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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 4th October 2026
Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

A warm welcome to our services

COLLECT

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

READINGS

1 Timothy 6: 11 - 19
Matthew 6: 19 - 33

SUNDAY 4th OCTOBER

ST CHAD'S

9:30am	Worship for All - Harvest
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ST CECILIA'S

9:45am	Holy Communion
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ST GEORGE'S

11:00am	Morning Worship - Harvest
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6:30pm	Evening Worship
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ST MARY'S, STONE

11:00am	Holy Communion - Harvest
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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.



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.

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.



“Join the Story”

Bishop Hugh invites you to ‘join the story’ of the way in which we are Kingdom People. He will be sharing what he has discovered about our diocese and where he thinks those discoveries should take us. There are six dates you could choose from, but the first of them is Tuesday 6th October, 7:00pm at St Kenelm’s in Clifton-on-Teme. Further details can be found on our noticeboards or on the diocesan website. Come and see the bigger picture.

Join the Story dates:

6 Oct - St Kenelm's, Clifton-on-Teme
 15 Oct - St Andrew's, Malvern
 21 Oct Pershore & Evesham Deanery (tba)
 9 Nov - Claines Church, Worcester
 14 Nov - St Peter's Ipsley, Redditch
 21 Nov in Greater Dudley Deanery (tba)

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: 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 5 th October			Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 12 th October		
Date	Bible Passage	Zoom	Date	Bible Passage	Zoom
Mon 5 th	Acts 26:1-23	DH	Mon 12 th	Philippians 1:1-11	DH
Tue 6 th	Acts 26:24-end	DH	Tue 13 th	Philippians 1:12-end	DH
Wed 7 th	Acts 27:1-26	DH	Wed 14 th	Philippians 2:1-13	DH
Thu 8 th	Acts 27:27-end	DH	Thu 15 th	Philippians 2:14-end	DH
Fri 9 th	Acts 28:1-16	--	Fri 16 th	Philippians 3:1 – 4:1	DH
Sat 10 th	Acts 28:17-end	DH	Sat 17 th	Philippians 4:2-end	--

Monthly Parish Prayer Meeting: This month the online Prayer Meeting is on **Wednesday 14th October** 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 Friday 2nd Oct
 Acts 24. Paul's experience reminds us that injustice can happen even when a person has done no wrong. He is kept in prison, falsely accused, and treated as a political problem rather than as a human being made in God's image. Festus recognises that Paul has a legal right, yet he is also tempted to please others. Paul's calm appeal to the emperor shows courage, dignity, and trust in God's larger purpose. For the church today, this passage calls us to stand with those who are unheard, misrepresented, or unfairly treated. Faith does not ignore injustice; it speaks truth with grace. Like Paul, we can trust God while also using rightful means to seek justice and protection.

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.***

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 07801 118214.

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 and enrolment forms.

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

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 4th October and 18th October.

Please contact Peter Cooper at kh.creative@yahoo.co.uk or Tel: 01562 632175 for further details.



St George's Coffee Shop



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

**** Includes Art Group ****

All very welcome





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

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ST CECILIA'S

9:45am Café Church - Harvest

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11:00am Holy Communion

ST MARY'S, STONE

11:00am Morning Worship

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: 3:00 – 4:00pm at St Chad's Church Kidderminster DY10 3AY

(followed by refreshments)

Dates: Sunday 11th OCTOBER and Sunday 8th NOVEMBER

Café Church at St Cecilia's Sunday 11th October at 9:45am

Contemporary worship in a relaxed setting. Discussion, conversation and prayer and this time, we celebrate Harvest. **All welcome.**



Stone Parish Council meets at 7pm on the second Tuesday of every other month at the Old School Room, Stone

Everyone is welcome to attend; there is a public open session to allow members of the public to question the Council. Contact details can be found on the Council web-site. <https://stoneparishcouncil.gov.uk>

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 9th October

Acts 28. It is perhaps in 27:23 that we are shown what it is that enables Paul to survive so well during all the physical and spiritual challenges of these chapters. He says, “an angel of the God whose I am and whom I serve stood beside me”. Paul knows who he is, that he belongs to God, and he knows what his purpose is, to serve God’s purposes. It means he is not cowed by those who think he is a murderer (28:4) nor puffed up by those who think he is a god (28:6) and it also means he takes every opportunity to share the grace of God. Our story is unlikely to be as dramatic as his, but can it be shaped by having the same attitude of knowing whose we are and whom we serve?



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.**

7th Oct JDR

14th Oct Rev Jacqueline *Harvest*

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

Worcester Diocesan Spirituality Gathering Under the Mercy

Praying the Jesus Prayer

Saturday 17th October @ St Cecilia’s
Church Kidderminster 10am to 2pm

(Arrivals and Refreshments from
9.30am) Speaker David Runcorn.

All welcome. Free Simple lunch
available. Please book via Elaine

Voice: elaine.voice7@gmail.com

or call 07747 607216

Celebrating ministry amongst Children, Young People and Families

We are invited to attend a special
service at the Cathedral on:

Sunday 18th October at 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 Lead”.

All are welcome.

“Kidderminster Writes”

Saturday 17th October 2:00pm
in the Town Hall

“Kidderminster Writes” puts the stories
of people in food crisis centre stage in
a new verbatim play taken from
interviews of people who use, and
have used Kidderminster Foodbank.
You are invited to a reading of the play
– ‘I Can Show You the Box but You
Don’t Know What’s in It’

Tickets are free but please book via
the Town Hall’s website:

www.kidderminstertownhall.org.uk

Content Warning: this work addresses
themes of suicide, addiction and domestic
abuse. It features descriptions that may
distress audiences. Strong language is
present. Recommended age restriction 14+
Parental discretion is advised.



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 26th October, 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

Children's Half Term Activity Morning

at **St George's Church**, Tuesday 27th October

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 the **Story of Paul**. Refreshments will be available, come along and have fun.

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

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



St Chad's Platinum Jubilee Gala Evening

St Chad's "Through the Years"

Saturday 31st October from 7:00pm to 11.00pm.

an evening to celebrate 70 years of memories, friendships, funny stories, and of course, great worship. No doubt, there will be reminiscing!

- There will be a live band, The Echoes, dancing, feasting (a posh ploughman's supper no less!) and a bar.
- Tickets are £6 per head & are limited, available from Café Chad or after church. Last date for purchase is Monday 19th October.
- Attire is smart casual to 'all dolled up'!

This event is part of St Chad's 70th birthday celebrations.

New Life Together Choir

are celebrating their 40th birthday with a presentation of some of our favourite songs from the last 40 years. This will be held on **Saturday 17th October, 7.00pm** at **Trinity Methodist Church, Churchfields, Kidderminster DY10 2JL.**

Entry is free, retiring collection for the work of Christian Music Ministries. Come and enjoy an evening of music and song (and cake!).

The next **parish newsletter** will be published on **Friday 16th October** and will cover **three Sundays, 18th and 25th October AND 1st November.**

Please send items for inclusion to news@kidderminstereast.org.uk by **10.00am on Wednesday 14th October**, at the latest. Thank you.

Parish Office Refresh

We are now moving forward with the refresh of the Parish Office.

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, or anyone you know, would be 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 moving furniture / decorating does not suit you then, it would be very helpful if someone could pop in at various times to make teas / coffees for refreshment breaks.

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



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.

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

Knit & Natter / 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!



An Evening with Rob Parsons from Care for the Family

Thurs 19th November 7.30pm All Nations Church, Wolverhampton

Reflections on the journey: Tickets from: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-evening-with-rob-parsons-wolverhampton-tickets-1990106103929?aff=webpagewolve>

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 5 th Oct	7:30pm	DCC	St George's
Weds 7 th Oct	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	12:00pm	Pop-up Café	St George's
Sun 11 th Oct	<i>Sunday Services as detailed elsewhere in this publication</i>		
Mon 12 th Oct	7:30pm	Standing Committee	St Mary's, Stone
Weds 14 th Oct	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	2:00pm	Stone Corner Café	St Mary's, Stone
	7:30pm	Parish Prayer Meeting	Online via Zoom
Fri 16 th Oct	2:00pm	Prayer at St Cecilia's	St Cecilia's
	5:00pm	Children's Club	St Chad's
Sun 18 th Oct	9:30am	Morning Worship	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
	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](#).

SUNDAY 18th OCTOBER

Readings: Isaiah 45: 1 - 7 1 Thessalonians 1: 1 - 10 Matthew 22: 15 - 22

SUNDAY 25th OCTOBER

Readings: Nehemiah 8: 1 - 12 Colossians 3: 12 - 17 Matthew 24: 30 - 35

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