THE KIDDERMINSTER EAST PARISH NEWSLETTER

Encountering God
following Jesus
Spirit-transforming lives

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

Sunday 22nd November 2026
Christ the King

A warm welcome to our services

COLLECT

God the Father, help us to hear
the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.

READINGS

Ezekiel 34: 11 - 16, 20 - 24
Ephesians 1: 15 - end
Matthew 25: 31 - end

SUNDAY 22nd NOVEMBER	
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

Baptism & Confirmation Service

Sunday 22nd November, 6:30pm at Worcester Cathedral.

Please pray for and support the following who will be taking part in the service:

From St Cecilia's:
Elspeth Ajayi (to be baptised)
Sade Ajayi & Toby Ajayi (to be confirmed)

From St George's (to be confirmed):
Gloria Nyambura
Blanchard Nyambura
Lareina Zinyoro

From St George's (to be baptised and confirmed): Amir Bahadori

St Chad's Half day of Prayer

on Wednesday 25th November from 9.00am to 9.00pm



Each hour on the hour, there will be a Bible reading and an opening prayer followed by opportunities for individual quiet prayer, using various stations throughout the church.

If anyone within the parish would like to attend, you will be most welcome.

If unable to attend, please keep the event in your prayers in the time leading up to the event and the event itself. Thank you.

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.**

25th Nov Mike Towler *Christmas Wreaths*
2nd Dec Christmas Lunch Out
For more information please contact the organiser, Jean Bailey, via the parish office.

St George's Church
Sat 28th November
10:00am to 1:00pm

Cost £10 per table. Hot Dogs, Bacon Rolls, Tea & Coffee.

To book a table contact:
Jan Ferguson 07801 118214 or
Chris Griffiths 07919 178236

Proceeds to Church Funds.

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'.*** Refreshments and a warm welcome provided by volunteers with a listening ear.

Next meeting: Monday 30th November, 2:00pm - 4:00pm

at **St Cecilia's,** Hoo Road**.** For more information, 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 20th Nov. Everyone very welcome

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: parishcomms@kidderminstereast.org.uk Anyone is welcome to attend. Please join David and others for a great way to start the day.

Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 23rd November

Date	*Bible Passage*	*Zoom*
Mon 23rd	Isaiah 40:1-11	DH
Tue 24th	Isaiah 40:12-26	DH
Wed 25th	Isaiah 40:27 - 41:7	DH
Thu 26th	Isaiah 41:8-20	DH
Fri 27th	Isaiah 41:21 - 42:9	--
Sat 28th	Isaiah 42:10-17	DH

Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 30th November

Date	*Bible Passage*	*Zoom*
Mon 30th Nov	Mt 4:18-22 *Andrew the Apostle*	DH
Tue 1st Dec	Isaiah 43:1-13	DH
Wed 2nd	Isaiah 43:14-end	DH
Thu 3rd	Isaiah 44:1-8	DH
Fri 4th	Isaiah 44:9-23	--
Sat 5th	Isaiah 44:24 - 45:13	DH

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd Jacqueline Shalloe for Friday 20th Nov
Is there a young person with whom you could share this reflection?
Daniel 10. The holy being Daniel sees is honestly unreal — glowing like lightning, eyes on fire, voice booming like a whole crowd. It's the kind of moment that would make any of us hit the floor. But here's the part that matters for our youth: this powerful, blazing figure doesn't scare Daniel off — he reaches out and helps him up. Holiness isn't shown as something distant or harsh. It's shown as strength that cares. The being tells Daniel he's "greatly loved," and suddenly Daniel finds courage again. That's what God is like for us. Jesus meets us when life feels too heavy, speaks peace into our fear, and gives us strength we didn't think we had. Holiness is love that lifts you.

Café Chad Wednesday 2nd December 2026 from 9:15am to 12:15pm



Café Chad Christmas Special to raise funds for 'Refuge for Women and Children against Domestic Violence'. There will be Christmas- themed stalls including gifts, decorations, cakes and cards. All very welcome.

Advance Notice

Café Chad reduced Christmas opening hours, depending on availability of volunteers: **9.30am - 11.30am** on Monday 21st, Weds 23rd, Monday 28th and Weds 30th December.

Free to a good home - there was a decent sized **offcut of Primo Textures carpet** left over from the Parish Office refresh, measuring 2.5m x 1.5m. Colour name – "Thread".
We also have approximately **3 litres of Magnolia silk** emulsion and **a rubber backed mat**, measuring 88cm x 60cm approx. available.
If you are interested in taking any of these away, please contact Karen or Stella in the Parish Office office@kidderminstereast.org.uk or phone 01562 822131. First come, first served.

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

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



The last Children's Club event of 2026 is on **Friday 4th December 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 27th November) 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 and enrolment forms.



Christmas by Candlelight – Wyre Forest Chamber Choir

Sunday 6th December at 4.30pm at Holy Trinty Church, Belbroughton DY9 9TF. Tickets £10 available on the door includes refreshments and a mince pie. *In support of Kidderminster Foodbank*

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Advent Sunday

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Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

READINGS

Isaiah 64: 1 - 9
1 Corinthians 1: 3 - 9
Mark 13: 24 - end

SUNDAY 29th NOVEMBER

ST GEORGE'S

10:30am	Celebration of Wholeness & Healing United Parish Service
6:30am	Advent Hymns for Evening Worship - Iona Style

On **Sunday 29th November** our four churches gather for a united service. It will be at 10:30am at St George's; there are no other morning services that day. The service is "A Celebration of Wholeness and Healing" with Communion. During the service there will be opportunity for various types of ministry, such as anointing and 'laying on of hands', which people are encouraged to make use of, but no-one must feel that they are obliged to. Let's allow this to be part of our journey towards our ultimate wholeness and healing when the Lord returns.

Coming soon

Another Iona-style evening service at St George's on 29th November

Midweek Services

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

The next **parish newsletter** will be published on **Friday 4th December** and will cover **Sundays, 6th and 13th December.**

Please send Items for inclusion to news@kidderminstereast.org.uk by **10.00am on Wednesday 2nd December,** at the latest. Thank you.

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd Jacqueline Shalloe for Friday 27th Nov
Is there a young person with whom you could share this reflection?
Isaiah 41 & 42. Isaiah reminds us that some things look powerful but are actually empty. Today, that can be the pressure to be perfect online, the chase for likes, or the fear of not fitting in. These things promise confidence, but they can't give real peace. When life gets tough, they don't speak, guide, or help.
God shows us a different kind of strength through his Servant — gentle, steady, and kind. He doesn't crush people who feel fragile or ignore those who are struggling. He lifts them up. That's real power.
So here's the advice: choose what's real. Don't let fake idols like popularity or image tell you who you are. Let God's voice shape you. Be the kind of person who brings light, hope, and justice into dark places. Strength isn't loud; it's compassionate. And you are called to live that strength every day.



St George's Pop up Café

Wednesday 2nd December

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.

St George's Coffee Shop



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

*** Includes Art Group***



All very welcome

St George's Christmas Concert - Saturday 12th December at 7pm

with Hadley & District Orpheus Male Choir, to include interval refreshments of mince pies and mulled wine.
Tickets £10 from Jan Ferguson 07801 118214 or
Chris Griffiths 07919 178236.





Fun for All Ages @StCecilia's

164 Hoo Road, DY10 1LP

Next Meeting: Sunday 6th December 3:00pm - 4:30pm

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

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

KEYouth

The next meeting of KEY is on Sunday 29th November and then on Sunday 13th December at 6:00pm at St Cecilia's.

All young people are welcome to attend.

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 – 12noon	St Chad's
Art Group	Mondays & Weds	10:00am – 12noon	St Chad's
Knit & Natter	Wednesdays	2:00pm – 4:00pm	St George's
Coffee Shop/Art Table	Fridays	10:00am – 12noon	St George's
Meet and Eat	Fridays	from 12noon	Morrison's Café

Other Events during the next fortnight

Mon 23rd Nov	7:30pm	DCC	St Chad's
Tues 24th Nov	7:00pm	DCC	St Cecilia's
	7:30pm	DCC	St Mary's Stone
Weds 25th Nov	9:00am	Half Day of Prayer	St Chad's
	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
Sun 29th Nov	*Sunday Services as detailed elsewhere in this publication*		
	6:00pm	KEYouth	St Cecilia's
Mon 30th Nov	2:00pm	Bereavement Café	St Cecilia's
	7:30pm	DCC	St George's
Weds 2nd Dec	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	12:00pm	Pop-up Café	St George's
Thurs 3rd Dec	10:00am	'Along the way' Homegroup	St Cecilia's
Fri 4th Dec	5:00pm	Children's Club	St Chad's
Sun 6th Dec	9:30am	Worship for All	St Chad's
	9:45am	Holy Communion	St Cecilia's
	11:00am	Morning Worship	St George's
	11:00am	Morning Worship with Baptism	St Mary's, Stone
	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 6th DECEMBER

Readings: Isaiah 40: 1 - 11 | 2 Peter 3: 8 - 15a | Mark 1: 1 - 8

SUNDAY 13th DECEMBER

Readings: Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-end | 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24 | John 1: 6-8, 19-28

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