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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 3rd May 2026
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Warm Welcome to All our Services

COLLECT	SUNDAY 3 rd MAY	
Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.	ST CHAD'S	
	9:30am	Worship for All
READINGS	ST CECILIA'S	
	9:45am	Holy Communion
Acts 7: 55 - end 1 Peter 2: 2 - 10 John 14: 1 - 14	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 3rd May, 3:30pm - 5:00pm

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

For more information, contact the parish office.



Café Chad

Mondays and Wednesdays

9:15am - 12:15pm

St Chad's, Burcher Green

All welcome

PLEASE NOTE: The Café will be open for reduced hours **9.30am - 11.30am** on Bank Holiday Mondays, 4th and 25th May.

St George's Pop up Café

Wednesday 6th May

12noon - 2pm at St George's Church

Summer menu being served.

Come along for a **tasty lunch** and a **warm welcome**.

No charge. Donations welcome.

Concert at St Mary's Church, Stone
Saturday 23rd May 7:00pm (Refreshments from 6.30pm)

Wyre Forest Chamber Choir presents

Songs for a Spring Evening

Tickets available via QR code on posters in church or on the door
 (£10 / £5 including refreshment of choice)



Parish Prayerlink: Requests for prayer for specific people / situations can be emailed to: prayerlink@kidderminstereast.org.uk. Alternatively, if you are not on email, please call Glenn & Anne Scott on 01562 822690 and they will relay the request to the Prayerlink Team.

Our praying friends across the whole parish will then be happy to pray for you.

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 4 th May			Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 11 th May		
Date	Bible passage	Zoom	Date	Bible passage	Zoom
Mon 4 th	Luke 4:38-end	--	Mon 11 th	Luke 6:27-38	DH
Tue 5 th	Luke 5:1-11	DH	Tue 12 th	Luke 6:39-end	DH
Wed 6 th	Luke 5:12-26	DH	Wed 13 th	Luke 7:1-10	DH
Thu 7 th	Luke 5:27-end	DH	Thu 14 th	Luke 24:44-end <i>Ascension Day</i>	DH
Fri 8 th	Luke 6:1-11	--	Fri 15 th	Acts 1:15-end <i>Matthias the Apostle</i>	--
Sat 9 th	Luke 6:12-26	DH	Sat 16 th	Luke 7:18-35	DH

Monthly Parish Prayer Meeting: Please join us on **Wednesday 13th May** 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 1st May

John 14. On this feast day of Philip and James, we are reminded of the importance of faith, trust, and seeking deeper understanding of Christ. The passage from John 14 shows us Philip's desire to know and see the Father, and Jesus' response reveals that knowing Him is truly knowing God. This encourages us to reflect on our relationship with Jesus, recognising that He is the way, the truth, and the life—our guide to the Father and source of spiritual assurance. We also learn from their example that questioning, searching, and striving for clarity are part of the journey of faith. James and Philip's presence in the early Church reminds us to remain steadfast and to support one another, especially when facing uncertainty or doubt. Today, we are invited to trust in Christ's promises, to believe that He prepares a place for us, and to carry out His works in the world with humility and hope, just as these apostles did. Happy feast day!!



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**.

6th May May Day *Biddy Goodyear*

13th May Born in the desert *David Seeney*

20th May The Complex Life of Lawrence of Arabia *Alan Bradbury*

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



St George's Coffee Shop

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

*** Includes Art Group* **

All welcome



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 15th May 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 for info, enrolment and registration forms.

Future dates: Friday 12th June and Friday 10th July both at 5:00pm.



Stone Corner Café

Wednesday 13th May at St Mary's Stone

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

Everyone welcome.





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Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Sunday 10th May 2026

COLLECT

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father.

READINGS

Acts 17: 22 - 31
1 Peter 3: 13 - end
John 14: 15 - 21

SUNDAY 10th MAY

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

Parish Office Refresh - We have been overwhelmed by the response to our appeal to freshen up the Parish Office. Enormous thanks to everyone who has responded, and offered help. What an amazing response to our prayers!

We are looking at how to co-ordinate the work to upgrade the phone/broadband line, decorating and fitting of the new carpet, and we are still seeking the following:

- Magnolia gloss paint for the woodwork.
- Volunteers willing to help decorate the office. *Date(s) to be arranged.*



Please contact Karen or Stella in the Parish Office 01562 822131, if you are able to help.

Many thanks

The next **parish newsletter** will be published on **Friday 15th May** and will cover **Sundays 17th and 24th May**.

Please send items for inclusion to news@kidderminstereast.org.uk by **10.00am** on **Wednesday 13th May** at the latest. Thank you.

Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 8th May

Luke 6. What did Jesus think he was doing on the Sabbath when he picked the grain and rubbed it to separate wheat from chaff, and when he healed the man with the shrivelled hand? Surely this was 'work', and breaking the Sabbath law of 'no work' called for the death penalty (Ex 31:15)? First he claims to have a higher authority than the Sabbath law, being the one who created the Sabbath, and second he widens their understanding of the purpose of the Sabbath: it is for doing good, for saving life. It is to be life-enhancing. How shall we react to such laws and rules? Shall we be furious, like the Pharisees, that Jesus broke the law (that he had made), or shall we look to see what can be life-enhancing through keeping them?

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 18th May, 2:00pm - 4:00pm (due to Bank Holiday) 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 26th May, 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 **Creation 2**. 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.



Annual Meetings

Dates of the **Annual General Meetings** for each church are as follows:

St Cecilia's: Sunday 3rd May, after the Holy Communion service

St. Mary's, Stone: Sunday 3rd May, after the Holy Communion service

St George's: Sunday 10th May, after the Holy Communion service

St Chad's AGM has already taken place.

The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** (APCM), for the whole parish, will be held at **St George's Church, Monday 18th May, 7:30pm**

St Chad's Party in the Garden

You are invited to our **Platinum Jubilee Party** on **Saturday 31st May** from **2:00pm to 5.00pm**.

Party Tea - 1950's style tea, Bouncy Castle, Facepainting, Stalls.

The Blackwell Concert Band will be playing.

Please bring a fold up chair / blanket.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO THIS FREE EVENT. Accessible parking available on site.

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



DIARY

Homegroups meet on 1st and 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 - 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

Sun 3 rd May	5:30pm	KEYouth	St Cecilia's
Wed 6 th May	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	12:00pm	Pop-up Café	St George's
Sun 10 th May	<i>Sunday Services as detailed elsewhere in this publication</i>		
Wed 13 th May	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	2:00pm	Stone Corner Café	St Mary's, Stone
Fri 15 th May	5:00pm	Children's Club	St Chad's
Sat 16 th May	10:00am	Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Event	St Mary's, Stone
Sun 17 th May	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 17th MAY

Readings: Acts 1: 6 - 14 1 Peter: 4: 12 - 14, 5: 6 - 11 John: 17: 1 - 11

SUNDAY 24th MAY

Readings: Acts 2: 1 - 21 1 Corinthians 12:3b - 13 John 20: 19 - 23

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