

UNITED BENEFICE OF CRADLEY MATHON AND STORRIDGE

Pewsheets for Sunday 25 February, Second Sunday of Lent

Diocesan prayer for the week:

O Lord God, in whom we live and move and have our being, open our eyes to see your fatherly presence about us. Draw our hearts to you by the power of your love. Teach us to be anxious for nothing, and when we have done what you have given us to do, help us, O God our Saviour, to leave the outcome to your wisdom. Take from us all doubt and mistrust, and lift our thoughts up to you in heaven. Make us to know that all things are possible to us through your Son, our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. (Brooke Foss Westcott)

SERVICES ON SUNDAY (Readings: – Romans 4; 13-25; Mark 8: 31-38)

9.30 a.m.	Mattins-Lay led	Storrige
9.30 a.m.	Shorter Mattins	Mathon
10.30 a.m.	Family Communion	Cradley
4.00 p.m.	Confirmation Rehearsal for candidates in readiness for the following Sunday	Cradley

OTHER SERVICES

Evening Prayer: Mon. at Cradley, 4.30 p.m.; Tues. at Mathon, 6.30 p.m.; Wed. at Storrige at 4.30p.m.

Holy Communion Weds. 10.30 a.m. at Cradley

THE FUNERAL OF SHEILA THOMAS is at Mathon Church on Wednesday 7 March at 11.30 a.m.,

EVENTS & MEETINGS

SECOND LENT LUNCH Wednesday 28 February at the home of Mike Hames (The Hurst near Cradley Butcher) from 12.00 - 2.00 p.m. Everyone's invited to a bread, soup and cheese lunch. Donations to be divided between a project to provide a mini-bus to ferry children to and from the new kindergarten our deanery has helped to fund in Mtwara, Tanzania, and the Farming Community Network, which in coordination with the Borderlink Chaplaincy provides support to members of the farming community in times of hardship. **Venues for the remaining Lent Lunches are on our web-sites (see below), future pew sheets, posters and fliers.**

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER meet on Tuesday 27 February at Birchwood Lodge, at 7.45pm. All welcome.

CRADLEY PCC MEETING on Wed. 28 February at 7.30 pm at Reafields

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE for our three parishes is to be held at Cradley Chapel on Friday 2nd March at 7.3pm. All are welcome (including men of the parish). The Service this year has been prepared by the Christian women of Suriname.

DIOCESAN SYNOD, 3 March, 10.00 a.m., St. Barnabas Church centre, Venns Lane, Hereford

COMPUTERS: A FORCE FOR GOOD OR EVIL? A TALK BY KEVIN BREWER

Tuesday 6 March at 7.30 p.m. in Mathon Parish Hall. This is the 2nd lent talk. Admission is free, donations will be supporting out lent charities. **For details of other talks in this year's Lent series see our websites.**

TODAY IN OUR PRAYERS

Pray for choristers and musicians in our churches, and for those many rural churches which currently struggle to find organists and musicians. Pray for a new awareness of the value of music within education, and for better music provision in our schools. **In the wider Anglican Church**, pray for the work of the church in Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America (the Anglican Church of the Central American Region), for the Most Revd Sturdie Downs, Primate of IARCA & Bishop of Nicaragua and for all in that part of the world. Pray for the church where it faces persecution and opposition, and for all in our world who face discrimination because of their beliefs. **In our diocese**, pray for the churches of the Conover Deanery. Pray for all preparing for Confirmation at next Sunday's service at Cradley, or in the months to come: among them Rufus and Sadie Brooks, Sam Neumann, Lauren Armstrong, Eileen Payne and Robert Nagele (from Coddington). **In the wider world**, pray for every place where there is conflict, war or terror, for the Middle East, South Sudan, Yemen, Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan; and for every family where there is division or conflict. Pray for all victims of famine or natural disaster; for all members of the armed forces and all who work towards peace **Among the sick**, we're asked to pray for Ruby Archer, Phil (the brother of Liz Lamb), Rosemary Adams (recovering from a fall), Margaret Adams, Katrina Adams, Elspeth Barks, Stuart Chaplin, Eryl Copp, Heather George, Eric Payne, Paul Peters, Tim Ross, and all who support and care for them. **Remember all who have died;** and in particular this week, Anne Ronan, Marion Evans and Sheila Thomas, pray for their families and friends and all who mourn.

NEXT SUNDAY 4 March - Third Sunday of Lent

10.30 a.m. **Confirmation with Holy Communion at Cradley Church:**
Celebrant and preacher: Rt Rev. Richard Frith, Bishop of Hereford

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