

UNITED BENEFICE OF CRADLEY MATHON AND STORRIDGE

Pewsheets for Sunday 18 November, 2nd Before Advent
Essential news from around the benefice

SERVICES ON SUNDAY

Readings: *Daniel 12:1-3; Mark 13:1-8*

9.30 a.m	Mattins – Lay led (Address by Kevin Brewer)	Mathon
9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)	StorrIDGE
10.30 p.m	Morning Service - Lay led with Mike Hames and Julia Maclagan	Cradley

WEEKDAY SERVICES

EVENING PRAYER at 6.30 p.m. on Tues.at Mathon, and 4.30 p.m. on Mon at Cradley and Wed at StorrIDGE

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

BENEFICE CONFIRMATION SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION, WITH BISHOP RICHARD at 10.30 a.m. on 2 December in Cradley Church, all are welcome. (Cradley's Family Service will be moved to 9 December)

EVENTS & MEETINGS

MATHON ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS FAIR on Sat 24 November at Mathon Parish Hall from 10.30a.m until noon. Many stalls including Cakes, new items, books, plants, tombola, raffle and other attractions including a children's fancy dress competition for children up to age 10 (judged at 11.00 a.m.)

STIR-UP SATURDAY on 24 November 2-4 p.m.in Cradley church. Come and make your own Christmas Pudding. BRING YOUR OWN BOWL AND ELBOW GREASE - WE SUPPLY THE INGREDIENTS (at cost). Further details: Julia Maclagan T: 01886 880402, E: julia.maclagan@btinternet.com

LEYS COFFE STOP on 29 Nov from 10.00 – 11.30 a.m in Community Room

CRADLEY VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS FAIR on Saturday 1st December from 10.30am-3.00pm. Please come and visit the Cradley Church's Christmas stall at this event

DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR THE WEEK: Holy God, your love is our greatest treasure; we thank you for all who over many years have served you boldly, cheerfully and well, proclaiming your word to all who would hear, to rich and poor alike. May all who minister in your name today do so with diligence, discipline and humility, fearing nothing but the loss of you and drawing all to you through Jesus Christ our Saviour; who lives and reigns with you in the communion of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

TODAY IN OUR PRAYERS: Today is the Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims, also known as Roadpeace Sunday. Pray for all bereaved in this way, for those living with injuries or trauma, and for the members of the emergency services who attend accidents. Pray too for Roadpeace services, including one at Hereford Cathedral, and for all who will attend them. **In the wider Anglican Church**, pray for the church in Bermuda, The Rt Revd Nicholas Dill, and for all who live or worship in that part of the world. Pray for the church where it is persecuted or opposed, and for all who face discrimination because of their beliefs. **In our diocese**, pray for the Pontesbury Deanery, for the Rural Dean (Revd Giles Tulk) and all who minister, serve or live in the parishes of that Deanery. **In the wider world**, continue to pray for the people of Sulawesi in Indonesia, for all seeking to help them, and for the Emergency Disasters Committee Appeal. Continue to pray for the peace of the world, for all places of fear and conflict, and for those who work for peace: for the Middle East, especially for Syria, Iraq and the Yemen; for Afghanistan; for every family where there is division: for all victims of famine and for communities damaged by natural disaster. **Among the sick**, we pray for Natalie, Elspeth Barkes, Margaret Adams, Frank Davies, and any others known to us, with all who support and care for them. **Remember all who have died recently**, and all who mourn.

NEXT SUNDAY 25 November– Sunday next before Advent / Christ the King

Readings: *Daniel 7:9-10,13-14; John 18: 33-37*

9.30 a.m	Mattins – Lay led	Mathon
9.30 a.m	Mattins - Lay led at StorrIDGE	StorrIDGE
10.30 a.m	Family Communion (CW)	Cradley

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