



# THE KIDDERMINSTER EAST PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026  
First Sunday of Lent

*Warm Welcome to All our Services*

## COLLECT

Heavenly Father,  
your Son battled with the powers  
of darkness, and grew closer to  
you in the desert: help us to use  
these days to grow in wisdom and  
prayer that we may witness to  
your saving love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## READINGS

Genesis 2:15 - 17, 3:1 - 7  
Romans 5:12 - 19  
Matthew 4:1 - 11

## SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY

### 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

## Midweek Services

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

## Lent 2026



Our **Lent meetings** this year are on **Thursdays**, 7:00pm for 7:30pm start, in **St George's Church**. We will be taking a journey through the season with six particular people from the past who have written prayers that have stood the test of time; we will be praying with these great pray-ers. The meetings will offer us an opportunity to meet together as a parish and to be introduced to the context and inspiration of these pray-ers. If you missed the first meeting last week it is **not too late to join us**.

## Confirmation/Baptism group



If you'd like to work towards Baptism or Confirmation, or simply want to explore what the Christian faith is all about, please speak to David or Jacqueline as soon as possible since we are in the process of setting up the next group.

## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2:00pm - 4:00pm at St Cecilia's, Hoo Road.** For more info email Carol or Alison on

[liferafterlosskep@gmail.com](mailto:liferafterlosskep@gmail.com) or call the parish office on 01562 822131

### Lent Lunch at St George's

Wednesdays during Lent

12:00noon - 2:00pm

(Except for Pop-up Café first Wednesday of the month)



**Simple Lunch:** Soup, bread, cheese and fruit. Come along for a **warm welcome**.  
*No charge. Donations welcome.*

### "Along the way"

A "home group" that meets at **St Cecilia's** first Thursday of the month. Next meeting **5<sup>th</sup> March**, 10:00am for a 10:30am start (expect to finish by 11:30). Looking into Beatitudes. All welcome. More info from Bernie: 07871 823759.

## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Date	Bible passage	Zoom
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Galatians 3:23 – 4:7	DH
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup>	Galatians 4:8 – 20	DH
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	Galatians 4:21 – 5:1	DH
Thu 26 <sup>th</sup>	Galatians 5:2 – 15	DH
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	Galatians 5:16 – end	--
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	Galatians 6:1 - end	DH

### Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Date	Bible passage	Zoom
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Genesis 43:16 – end	DH
Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Genesis 44:1 – 17	DH
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	Genesis 44:18 – end	DH
Thu 5 <sup>th</sup>	Genesis 45:1 – 15	DH
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	Genesis 45:16 – end	--
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	Genesis 46:1 – 7, 28 – end	--

**Monthly Parish Prayer Meeting:** Please join us on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March** 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.

The next **parish newsletter** will be published on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**, and will cover **Sundays 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> March**. Please send items for inclusion to [news@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:news@kidderminstereast.org.uk) by **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March** at the latest. Thank you.

**Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd Jacqueline Shalloe for 20<sup>th</sup> February**  
*Galatians 3*. Paul's message in Galatians is about two ways of living: following religious rules (the law) or trusting God (faith). If you try to live only by rules, you'll always fall short, because it's impossible to keep every single one perfectly - this brings guilt and trouble. But when you live by faith through God's word, as Abraham did, you trust God's promise and receive goodness and acceptance as a gift, not something you earn. Jesus frees us from the problems of trying to be perfect by rules, so anyone who believes can share in the blessings given to Abraham. In short, faith sets us free and brings good things, while the law alone can make life feel heavy and difficult.

### APCM Preparation Meeting

St Cecilia's Church  
**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**  
 2:30pm

This meeting is for all  
**DCC chairs** and **secretaries**  
 in preparation for the parish  
 Annual Parochial Church Meeting  
 that will take place in May.



### 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**.

**25<sup>th</sup> Feb** *Good Monkey*          Quentin Watt  
**4<sup>th</sup> Mar** *Flowers for Easter*      Mike Towler

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

**Friends of the Holy Land:** in a letter received from Brendan Metcalfe, FHL CEO, he thanks us for all our support but also asks for our continued prayers for Christians in the Holy Land, where life remains extremely fragile and deeply challenging even after the ceasefire. You can join their Lent prayer circle by visiting [www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/pray](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/pray)



### Men's Parish Breakfast

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March** at 9:30am  
 at **St Cecilia's Church**.

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 14<sup>th</sup> March** at **The Eazy Lounge Café**, Vicar Street at 10am. No booking required. Look forward to seeing you there.  
*Lyn and Cynthia*

### 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 27<sup>th</sup> February** 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 20<sup>th</sup> March** and **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April**, both at **5:00pm**.





Encountering God  
following Jesus  
Spirit-transforming lives

## Second Sunday of Lent

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

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026**

### COLLECT

Almighty God,  
by the prayer and discipline of Lent  
may we enter into the mystery of  
Christ's sufferings, and by following  
in his Way come to share in his  
glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### READINGS

Genesis 12:1 - 4a  
Romans 4:1 - 5, 13 - 17  
John 3:1 - 17

### SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH

#### ST CHAD'S

**9:30am** Worship for All

#### ST CECILIA'S

**9:45am** Holy Communion

#### ST GEORGE'S

**11:00am** Morning Worship

**6:30pm** Evening Worship

#### ST MARY'S, STONE

**11:00am** Holy Communion



### Family Activity Afternoons @StCecilia's

Fun for all the family @StCecilia's Church, 164 Hoo Road, DY10 1LP

**Next Meeting: Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 3:30pm - 5:00pm**

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.



### Bible Reading Group



**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March,**  
11:00am at the Rectory.

This month we will be  
reading *Ruth chapter 3*  
Refreshments served from

10:45am. This meeting is open to all but  
please let me know you are coming, either  
directly or via the parish office, thank you.

Hilary Hildred.

### World Day of Prayer

*"I will give you rest, come"*

A service for everyone prepared by the  
women of Nigeria.



**St Chad's Church**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

11:00am - 12:00noon

Followed by light refreshments

For more info please contact

Rev Jaqueline or visit [wwdp.org.uk](http://wwdp.org.uk)

### St Chad's Church 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year

This year St Chads marks its Platinum Jubilee with a number of celebratory  
events. Next event is a **Quiz and Supper** on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 7:00pm.**  
Details to follow. Other events, for the first half of the year, are now on the  
[Year Plan](#) and on **posters** in our churches.



## Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd Jacqueline Shalloe for 27<sup>th</sup> February

*Galatians 5.* Allow the Holy Spirit to guide our actions, attitudes, and decisions each day. When we live by the Spirit, as Paul encourages, we become more aware of opportunities to show love, kindness, patience, gentleness, and self-control in our interactions with others. These gifts are not simply for personal benefit, but are meant to build up the Church, create harmony, and reflect God's character in the world around us. By being attentive to the Spirit's prompting and choosing to act in ways that bear the fruit described by Paul - love, joy, peace, patience, and so on - we help to create an environment where others can experience God's goodness. In this way, the gifts of the Spirit become a daily practice, shaping both our lives and the lives of those we encounter.



### Churches Together Easter Hunt Trail

At St George's Park

**Holy Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 10:30am**

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



**Volunteers** needed from 8:00am - 1:30pm for a wide range of roles: to set up gazebos and clear away after, to be Trail Clue Stewards, to run stalls (e.g. balloon making, face painting, crazy golf, or anything else you can offer) plus refreshment tent, parking, reception, **etc.** We cannot function without you! 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 for more info.

### Diocesan News

**Bishop Hugh's Lent Message** is now available on the diocesan website in both video and text formats. Please go to <http://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/lent-message-2026> or you can download to view offline by visiting <https://vimeo.com/1162221255>.

The diocese have also launched this year's **Lent appeal**, which will be raising funds for a **Mission Church** in the **Amazon rainforest** in our partner diocese of **Peru**. You can also find details of this on the diocesan website: Please go to :

[www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/lent-appeal-2026](http://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/lent-appeal-2026)

**Deanery Synod** meeting **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February, 7:00pm** at St Andrew's Church, Ombersley, WR9 0EP. **Theme:** *Step into Intergenerational Worship.*

### Please Pray for:

- That all those attending the Lent groups will be inspired by the Holy Spirit.
- Those who are thinking of coming forward for the Baptism/Confirmation group

### SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH

**Readings:** Exodus 17:1 - 7      Romans 5:1 - 11      John 4:5 - 42

### SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH - Mothering Sunday

**Readings:** Exodus 2:1 - 10      Colossians 3:12 - 17      John 19:25 - 27

# DIARY

Homegroups do not meet in Lent. Please consider attending the parish Lent group.

## Regular Weekly Events

<b>Café Chad</b>	Mondays & Weds	9:15am - 12:15pm	St Chad's
<b>BYO Craft/Knitting</b>	Mondays	10:00am - 12:00noon	St Chad's
<b>Art Group</b>	Mondays & Weds	10:00am - 12:00noon	St Chad's
<b>Young at Heart</b>	Wednesdays	1:00pm - 4:00pm	St Cecilia's
<b>Knit &amp; Natter</b>	Wednesdays	2:00pm - 4:00pm	St George's
<b>Coffee Shop/Art Table</b>	Fridays	10:00am - 12:00noon	St George's
<b>Meet and Eat</b>	Fridays	from 12:00noon	Morrison's Café

## Other Events during the next fortnight

<b>Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b>	2:00pm	Bereavement Café	St Cecilia's
	7:30pm	PCC meeting	St Chad's
<b>Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	7:00pm	Deanery Synod	St Andrew's Ombersley
<b>Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	12:00pm	Lent Lunch	St George's
<b>Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	7:00pm	Lent Course	St George's
<b>Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	5:00pm	Children's Club	St Chad's
<b>Sun 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<i>Sunday Services are detailed elsewhere in this publication</i>		
	3:30pm	Family Activities Afternoon	St Cecilia's
	5:30pm	KEYouth	St Cecilia's
<b>Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar</b>	2:30pm	APCM Preparation meeting	St Cecilia's
<b>Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	12:00pm	Pop-up Café	St George's
<b>Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	10:30am	Along the Way	St Cecilia's
	11:00am	Bible Reading Group	The Rectory
	7:00pm	Lent Course	St George's
<b>Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	11:00am	World Day of Prayer	St Chad's
<b>Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	9:30am	Holy Communion	St Chad's
	9:45am	Café Church	St Cecilia's
	11:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	11:00am	Morning Worship	St Mary's Stone
<b>Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	7:30pm	St Chad's DCC	St Chad's
	7:30pm	St George's DCC	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](#).

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