

UNITED BENEFICE OF CRADLEY MATHON AND STORRIDGE

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SUNDAY 15 OCTOBER (Trinity 18). A warm welcome to services across the Benefice.

Readings: *Philippians 4: 1-9; Matthew 22:1-14*

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30 a.m. Mattins – Lay led

10.30 a.m. Morning Service -Lay led

Storrige

Mathon

Cradley

Diocesan Prayer for the Week: O Lord, I wonder at thy love, which did my infancy so early move:but more at that which did forbear and move so long, though slighted many a year: but most of all, at last that thou thyself should me convert, I scarce know how. (Thomas Traherne, 1636-1674)

MID WEEK SERVICES

EVENING PRAYER at 6.30 p.m. Tuesday at Mathon and Wednesday at Storrige (not Monday this week).

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

CRADLEY SCHOOL'S HARVEST SERVICE TUES. 17 OCT. 8.55 A.M., IN CHURCH

BENEFICE SERVICE: A CELTIC COMMUNION on Sun 29 October at 10.30 a.m. in Cradley Church

EVENTS & MEETINGS

CRADLEY STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN began Sunday 1 October, and runs throughout the month. Cradley's supporters are asked to read the stewardship brochure and to consider their response prayerfully and carefully. Richard Jones, Stewardship Advisor, will be our Guest Preacher on Sunday 22 October.

CRADLEY SCHOOL GOVERNORS Monday 16 October, 7.00 p.m.

INSTITUTION, INDUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF REV RICHARD MUTTER on 17 October at 7.30 p.m. at the Church of St James the Great, Snitterfield CV37 OLJ, in the diocese of Coventry. All three congregations are invited to attend this and if you would like to go please could you sign the form at the back of the Cradley Church (or contact Anne Freeman, 880498).

DIOCESAN SYNOD at Ludlow, Thursday 7.00 p.m.

EXPLORING PRAYER for you and your church: Hereford Cathedral, next Saturday (21 Oct.) 9.30-1.00 p.m.

TODAY IN OUR PRAYERS

Pray for those who will be receiving the Order of St Ethelbert (awarded today at Evensong in the Cathedral). **In the wider Anglican Church**, pray for the work of the church in Swaziland, for The Rt Revd Ellinah Ntombi Wamukoya and for all who live, work or worship in that part of southern Africa. **In our diocese**, pray for the churches of the Hereford Deanery. Pray for mission and evangelism within the communities of our Diocese, for the development of outreach and for growth and renewal within our churches. Pray that leaders may be found for children's work at Cradley: and for Cradley's current Stewardship Campaign, that it might bear fruit. **In the wider world** pray for all places where there is conflict, war or terror: for the Middle East, Africa; South Sudan, Yemen, Syria, Iraq, Libya and Afghanistan; for all victims of famine, violence and persecution, for all members of the armed forces and all who work towards peace. Pray for all affected by hurricanes and other storms; earthquakes and other recent natural disasters, and for those tasked with helping. **Among the sick**, we're asked to pray for Tommy Roberts (Chris Roberts' grandson), Margaret Adams, Elspeth Barkes, Vincent Chetwyn, Sandy Fraser, Paul Peters, Roy Petersen, Tim Ross and all who support and care for them.

Remember all who have died recently, among them Mick Davies of Stifford's Bridge: pray for his son Wayne and all who grieve.

NEXT SUNDAY: 22 October, Trinity 19

Readings: *Isaiah 45; 1-7 Matthew 22: 15-22*

9.30 a.m. Mattins – Lay led

9.30 a.m. Shorter Mattins - Clergy led

10.30 a.m. Family Communion (CW) – *Visiting Preacher - The Revd. Richard Jones

Storrige

Mathon

Cradley

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