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 8th November 2026
Remembrance Sunday

A warm welcome to our services

COLLECT

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

READINGS

Amos 5: 18 - 24
1 Thessalonians 4: 13 - end
Matthew 25: 1 - 13

SUNDAY 8th NOVEMBER

ST CHAD'S	
9:30am	Holy Communion
3:00pm	PopUp Church
ST CECILIA'S	
9:45am	Café Church
ST GEORGE'S	
10:55am	Holy Communion
ST MARY'S, STONE	
10:55am	Morning Worship

Men's Parish Breakfast



Saturday 7th November 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, 7th Nov** at **The Eazy Lounge Café,** Vicar Street at 10am. No booking required. Look forward to seeing you there. *Lyn and Cynthia*

Café Church at St Cecilia's Sunday 8th November at 9:45am

Contemporary worship in a relaxed setting. Discussion, conversation and prayer. ***All very welcome***.



Sunday 8th November - Remembrance Sunday



Please note that our 11:00am services will start 5 minutes earlier, **at 10:55am**, so that we can include the Act of Remembrance at the beginning of the service.
The earlier services that day will also mark the 2-minute silence.

"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 three remaining dates you could choose from; come and see the bigger picture.

- Monday 9th November, 7-9pm - Claines Church, Worcester
- Saturday 14th November, 4-6pm - St Peter's Church in Ipsley, Redditch
- Saturday 21st November 4-6pm - Holy Trinity Church, Wordsley

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 (followed by refreshments)

Dates: Sunday 8th NOVEMBER and Sunday 13th DECEMBER

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 9th November

Date	*Bible Passage*	*Zoom*
Mon 9th	Daniel 4:19-end	DH
Tue 10th	Daniel 5:1-12	DH
Wed 11th	Daniel 5:13-end	DH
Thu 12th	Daniel 6:1-end	DH
Fri 13th	Daniel 7:1-14	DH
Sat 14th	Daniel 7:15-end	--

Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 16th November

Date	*Bible Passage*	*Zoom*
Mon 16th	Daniel 8:1-14	DH
Tue 17th	Daniel 8:15-end	DH
Wed 18th	Daniel 9:1-19	DH
Thu 19th	Daniel 9:20-end	DH
Fri 20th	Daniel 10:1 - 11:1	--
Sat 21st	Daniel 12:1-end	DH

Monthly Parish Prayer Meeting: This month the online Prayer Meeting is on **Wednesday 11th November** 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 6th Nov

Daniel 3 reminds us that God's presence is often most real in the moments we fear the most. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego are thrown into a furnace meant to end their lives, yet they stand firm, trusting that God is still with them. They do not know how God will act, but they rest in His faithfulness. In the fire, something extraordinary happens: a fourth figure appears beside them. God does not watch from a distance; He steps into the flames with His people. When they emerge, not even the smell of smoke clings to them. This story gently reassures us that the fires we face — grief, worry, illness, uncertainty — are not places of abandonment. They are places where Christ draws near. The heat may be real, but His presence is stronger. Whatever we walk through, we do not walk alone. Our Emmanuel.

National Flag at St Mary's, Stone

The Parish Council has purchased a new National Flag to be flown on the flag-pole in the Churchyard. It will be raised for the first time on Remembrance Sunday and then on 14th November - HRH The King's Birthday, and various notable dates throughout the year.

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.**

11th Nov Suza

18th Nov Terry Hadleigh *Quiz*

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

Stone Corner Café

Wednesday 11th November at **St Mary's, Stone**



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

Midweek Services - Holy Communion

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"*.

The next Children's Club event is on **Friday 13th November 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 6th 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.

Final club date for 2026: Friday 4th December at **5:00pm**

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Second Sunday before Advent

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Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

READINGS

Zephaniah 1: 7, 12 - end
1 Thessalonians 5: 1 - 11
Matthew 25: 14 - 30

SUNDAY 15th NOVEMBER

ST CHAD'S	
9:30am	Morning Worship
ST CECILIA'S	
9:45am	Holy Communion
ST GEORGE'S	
11:00am	Morning Worship with Baptism
6:30pm	Evening Worship
ST MARY'S, STONE	
11:00am	Holy Communion

On Sunday 15th November at St George's, we are baptizing Rosie Alder. Please pray for her, and her parents Lee and Catherine, and all her supporters who will join us on that day.

Book Launch

Local Christian writer, Rachel Yarworth, invites you to the launch of her new book, *The Doubting Vicar's Book Club*.

On: Saturday 14th Nov, 2-4pm
At: Riverside Church, Bewdley, DY12 2EF

Free hot drinks & cakes, quizzes, prize draw, author interview, book-signing and more.

rachelyarworthwriter.uk

Supper, Music & Dance at St George's Church

on Saturday 14th Nov
at 7.00pm
with Singer & Entertainer,
Maggie O'Hara



Bring your own drinks

Tickets £15 available from:
Jan Ferguson 07801 118214 or
Chris Griffiths 07919 178236

Proceeds to Church Funds

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Daniel 7. Daniel's vision opens with chaos — winds whipping the sea, beasts rising in violence and pride. Yet the heart of the passage is not the beasts but the God who reigns above them. The Ancient One sits on a throne of fire, calm and holy, untouched by the turmoil below. His purity, His wisdom, His authority are unshaken. Evil may roar, but it does not rule. Into this scene comes one like a human being, carried on the clouds. Christians recognise Jesus here: the Son who shares the Father's glory, who receives a kingdom that cannot be destroyed. In contrast to the arrogant horn, Jesus' dominion is gentle, just, and everlasting. Daniel 7 reminds us that history is not in the hands of violent powers but in the hands of God — and that Jesus, the true King, brings a kingdom where fear is silenced and hope endures.

Baptism & Confirmation Service

On Sunday 22nd November at 6:30pm at Worcester Cathedral, there will be a Baptism & Confirmation Service.

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

Parish Office Refresh

The refresh of the Parish Office is now complete!

A **huge thank you** to everyone who came and gave their assistance and time with the refurbishment. It was an amazing answer to prayer the way people were available, or just turned up, at the right time. We absolutely love our refreshed working environment.

Free to a good home - there was a decent sized offcut of Primo Textures carpet left over, measuring 2.5m x 1.5m. Colour name – "Thread". If you would be interested in taking this away, please contact Karen or Stella in the Parish Office office@kidderminstereast.org.uk or phone 01562 822131. First come, first served.



at St George's Church on Saturday 28th November 10am to 1pm
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.

The next **parish newsletter** will be published on **Friday 20th November** and will cover **Sundays, 22nd and 29th November.**

Please send Items for inclusion to news@kidderminstereast.org.uk by **10.00am on Wednesday 18th November,** at the latest. Thank you.

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.

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!



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



Parish United Service

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.

Iona Style Evening Service

The 6:30pm service at St George's on 29th November will have a different feel to it since it will be an Iona style service.
Please do come along and experience a service with Celtic liturgy and outlook.

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.

KEYouth

Please note that there is **no meeting of KEY on 15th November** but all young people are welcome to attend on Sundays 29th November and 13th December at 6:00pm at St Cecilia's.



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.



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.

Bible Society Advent Bible Reading Plan

The Advent Edition of Rooted will guide you through the season with 20 Bible devotionals, activations and prayers.

This edition also features a Bible reading plan, articles about Advent and dedicated journalling space to help you explore Scripture in a deeper way.

Contact https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/ or phone 01793 418222.

Message From Friends of the Holy Land

This week, will you set aside one quiet minute to pray for our sisters and brothers in the Holy Land? As you name each community below, pause for a moment and hold its people before God.

Lord Jesus, born in Bethlehem, we bring before you the families of Gaza.
Give them shelter as winter approaches and keep their children safe.
We remember the believers of Taybeh, and the wider West Bank.
May they gather their olives in peace from the trees their families have tended for generations.
We pray for the Christians in Jordan.
Comfort those who mourn and bring healing to those who were wounded.
Strengthen our sisters and brothers in Christ as they care for their neighbours.
Keep us faithful in prayer and grant Palestinians and Israelis a just and lasting peace.
Amen.

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 9th Nov	7:30pm	PCC	St Cecilia's
Weds 11th Nov	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	2:00pm	Stone Corner Café	St Mary's Stone
	7:30pm	Parish Prayer	Online via Zoom
Fri 13th Nov	5:00pm	Children's Club	St Chad's
Sun 15th Nov	*Sunday Services as detailed elsewhere in this publication*		
	KEYouth meeting cancelled (next meeting 29th November)		
Weds 18th Nov	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
Fri 20th Nov	2:00pm	Prayer Group	St Cecilia's
Sun 22nd Nov	9:30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
	9:45am	Morning Worship	St Cecilia's
	11:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	11:00am	Morning Worship	St Mary's, Stone
	6:30pm	Baptism & Confirmation Service	Worcester Cathedral
Mon 23rd Nov	7:30pm	DCC	St Chad'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 22nd NOVEMBER

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

SUNDAY 29th NOVEMBER

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

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