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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 20th September 2026
Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Warm Welcome to All our Services

COLLECT

Lord of creation, whose glory is
around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with
reverence and know your peace at
our lives' end, through Jesus
Christ our Lord.

READINGS

Jonah 3: 10 - end of 4
Philippians 1: 21 - end
Matthew 20: 1 - 16

SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER

ST CHAD'S

10:30am

Holy Communion + Baptism &
Confirmation with Bishop Martin

ST CECILIA'S

9:45am

Holy Communion

ST GEORGE'S

11:00am

Baptism

6:30pm

Evening Worship

ST MARY'S, STONE

Joining the service at St Chad's

Readings at St Chad's Psalm 51 John 3: 1 - 8

At St George's today we welcome in particular the family and friends of
Hunter Clarke, who are here to support him at his baptism.

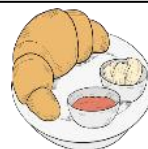
Men's Parish Breakfast

Saturday 19th September at
9:30am at **St Cecilia's**.

Full English breakfast for which
there is no charge. Come
along for fellowship, fun and
good food.



Roger & Ron



Ladies Coffee Morning

Ladies! Our next **get-together**
will be on **Saturday 19th Sept** at

The Eazy Lounge Café, Vicar Street at
10am. No booking required.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Lyn and Cynthia

The next **parish newsletter** will be published on **Friday 2nd October** and will cover
Sundays 4th and 11th October.

Please send items for inclusion to news@kidderminstereast.org.uk by **10.00am on
Wednesday 30th September** at the latest. Thank you.



Café Chad

Mondays and Wednesdays
9:15am - 12:15pm @ St
Chad's

Autumn 'Special' in aid of
KEMP Hospice will be on
Monday 21st Sept.

Contact Lyn
07794 223476
for more info.



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**.

23rd Sept John Reed *From the inside out*

30th Sept Trip out - need to book.

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



Macmillan Cancer Support

Coffee morning

Friday 25th September

at St Mary's Church, Stone

10:00am to 12:00noon

Please come and support.



'Meet and Eat'

Come and join us every

Friday at 12:00 noon

at **Morrison's Café**

Green St, Kidderminster DY10 1AZ.

Newcomers welcome.



Midweek Services

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

Note from Andy and Ruth Piggott:

Some readers will be aware that we'll soon be moving away from Kidderminster. Whilst sad to be leaving, we're looking forward to being nearer one of our daughters in Bristol. We wanted now to say 'farewell' to everyone, but especially to St Chad's which has been our church family for the last nine years. You gave us a lovely send off last week, along with a wonderfully generous gift. HUGE thanks to St Chad's and to all four of our congregations for your love, care and prayer. We'll remember you in our prayers, and trust you too will pray for us as we move and settle in to our new home ... Flat 31, North Block, Riverside, Temple Street, Keynsham, Bristol BS31 1FW.

Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 21st September

Date	Bible passage	Zoom
Mon 21 st	Matthew 9:9-13 <i>Matthew Apostle and Evangelist</i>	--
Tue 22 nd	Acts 19:21-end	--
Wed 23 rd	Acts 20:1-16	--
Thu 24 th	Acts 20:17-end	--
Fri 25 th	Acts 21:1-16	--
Sat 26 th	Acts 21:17-36	DH

Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 28th September

Date	Bible passage	Zoom
Mon 28 th	Acts 21:37 – 22:21	--
Tue 29 th	Revelation 12:7-12 <i>Michael and All Angels</i>	--
Wed 30 th	Acts 23:12-end	DH
Thu 1 st October	Acts 24:1-23	DH
Fri 2 nd	Acts 24:24 – 25:12	--
Sat 3 rd	Acts 25:13-end	DH

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd Jacqueline Shalloe for Friday 18th Sept

Acts 18:1-21 offers a vivid portrait of Paul's perseverance, adaptability, and reliance on God's guidance amid constant change and challenge. The passage shows him forging new relationships—such as with Aquila and Priscilla—finding common ground through shared work and faith. Paul's determination to share the gospel, even when rejected, is inspiring; his response to opposition is not bitterness but a clear sense of mission, shifting to the Gentiles when the message is resisted by some Jews. The Lord's reassurance in the vision calls us to courage and trust, reminding us that God is present even in adversity. Paul's lengthy stay in Corinth demonstrates that fruitful ministry often takes time and patience. Despite conflict, God's promise sustains him. The episode with Gallio illustrates that faith sometimes sits uneasily with legal or societal norms, yet God's plans move forward. Paul's farewell encourages us to entrust our future to God's will, serving faithfully in all seasons.

KEYouth

Kidderminster East Youth is a group for young people aged 11 to 16 years old that meets at St Cecilia's twice a month, on a Sunday evening at 6:00pm.

Next meetings are on 20th September, 4th October and 18th October.

Please contact j.shalloe@kidderminstereast.org.uk for further detail or you can speak to Revd Jacqueline or Peter Cooper.



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 28th September, 2:00pm - 4:00pm

at **St Cecilia's**, Hoo Road. For more info email Carol or Alison on lifeafterlosskep@gmail.com or call the parish office on 01562 822131.

Prayer at St Cecilia's

A small group meet at St Cecilia's to pray on the third Friday of the month at 2pm. Next meeting Friday 18th September. Everyone very welcome to join.

Knit & Natter and Craft Group

at Café Chad on Mondays

10:00am - 12:00noon.

Come and meet like-minded people in an informal setting with quality refreshments.

Contact Joy on
07742 949156



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!



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Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 27th September 2026

COLLECT

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

READINGS

Ezekiel 18: 1 - 4, 25 - end

Philippians 2: 1 - 13

Matthew 21: 23 - 32

SUNDAY 27th SEPTEMBER

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

St George's Pop up Café

Wednesday 7th October

12 - 2pm at St George's Church

Autumn menu being served:

Jacket Potato, beans, cheese, fruit, cake and tea / coffee.

Come along for a **tasty lunch** and a **warm welcome**. *No charge. Donations welcome.*



Stone Corner Café

Wednesday 14th October
at **St Mary's, Stone**

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

Everyone welcome.



"Along the way" - a "home group" that meets at **St Cecilia's** first Thursday of the month. Next meeting **1st October**, 10:00am for a 10:30am start (expect to finish by 11:30am). All welcome. More info from Bernie: 07871 823759.

Harvest Supper and Quiz at St George's

Saturday 3rd October at 7pm.

Teams of six. Proceeds to Medecins Sans Frontieres . £15 per person.
Bring your own drinks. Contact Jan on 01562 630431 or 07801 118214.



Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd Jacqueline Shalloe for Friday 25th Sept

Reflecting on *Acts 21:1-16*, the early church's experiences offer valuable lessons for today's church. Firstly, the passage shows the importance of Christian community—Paul's journey is marked by prayerful farewells, hospitality, and the support of fellow believers, reminding us that faith is lived out in relationship and mutual encouragement. The church is called to walk alongside one another, sharing burdens and joys, even when faced with difficult choices. Secondly, the Spirit's guidance is evident, but so too are differing perspectives among believers; this teaches the modern church to listen attentively for God's voice while acknowledging that discernment is often communal and requires humility. Finally, Paul's steadfastness in following his calling, despite warnings and personal cost, challenges the church today to embrace courage, obedience, and trust in God's will—even when the path is uncertain or costly. Such faithfulness continues to inspire and shape the church's witness in the world.



Fun for All Ages @StCecilia's 164 Hoo Road, DY10 1LP

Next Meeting: Sunday 4th October 3:00pm - 4:30pm

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

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



YOU'RE INVITED TO

PopUP Church - Come along and join in with the **iSingPOP songs** and other activities

Explore Bible Stories **Create awesome crafts** **Make new friends**

Time: 3-4 pm at St Chad's Church Kidderminster DY10 3AY

Dates: Sunday 11th OCTOBER and Sunday 8th NOVEMBER

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

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

The next Children's Club event is on Friday 16th October at 5:00pm – 7:30pm (Registration from 4.50pm) with all the usual activities – food, games, craft as well as time to learn about our theme story.



Booking is essential (by 9th October) so, if you know of a child aged 6-12 years who would like to join us, please contact us at: ChurchClub@kidderminstereast.org.uk for information, enrolment and registration forms.

Future club dates: Friday 13th November and Friday 4th December at 5:00pm

Bernie Halama is going to the **Church Resources Exhibition** at Esher, Surrey on Thursday 15th October. There are free tickets available and he has three spare seats in the car. He's on 07871823759 or b.wladyslaw.h.51@gmail.com

Parish Office Refresh

We are now moving forward with the refresh of the Parish Office. The upgrade of the phone/broadband line and moving of the cables is now complete and the fitting of the new carpet has been booked for Friday 23rd October.

The plan is to:

- Move equipment & furniture into the side hall at St Cecilia's on Weds 21st Oct (am)
- Lift, remove and dispose of the old carpet Weds 21st Oct (am)
- Clean and decorate on Weds 21st (pm) & Thurs 22nd Oct (am & pm)
- Put everything back into the office on Fri 23rd Oct (pm).

We are, therefore, looking for volunteers to come and help move equipment and furniture, remove the old carpet, clean and decorate on the above dates and would be grateful if you are able to spare a couple of hours or a morning / afternoon to help us.

Thank you.

Any decorators may need to bring suitable brushes / tools.

If you are able to help, please contact Karen or Stella in the Parish Office at: office@kidderminstereast.org.uk or phone 01562 822131 (please leave a message if no-one is available to answer. Many thanks.



The **parish year plan** is available online giving times and dates of all parish events and services.

You can access the year plan using the link: [Year Plan 2026](#).

If you have any events that you would like adding, please contact the parish office.



St George's Coffee Shop

Every Friday **10:00am -**

12:00noon at

St George's Church,
Radford Avenue

**** Includes Art Group ****



Celebrating ministry amongst Children, Young People and Families

We are invited to attend a special service at the Cathedral on **Sunday 18th October, 3:00pm**, to take the opportunity to gather from across the Diocese to give thanks for all that God is already doing and to pray for what comes next.

Bishop Hugh writes, *"As part of the celebration, we will commission and pray for our employed Children, Youth and Families team" and we "shall also formally commission Sian Morgan, our new Programme Lead for Children, Young People and Families"*. All are welcome.



Parish Coach Trip to Nottingham

Thursday 29th October

leaving **St George's** at **8:30am** and returning around **6:00pm**. **Cost £20.**

To book please contact Jan on 01562 630431 or or 07801 118214

Old Parish Magazines

If anyone has any last century or older Parish Magazines hidden away? Please would they donate them to the church so we can deposit them together with other records at The Hive early next year? Contact Mattie on 01562 630560.

Faith at Work in Worcestershire - Workplace Chaplains



Have you ever had a bad day at work? Or have you been at work and your mind is troubled by issues that may not be due to work, for example financial worries or concern about a relationship or a loved one's health or activities? Isn't it good if you can have a conversation with someone who listens and offers some thoughts that may help and will keep what you have said confidential.

Workplace chaplains do just that. Faith at Work in Worcestershire (FWW) is an ecumenical charity, that has chaplains recruited from Christians who are empathetic and would like to put their faith into practice outside their church. Our chaplains are very diverse, male and female and of all ages and backgrounds. We provide training which can be done online or in groups. They then may join an existing team and visit the businesses in their area or start a new group.

Chaplains may find they visit a business and spend most, sometimes all, of a visit talking to people about usual conversation topics like the weather or things in the news. Chaplains will talk to people of all faiths and none and will find not everyone will want to talk to them. Demand for chaplaincy is increasing and FWW is in need of new recruits. Chaplains are not expected to act like social workers, but like a trusted friend.

If you would like to know more, without obligation, please contact the Parish Office office@kidderminstereast.org.uk Thank you

An Evening with Rob Parsons from Care for the Family

Thurs 19th November 7.30pm All Nations Church, Wolverhampton

Reflections on the journey: We invite you to step into the untold stories from Rob's lifetime of overcoming obstacles, letting go of childhood labels and discovering that the past doesn't have to define us. Tickets from: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-evening-with-rob-parsons-wolverhampton-tickets-1990106103929?aff=webpagewolve>



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.

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

DIARY

Homegroups meet on 1st & 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
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

Mon 21st Sept	9:15am	Café Chad Special	St Chad's
Wed 23rd Sept	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
Fri 25th Sept	10:00am	Macmillan Coffee morning	St Mary's Stone
Sun 27th Sept	<i>Sunday Services as detailed elsewhere in this publication</i>		
Mon 28th Sept	2:00pm	Bereavement Café	St Cecilia's
Wed 30th Sept	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
Sun 4th Oct	9:30am	Worship for All (Harvest)	St Chad's
	9:45am	Holy Communion	St Cecilia's
	11:00am	Morning Worship (Harvest)	St George's
	11:00am	Holy Communion (Harvest)	St Mary's, Stone
	6:00pm	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](#).

Readings for 4 & 11 Oct are not from the Lectionary because we are following a short two-week series on "Generosity & Gratitude":

SUNDAY 4th OCTOBER

Readings: 1 Timothy 6: 11 - 19 Matthew 20: 1 - 16

SUNDAY 11th OCTOBER

Readings: Colossians 3: 12 - 17 Luke 17: 11 - 19

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