

UNITED BENEFICE OF CRADLEY MATHON AND STORRIDGE

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SUNDAY 20 August (Trinity 10)

A warm welcome to services across the Benefice.

Readings: 1 Isaiah 56: 6-8; Matthew 15: 21-28

9.30 a.m. Mattins Lay led (Speaker Rev Michael Gallagher)

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)

6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Mathon
Storrige
Cradley

Diocesan Prayer for the Week: Blessing and honour, thanksgiving and praise, more than we can utter, more than we can conceive, be unto you, O holy and glorious Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, by all angels, all people, all created things, now and for ever.

MID WEEK SERVICES

EVENING PRAYER: 6.30 p.m.: Cradley on Monday, Mathon on Tuesday, Storrige on Wednesday

HOLY COMMUNION (CW) Wednesday at 10.00 a.m. at Cradley

EVENTS & MEETINGS

CREAM TEAS IN CRADLEY CHURCH on Sunday afternoons (3.00 – 5.00 p.m.)- last one 27 August

SUMMER DRAW – will be drawn at the Strawberry Teas on 27 August at 4.30 p.m- tickets still available

STORRIDGE LITERARY FESTIVAL, 'A POEM FOR KATRINA' on 23 August at 7.30 p.m in Storrige Church. An event to remember and celebrate the presence and influence among us of Katrina Norbury. Free admission, donations welcome. **(REHEARSAL WITH MARY CONSTABLE FOR THOSE TAKING PART, ON SUNDAY, 20 AUGUST, 4.00 P.M.)**

DEANERY SYNOD this Tuesday, 22nd: St. Katherine's, Ledbury 7.30 p.m.

DEANERY STANDING & BUSINESS COMMITTEE, this Thursday, 24th: Bosbury House, 4.00p.m.

BEGONE DULL CARE: Music for a Summer Afternoon - Sunday 10 September 2017, 3.00 p.m. in Cradley Church, followed by a Strawberry Tea. Tickets £12 (children £6) from Cradley Butchers or call 01886 880519. (In aid of St. Michael's Hospice and Cradley Church Organ Restoration Fund)

You are invited to **A DAY OF PRAYER AT CRADLEY CHURCH** on Wednesday, 30 Aug. Drop in any time you like between 8.00 a.m. and 8.00 p.m. Every member of our congregations, and those beyond, are welcome. It's a day for dropping in, and coming-and-going as you please. It is a day enabling us to continue praying with churches everywhere "Thy Kingdom Come". At various times there will be particular landmarks: our usual mid-week Communion at 10.00 a.m.; a short reflection on the St. Francis window at noon; a prayer walk at 2.00 p.m.; singing hymns of prayers at 4.00 p.m.; and a bring-and-share fellowship meal to close at 7pm. At 9.00 a.m. we shall be reflecting on Jesus breakfasting with his disciples, and at 6.30 p.m. we shall join Jesus on the road to Emmaus. Alongside and around these landmarks there will be opportunities to pray, simply, quietly throughout the day, without fuss – and maybe even to try different yet gentle ways of praying. All are invited.

TODAY IN OUR PRAYERS

Pray for the deaf community within our Diocese; pray for the Deaf Church meetings in Hereford and for Hilary Morgan as Chaplain for the Deaf. **In the wider Anglican Church**, pray for the work of the church in the Diocese of Rochester, for The Rt Revd Prince Singh and for all who live, work or worship in that part of the U.S.A.. **In our diocese**, pray for the churches of the Bridgnorth Deanery. Pray also for ministerial development in our Diocese: for local and collaborative ministry, and for churches that are open and responsive to every opportunity for mission and service. **In the wider world** remember all affected by the mud-slide in Freetown, Sierra Leone. Pray for peace where there is conflict, for the leaders and peoples of North Korea and the U.S.A. and for goodwill and understanding between those lands; for the Middle East, Africa; South Sudan, Yemen, Syria, Iraq, Libya and Afghanistan; for all victims of famine, terror, violence and persecution, for all members of the armed forces and those who work for peace. Remember all affected by the terrorist attacks in Spain. **Give thanks** with Tom Ainscough and with Lynne Rowe for their continuing recoveries, and **among the sick, we're asked to pray** for Tom Ainscough, Margaret Adams, Elspeth Barks, Anna Davies, Sandy Fraser, John Hatton, Paul Peters, Roy Peterson, Winnie Preston, Tim Ross, Lynne Rowe and all who support and care for them. **Remember all who have died recently**, and pray for their families and all who grieve.

NEXT SUNDAY: August 27, Trinity 11

Readings: Romans 12: 1-8; and Matthew 16: 13-20

9.30 a.m. Shorter Mattins – Clergy led

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10.30 a.m. Family Communion (CW)

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