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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 22nd March 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent - Passion Sunday

Warm Welcome to All our Services

COLLECT

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son out of love
for the world: lead us to ponder
the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our
Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

READINGS

Ezekiel 37:1 - 14
Romans 8:6 - 11
John 11:1 - 45

SUNDAY 22nd MARCH

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

St Chad's Quiz Night and Supper

Please come to our **Quiz and Supper** on **Saturday 28th March, 7:00pm.**

Teams of up to 6. Bring your friends or come on your own and join a team. Cost £6 per person which includes a **two-course meal** and soft drinks (bring your own alcohol). Tickets from **Café Chad** or contact

Lyn Archer 07794 223476. Profits will be donated to charity. **ALL WELCOME.**

Accessible parking available on site.

*This event is part of St Chad's 70th birthday celebrations. See **posters** in our churches.*



Country and Western Music Night

Saturday 25th April, 7:00pm

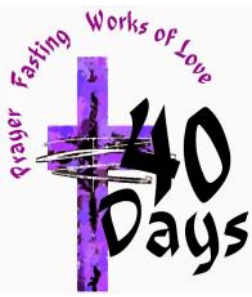
At St George's Church, Radford Avenue, DY10 2ES

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





Lent 2026

Our final **Lent meeting** is on **Thursday 26th March**, 7:00pm for 7:30pm start, in **St George's Church**. We are 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 offer us an opportunity to meet together as a parish and to be introduced to the context and inspiration of these pray-ers.

Please join us, even if you missed some of the meetings.

Easter closures/changes in brief:

- No "Along the Way" group at St Cecilia's on 2nd April
- No Bible Reading Group 2nd April
- No St George's Coffee shop 3rd Apr
- No Activity afternoon at St Cecilia's on 5th April
- No Café Chad on 6th April
- Home groups restart week beginning 6th April



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 Mar *Subject to be confirmed* Carolyn Price

1st April *No Meeting* Easter break

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

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 rd March		
Date	Bible passage	Zoom
Mon 23 rd	Exodus 8:1 – 19	DH
Tue 24 th	Exodus 8:20 – end	DH
Wed 25 th	Luke 1:26 – 38 Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary	DH
Thu 26 th	Exodus 9:13 – end	DH
Fri 27 th	Exodus 10:1 – end	DH
Sat 28 th	Exodus 11:1 - end	--

Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 30 th March		
Date	Bible passage	Zoom
Mon 30 th	Luke 22:1 – 23	DH
Tue 31 st	Luke 22:24 – 53	DH
Wed 1 st Apr	Luke 22:54 – end	DH
Thu 2 nd	Luke 23:1 – 25	DH
Fri 3 rd	John 19:28 – 37	--
Sat 4 th	John 2:18 - 22	--

Monthly Parish Prayer Meeting: Please join us on **Wednesday 15th 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 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 20th March

Exodus 6. Did God choose the right person, Moses, to lead his people out of slavery from Egypt? At the beginning of this week we read how easily he murdered an Egyptian and how he wasn't wanted by his own people. We also read that he didn't really know God: his question at the sight of the burning bush was essentially, "Well, who are you, God?" And then he comes up with all sorts of excuses as to why he couldn't do what God said he should, one of them being "I'm not any good at public speaking". In today's chapter, though, God is very clear he will work through this hesitant, imperfect leader: note how many times God says "I will, I will, I will ...". What is the "I will" that God speaks into our lives today?

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.

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 30th March, 2:00pm - 4:00pm at St Cecilia's, Hoo Road. For more info email Carol or Alison on lifefterlosskep@gmail.com or call the parish office on 01562 822131

Prayer Diaries

The Diocesan Prayer Diaries for the period **March to July** should be available in church from **Sunday 22nd March**. 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.

St George's Pop up Café

Wednesday 1st April

and first Wed of each month

12:00noon - 2:00pm

at St George's Church

Lunch menu: Jacket potato with choice of filling followed by cake, fresh fruit, tea/coffee. Come along for a **warm lunch** and a **warm welcome**.

No charge. Donations welcome.



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 **Thursday 2nd April**, and will cover **Sundays 5th and 12th April**. Please send items for inclusion to news@kidderminstereast.org.uk by **Tuesday 31st March** at the latest. Thank you.



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Palm Sunday

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

Sunday 29th March 2026

COLLECT

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and
love you, that we may be found
beside you on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.

READINGS

Matthew 21:1 - 11
Psalms 118:1 - 2, 19 - end
Matthew 26:14 - end of 27

SUNDAY 29th MARCH

ST CHAD'S

10:30am Holy Communion

ST CECILIA'S

-- : -- No Service
- please attend St Chad's

ST GEORGE'S

-- : -- No Service
- please attend St Mary's

ST MARY'S, STONE

10:30am Holy Communion

United Parish Services - Sunday 29th March

There are **two services** at **10:30am**: at **St Chad's** they will be welcoming **St Cecilia's** congregation, and at **St Mary's** they will be welcoming **St George's** congregation. There will be Palm Crosses at both venues.



Car parking at St Mary's: the field at Stone House Cottage Garden will be open for us to use, or, you might wish to park on the grass verges of the main road on Stone Hill. You might also like to be aware that some of our young people on this Sunday are involved in leading the service at Kidderminster Elim Church, as part of Wyre Forest Youth for Christ developing their discipleship and leadership.

Lent Lunch at St George's

Wednesday 25th March

12:00noon - 2:00pm

Simple Lunch: Soup,
bread, cheese and fruit,
and a **warm welcome!**

No charge. Donations welcome.



Chrism Eucharist
Monday 30th March,
11:00am at

Worcester Cathedral
All welcome to attend

Café Chad

CLOSED
Monday 6th April

NOTICE!

St George's Coffee Shop

Please note that
the coffee shop will be

CLOSED




on **Friday 3rd April**
as it is Good Friday

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 27th March

Exodus 10. As we read through these plagues notice how the magicians could replicate some of them, and then fade into the background when they couldn't. Notice how the state of Pharaoh's heart develops: first he hardens it, then 'it was hard', then the Lord hardens that heart. The Lord eventually confirms the stance that Pharaoh wishes to take. Notice how Pharaoh is willing to negotiate a little bit more of a release each time towards the end. And in contrast to this notice how Moses simply remains obedient each time to what the Lord tells him to do. It's not difficult to work out who gives us the better example to follow when we consider the challenges in life we face.

Holy Week and Easter Services

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
Palm Sunday 29 th March 	St Chad	10:30am	joint Holy Communion with St Cecilia's
	St Mary	10:30am	joint Holy Communion with St George's
Wednesday 1 st April	St George	10:00am	Holy Communion (said)
Maundy Thursday 2 nd April	St George	7:30pm	Holy Communion (with hymns)
Good Friday 3 rd April 	St Cecilia	10:30am	Service for All ages
	St Chad	2:00pm	Hour at the Cross, reflective service
Holy Saturday 4 th April	St George's Park	10:30am-12noon	Easter Hunt Trail
Easter Sunday 5 th April 	St Chad	6:15am	Sunrise Service
	All our churches	Usual Sunday time	Holy Communion
	St George	6:30pm	Easter Evening Worship

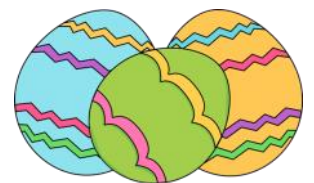


Churches Together Easter Hunt Trail

At St George's Park, DY10 2ES

Holy Saturday 4th 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 / 07949 968276 or Bernie Halama 07871 823759. See posters in church for more information.

DIARY

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

Regular Weekly Events (check opening over Easter)

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 (see separate table for full list of Easter Services)

Mon 23 rd Mar	7:30pm	Standing Committee	Cancelled
Tues 24 th Mar	7:00pm	St Cecilia's DCC	St Cecilia's
	7:30pm	St Chad's DCC	St Chad's
Wed 25 th Mar	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	12:00pm	Lent Lunch	St George's
Thurs 26 th Mar	7:00pm	Lent Course	St George's
Sat 28 th Mar	7:00pm	Platinum Jubilee Quiz & Supper	St Chad's
Sun 29 th Mar	<i>Palm Sunday Services are listed elsewhere in this publication</i>		
Mon 30 th Mar	11:00am	Chrim Eucharist	Worcester Cathedral
	2:00pm	Bereavement Café	St Cecilia's
Wed 1 st Apr	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	12:00pm	Pop-up Café	St George's
Thurs 2 nd Apr	7:30pm	Holy Communion	St George's
Fri 3 rd Apr	10:30am	Good Friday Worship for All	St Cecilia's
	2:00pm	Hour at the Cross	St Chad's
Sat 4 th Apr	10:30am	Easter Egg Hunt	St George's Park
Sun 5 th Apr	<i>Easter Sunday services are listed elsewhere in this publication</i>		

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 5th APRIL - Easter Sunday

Readings: Acts 10: 34 - 43 Colossians 3:1 - 4 John 20:1 - 18

SUNDAY 12th APRIL

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

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