encourage the community to live in harmony, act with kindness and forgiveness, and follow Christ's example in their daily lives. His guidance aimed to strengthen Christian families and promote peace, love, and thankfulness among all members of the church. By providing practical advice for different groups - wives, husbands, children, fathers, slaves, and masters - Paul sought to resolve tensions and help believers understand their roles and responsibilities in a way that reflected their faith. This was to ensure that the church remained strong and faithful despite any challenges or disagreements they faced. May we continually return to the scriptures and thoughtfully read them, seeking guidance for our lives and the well-being of Christ's Church. Amen

### 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.



### 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**.

**22<sup>nd</sup> Apr** New Zealand Trek Margaret Mandell

**29<sup>th</sup> Apr** To be confirmed

**6<sup>th</sup> May** May Day Bidy Goodyear

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

### St George's Pop up Café

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May**  
and first Wed of each month

**12:00noon - 2:00pm**  
at St George's Church

**Summer menu:**  
Ploughman's Lunch  
followed by cake, fresh  
fruit, tea / coffee.



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

*No charge. Donations welcome.*



### St George's Coffee Shop

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

\*\* Includes Art Group \*\*

**All welcome**





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## Fourth Sunday of Easter

Times of Services at the Churches of  
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**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

### COLLECT

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

### READINGS

Acts 2: 42 - end  
1 Peter 2:19 - end  
John 10:1 - 10

### SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> APRIL

#### 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

### Midweek Services

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

### Men's Parish Breakfast

On 14<sup>th</sup> March, 24 Men enjoyed fellowship and breakfast at the Men's breakfast. The next meeting will be on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** at 9:30am at **St Cecilia's Church**. Come along for full English breakfast (no charge) fellowship, fun and good food. *Roger & Ron*



### Ladies Coffee Morning



**Ladies!** Our next **get-together** will be on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** at **The Eazy Lounge Café, Vicar Street** at 10am.

No booking required. Look forward to seeing you there. *Lyn and Cynthia*

### Family Activity Afternoons @StCecilia's

Fun for all the family

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

**Next Meeting: Sunday 3rd May, 3:30pm - 5:00pm**



All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.  
For more information, contact the parish office



## Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd Jacqueline Shalloe for Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April

*Luke 2.* Modern scholarship provides several insights into why shepherds are featured so prominently in the nativity story. As historian Geza Vermes notes, “shepherds occupied the lowest rung of the social ladder in first-century Judea,” highlighting their humble and marginalised status. Their inclusion in the narrative underscores the theme that the good news of Christ’s birth was first announced to ordinary people, rather than the powerful or elite. According to historian Joachim Jeremias, “the flocks pastured close to Bethlehem were destined for the temple sacrifices in Jerusalem,” which lends symbolic significance to the shepherds’ presence—connecting Jesus, often called the “Lamb of God,” with the sacrificial lambs. This perspective reinforces the themes of humility, sacrifice, and divine favour throughout the story. Additionally, Luke’s Gospel highlights the role of the Holy Spirit, the importance of prayer, and the value of humility and service. The narrative often focuses on those who were marginalised in society, such as women, the poor, and non-Jews, showing that everyone is invited into God’s kingdom. Through his careful storytelling, Luke sought to encourage faith, inspire hope,



### Thy Kingdom Come 2026 - God with Us

Do you remember the first time you sensed 'God with you?'

Read all about the heart behind this year's theme 'God with Us' from the TKC Project Lead, Kemi Bamgbose on the Thy Kingdom Come website at <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/stories/god-us>

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. 14th - 24th May 2026

### Diocesan News

In this year's Easter Message, Bishop Hugh reflected on how Jesus turns the normal order upside down and started a revolution of hope as well as encouraging us all to join in! During this Easter season, you can watch or read his message at:

<https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/news/bishop-hughs-easter-message.php>

### Stone Corner



### Café



**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May**  
at **St Mary's Stone**

Call in any time between  
**2pm - 4pm**

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

***Everyone welcome.***

### Please Pray for:

- Daniel Bennett who is inducted as the new minister at Kidderminster Elim church on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April. We pray that he will settle well and also be able to make a contribution into “Churches Together”.
- All those in our parish, or known to us, who are ill, undergoing treatment and who are recovering.

# DIARY

Homegroups meet on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> Apr	7:00pm	Country and Western Evening	St George's
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<i>Sunday Services as detailed elsewhere in this publication</i>		
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Apr	2:00pm	Bereavement Café	St Cecilia's
	7:30pm	PCC Meeting	St Cecilia's
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	9:30am	Parish Men's Breakfast	St Cecilia's
	10:00am	Ladies' Get-together	Eazy Lounge Café
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	9.30am	Worship for All	St Chad's
	9.45am	Holy Communion	St Cecilia's
	11.00am	Morning Worship	St George's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Stone
	5:30pm	KEYouth	St Cecilia's
	6.30pm	Evening Worship	St George'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 3<sup>rd</sup> MAY

**Readings:** Acts 7: 55 - end                      1 Peter: 2:2 - 10                      John: 14:1 - 14

## SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> MAY

**Readings:** Acts 17: 22 - 31                      1 Peter 3:13 - end                      John 14:15 - 21

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