



**Encountering God  
following Jesus  
Spirit-transforming lives**

# THE KIDDERMINSTER EAST PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
Third Sunday of Lent**

*Warm Welcome to All our Services*

COLLECT		SUNDAY 8 <sup>th</sup> MARCH	
<p>Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.</p>		ST CHAD'S	
		9:30am	Holy Communion
		ST CECILIA'S	
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		9:45am	Café Church
		ST GEORGE'S	
Exodus 17:1 - 7	11:00am	Holy Communion	
Romans 5:1 - 11	ST MARY'S, STONE		
John 4:5 - 42	11:00am	Morning Worship	

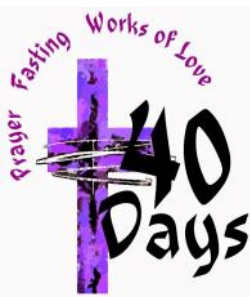
## Midweek Services

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

## United Parish Services

At the end of this month is a '5<sup>th</sup> Sunday' when we would normally have one **United Service** for the parish. In recent times we have found that the increasing number of people coming along to those services has made it difficult for our smaller churches to cope. So, we are trying something new. On a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday there will be **two united services**, with the churches paired up in various ways during the year, so that the host churches don't have so many people to try to seat. The services will be at **10:30am**. This month **St Chad's** will be welcoming **St Cecilia's**, and **St Mary's** will be welcoming **St George's**. It also happens to be **Palm Sunday**.





## Lent 2026

Our **Lent meetings** this year are on **Thursdays**, 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 the first few weeks.



### Stone Corner Café



**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March**  
at **St Mary's Stone**

Call in any time between  
**2pm - 4pm**

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

**Everyone welcome.**



### 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**.

**11<sup>th</sup> Mar** *John Wesley: Riots & Revolution* Ian Bott

**18<sup>th</sup> Mar** *Meal Out* Contact organiser

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 9 <sup>th</sup> March			Daily Readings for week beginning Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March		
Date	Bible passage	Zoom	Date	Bible passage	Zoom
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	Genesis 47:1 – 27	DH	Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	Exodus 2:11 – 22	DH
Tue 10 <sup>th</sup>	Genesis 47:28 – end of 48	DH	Tue 17 <sup>th</sup>	Exodus 2:23 – 3:20	DH
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	Genesis 49:1 – 32	DH	Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	Exodus 4:1 – 23	DH
Thu 12 <sup>th</sup>	Genesis 49:33 – end of 50	DH	Thu 19 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 1:18 – end <i>Joseph of Nazareth</i>	DH
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	Exodus 1:1 – 14	--	Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Exodus 6:2 – 13	DH
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	Exodus 1:22 – 2:10	DH	Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	Exodus 7:8 - 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.

## Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March

*Genesis 45*. The original dream given to the 17-year old Joseph has already come true: his brothers arrived and bowed down to him without realising who Egypt's grain retailer really was. Joseph engineers the circumstances of their return and we almost lose count of how many times they bow down before him. This story, though, is not about revenge for what the brothers did to him years before, since Joseph is firmly of the opinion (stated three times in this chapter) that God had sent him ahead to achieve God's purposes. It's a very mature opinion after all that Joseph has been through. Are there ways we can learn from him about how our plans for our lives can be shaped by God's purposes for us?

### REVIVAL FIRES: NEW COMMUNITY HUB OPENS IN KIDDERMINSTER

Kidderminster's historic town motto "*With God's help through industry and art, we will flourish*" has relevant synergy with the commencement of a new ministry in the town. The new community hub aims to offer emotional and spiritual care through worship and prayer, as well as a café space, training, support groups and creative workshops. The hub is opening on **14<sup>th</sup> March** at 1-3 Oxford Street, DY10 1BB. Further info at [www.revivalfires.org.uk](http://www.revivalfires.org.uk)



#### Lent Lunch at St George's Wednesdays during Lent

12:00noon - 2:00pm

Simple Lunch: Soup, bread, cheese and fruit.

Come along for a warm welcome.

No charge. Donations welcome.



#### Chrism Eucharist

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March,  
11:00am

At Worcester  
Cathedral

All welcome to attend

#### NOTICE!

#### St George's Coffee Shop

Please note that the coffee shop will be

**CLOSED**

on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April** as it is Good Friday

#### 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 20<sup>th</sup> March** 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 24<sup>th</sup> April and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May** both at 5:00pm.





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# Mothering Sunday

Times of Services at the Churches of  
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**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

## COLLECT

God of love,  
passionate and strong,  
tender and careful:  
watch over us and hold us  
all the days of our life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## READINGS

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

## SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH

### ST CHAD'S

**9:30am** Morning Worship

### 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

## Mothering Sunday - 15<sup>th</sup> March



Our celebration of Mothering Sunday in church (different from Mothers' Day in the community) focuses around the care and love shown by members of the congregation being part of the church family. The tradition arises from the era when servant girls were given a weekend off before Easter in order to visit their families and so that they could worship together in their home, or mother, church. It's a good time to remember your own particular mother church, and those who have shown spiritual care to you.



## St Chad's Quiz Night and Supper

Please come to our **Quiz and Supper** on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 70<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations. See posters in our churches.*

## Please Pray for:

- That all those attending the Lent groups will be inspired by the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for the Easter Hunt Trail in St George's Park on 4<sup>th</sup> April that many will discover more about Easter

## Faithful Friday Blog Post from Revd David Hildred for Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March

*Exodus 1*. In many respects the Bible could be called “The Tale of the Unexpected”. We have seen this week how the reversal of the expected way of blessing the next generation was enacted, as Jacob (younger brother to Esau) gives the right-hand blessing to Ephraim (younger brother to Manasseh). This whole clan is unexpectedly settled in Egypt, away from their normal home. And now as Exodus begins the story takes another unexpected turn away from favour and towards hostility where the heroes are the midwives! How much does our engagement with our journey of faith depend on things being as we expect them to be? Can God still work through the unexpected?

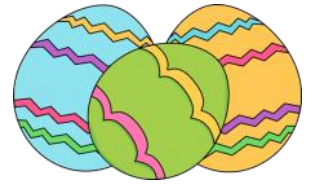


### Churches Together Easter Hunt Trail

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.

### The Bible Society: *Remembering Ukraine*

This week we've marks four years of full-scale war in Ukraine. It's a heartbreaking anniversary, but we can say confidently that God has moved in power during these years. As they've lost everything, many Ukrainians have turned to Christ and experienced spiritual transformation. The **Bible Society** team there, led by Revd Anatoliy Raychynets, has covered the country sharing God's love. They've given food, medicine and blankets, but often found people wanting the Bible most of all. Giving out a thousand Bibles every day, they've put God's word in the hands of 1.6 million people. The generosity of Christians around the world has made this possible. It is estimated that almost half a million people in Ukraine have been directly impacted by donations from the UK.



**STOP PRESS:** **St Chad's DCC** will now meet on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March**, 7:30pm and **NOT** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you. *Jacqueline*

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

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

## SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> MARCH - Palm Sunday

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

# DIARY

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

## 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 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	7:30pm	St George's DCC meeting	St George's
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	12:00pm	Lent Lunch	St George's
	2:00pm	Stone Corner Café	St Mary's, Stone
	7:30pm	Parish Prayer Meeting	online via Zoom
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	7:00pm	Lent Course	St George's
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9:30am	Parish Men's Breakfast	St Cecilia's
	10:00am	Ladies' Get Together	Eazy Lounge Café
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> March	<i>Sunday Services are detailed elsewhere in this publication</i>		
	6:00pm	KEYouth	St Cecilia's
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10:00am	Holy Communion	St George's
	12:00pm	Lent Lunch	St George's
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	7:00pm	Lent Course	St George's
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	5:00pm	Children's Club	St Chad's
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	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
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	7:30pm	Standing Committee	St Mary's Stone

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](#).

The next parish newsletter will be published on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**, and will cover **Sundays 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March**. Please send items for inclusion to [news@kidderminstereast.org.uk](mailto:news@kidderminstereast.org.uk) by **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March** at the latest. Thank you.

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