

UNITED BENEFICE OF CRADLEY MATHON AND STORRIDGE

Pewsheets for Sunday 15 April, Third Sunday of Easter (BCP Easter 2) Essential news from around the benefice

DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

Lord, let your will be done even if it means that my will is not done. (Anon)

SERVICES ON 15 APRIL

Readings: Acts 3:12-19; Luke 24:36b-48

9.30 a.m.	Mattins – Lay led	Mathon
9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)	Storrige
10.30 a.m.	Morning Service - lay led	Cradley
12.30 p.m.	Holy Baptism (Lola Rachel Hopkins)	Cradley

MID WEEK SERVICES

Evening Prayer at 6.30 p.m: Monday at Cradley, Tuesday at Mathon, Wednesday at Storrige

Holy Communion on Wednesday at Cradley at 10.00 a.m.

EVENTS & MEETINGS

CRADLEY'S 'THIRD SUNDAY' REVIEW Members of Cradley congregation are asked to complete the questionnaires now available in the church, helping us review our services for the Third Sunday in each month. Please return responses to the red box near the door.

ST GEORGE'S DAY CELEBRATION AND COMMUNITY PARTY at the Red Lion on Sunday 22 April starting at 12.00 noon. Cradley Church is having a tombola stall at this event with proceeds going to Church funds. Items suitable for the tombola would be welcome and can be given to Sue Ronan, Ian Bailey or Maggie Edgar

THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS (for the election of churchwardens and PCC members and to hear reports on the year's activities and finances) Storrige Tuesday 17 April; Mathon Monday 23 April; Cradley Wednesday 25 April. All at 7.30 p.m. in church at both Mathon and Storrige, and in the Village Hall at Cradley.

ELGAR AND THE POETRY THAT INSPIRED HIM: A talk by Peter Sutton, author, actor, translator and lecturer. Admission is free (donations to Storrige Church are welcome) - 24 April in Storrige Church at 7.30 p.m. (This event is part of the Storrige Literary Festival.)

TODAY IN OUR PRAYERS

Pray for all who hold office in our churches, at this time of Annual Meetings; for those standing down this year, and for those newly elected; give thanks for the time, enthusiasm and skill offered by those who volunteer to serve. **In the wider Anglican Church**, pray for The Church of Ireland, for The Most Revd Richard Lionel Clarke, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, and for all who live or work in that part of the world. Pray for the church where it is persecuted or opposed, and for all in our world who face discrimination because of their beliefs. **In our diocese**, pray for all that is done to develop and resource the ministry offered in our Diocese, including CMD, the School for Ministry, the resource centre at the Ludlow Mascall Centre, and all that helps share good practice, expand horizons and develop collaborative ministry. **In the wider world**, pray for the peace of the world, and for those responsible for diplomatic relations with Russia; for all places of fear and conflict: for the Middle East, South Sudan, Yemen, Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan; and for every family where there is division: for all victims of famine or natural disaster; all members of the armed forces and those who work for peace. **Among the sick**, we're asked to pray for Ashley and Natalie (Sheila Mullaney's grandson and his partner) following a road traffic accident; John Scott-Dickins; Peter Baker; Alison, suffering from cancer; for Elizabeth Armitage, Rosemary Adams and Jean Horne of Storrige, each recovering from a fall; Margaret Adams, Elspeth Barks, Eryl Copp, Eric Payne, Paul Peters, Tim Ross, Graham Wykes and all who support and care for them. **Remember all who have died:** pray for their families and friends and all who mourn.

NEXT SUNDAY 22 April – Fourth Sunday of Easter, (BCP Easter 3)

Readings: Acts 4: 5-12; John 10: 11-18

9.30 a.m.	Mattins- Lay led	Storrige
9.30 a.m.	Shorter Mattins	Mathon
10.30.a.m.	Family Communion	Cradley

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