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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 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
Easter Sunday**


*Warm Welcome to All our Services*

COLLECT	SUNDAY 5 <sup>th</sup> APRIL		
<p>God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.</p>	ST CHAD'S		
	<b>6:15am</b>	Sunrise Service (+ breakfast)	
	<b>9:30am</b>	Holy Communion	
	ST CECILIA'S		
	<b>9:45am</b>	Holy Communion	
READINGS		ST GEORGE'S	
<p>Acts 10: 34 - 43 Colossians 3:1 - 4 John 20:1 - 18</p>		<b>11:00am</b>	Holy Communion
		<b>6:30pm</b>	Evening Worship
		ST MARY'S, STONE	
		<b>11:00am</b>	Holy Communion

*Alleluia, Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, alleluia!*

## **Easter Services and Events:**

As we journey with Jesus through this most significant week of his life and ministry please make use of any of these services and events which are open to all:

Date	Church	Time	Event
<b>Good Friday</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 	St Cecilia	10:30am	Service for All ages - Hot Cross Buns & Coffee from 10am
	St Chad	2:00pm	Hour at the Cross, reflective service
<b>Holy Saturday</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> April	St George's Park	10:30am-12noon	Easter Hunt Trail



## Churches Together Easter Hunt Trail

At St George's Park, DY10 2ES

**Holy Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 10:30am – 12:00noon**

(Wet weather venue **St George's Church**)



An event for children **11 years and under**, who must be **accompanied by an adult**. As well as the Easter Hunt Trail there will be face painting, balloon modelling, crazy golf and Eggciting Rewards! **FREE event** - no booking is required. **No parking** on site, please park in town and walk if you can. Limited parking at St George's Social Club. **Volunteers** required from 8:00am. If you would like to help with this event please contact [pollandjane@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pollandjane@yahoo.co.uk) / 07949 968276 or Bernie Halama 07871 823759. See posters in church for more information.



**Parish Prayerlink:** Requests for prayer for specific people / situations can be emailed to: [prayerlink@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:prayerlink@kidderminstereast.org.uk). Our praying friends across the whole parish will then be happy to pray for you.

### Parish Prayers - change of date for April

Please note that the **Zoom Prayer Meeting** is on **15<sup>th</sup> April** this month (rather than the usual 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday ... it's all to do with fitting between the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays!)

### 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 6 <sup>th</sup> April			Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April		
Date	Bible passage	Zoom	Date	Bible passage	Zoom
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	1 Corinthians 15:1 – 11	--	Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	Colossians 1:1 – 14	DH
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup>	1 Corinthians 15:12 – 19	--	Tue 14 <sup>th</sup>	Colossians 1:15 – end	DH
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	1 Corinthians 15:20 – 28	--	Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	Colossians 2:1 – 15	DH
Thu 9 <sup>th</sup>	1 Corinthians 15:29 – 34	--	Thu 16 <sup>th</sup>	Colossians 2:16 – 3:11	DH
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	1 Corinthians 15:35 – 50	--	Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Colossians 3:12 – 4:1	--
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	1 Corinthians 15:51 - end	--	Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	Colossians 4:2 - end	DH

**Monthly Parish Prayer Meeting:** Please join us on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April** 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 David Hildred for Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

*John 19.* This week our readings invite us to walk with Jesus through some of the events of that last week of his life before the world-turning events of Good Friday, his crucifixion. At one level we will read about the tragic human story of a popular itinerant preacher who is not welcomed by the religious authorities and whose ministry is brought to an end by a scheming use of Roman law. Woven through all of this, however, we also read of how God brings his story, the story of salvation, to an amazing and victorious end at the same event, the crucifixion. May our hearts give to the Lord our humble and grateful praise on this Good Friday

### 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.**

**8<sup>th</sup> Apr No meeting (Easter holiday)**

**15<sup>th</sup> Apr** Zumba with Bev

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

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

### Stone Corner

#### Café



**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April**

**at St Mary's Stone**

Call in any time between

**2pm - 4pm**

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

**Everyone welcome.**

### The Demarkation of the Office

We have reached the final week of Mark's employment with us in the Office as he now steps into retirement.

We want to say a big Thank You to Mark and wish him well for this next phase of life, that he and Helga will enjoy the extra time they will spend together.

We welcome back Karen Morton who will be the new Operations Officer.



The next **parish newsletter** will be published on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April**, and will cover **Sundays 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> April**. Please send items for inclusion to [news@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:news@kidderminstereast.org.uk) by **10.00am, Wed 15<sup>th</sup> April** at the latest. Thank you.



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## Second Sunday of Easter

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

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

### COLLECT

Risen Christ,  
for whom no door is locked, no  
entrance barred: open the doors of  
our hearts, that we may seek the  
good of others and walk the joyful  
road of sacrifice and peace,  
to the praise of God the Father.

### READINGS

Acts 2:14a, 22 - 32  
1 Peter 1:3 - 9  
John 20:19 - end

### SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL

#### ST CHAD'S

**9:30am** Holy Communion

#### ST CECILIA'S

**9:45am** Café Church

#### 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**

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

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

**Next meeting** is on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 5pm – 7:30pm** with  
all the usual activities – food, games, craft as well as time to  
learn about our theme story.

**Booking is essential** so if you know of a child aged 6-12  
years who would like to join us, please contact

[ChurchClub@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:ChurchClub@kidderminstereast.org.uk) for info, enrolment and registration forms.

**Future dates:** **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May** and **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June** both at **5:00pm**.



### 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

## Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd Jacqueline Shalloe for Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April

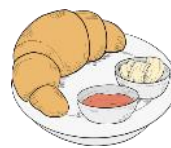
This passage from *1 Corinthians 15: 35-50* provides assurance to Christian believers by affirming the promise of resurrection and transformation. Paul's analogy of seeds and bodies underscores that death is not the end, but rather the beginning of a new, imperishable existence. The assurance comes from the belief that, through faith in Christ, what is fragile and mortal in this life will be raised in glory and power. Christians are encouraged that they will ultimately share in the divine nature, bearing the image of Christ - the "man of heaven" - rather than simply that of Adam, "the man of dust". This hope offers comfort at funerals and to those facing mortality, assuring them that life continues beyond death and that God has prepared a glorious future for those who love him.

### 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*

### Diocesan News

The 106<sup>th</sup> Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah Mullally, was installed at Canterbury Cathedral on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026, the Feast of the Annunciation. You can watch the service at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MjLK48OWDRc>

You can also download the order of service to follow the proceedings at <https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2026-03/installation-order-of-service-a4-large-print.pdf>

The full **Diocesan Spring Training and Events programme** is now available at <https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/events-training/>

### Prayer Diaries

The Diocesan Prayer Diaries for the period **March to July** are now available in church.

Please take one and use it to pray for our brothers and sisters in other parishes in the diocese as well as part of your regular prayer life.

### Café Chad

Mondays and Wednesdays

9:15am - 12:15pm

St Chad's, Burcher Green

**All welcome**

PLEASE NOTE: The Café will **not** be open on Easter Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April and will be open for reduced hours 9.30am - 11.30am on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May.



### Please Pray for:

- The family who are being Baptised at St Chad's on Easter Sunday.
- Archbishop Sarah Mullally as she begins her role as the Archbishop of Canterbury.

# DIARY

Homegroups restart week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> Apr (usually 1<sup>st</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> weeks of the month)

## 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

Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Apr	9.15am	Café Chad - <b>CLOSED TODAY</b>	
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	2:00pm	Stone Corner Café	St Mary's, Stone
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Apr		<i>Sunday Services as detailed elsewhere in this publication</i>	
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Apr	7:30pm	St. Mary's DCC	St Mary's, Stone
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	7:30pm	Parish Prayer Meeting	Online via Zoom
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Apr	11.00am	Bible Reading Group	The Rectory
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> Apr	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 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL

**Readings:** Acts 2: 14a, 36 - 41      1 Peter: 1:17 - 23      Luke: 24:13 - 35

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

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

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