

UNITED BENEFICE OF CRADLEY MATHON AND STORRIDGE

Essential news from around the benefice on Sunday 17 February 2019
3 before Lent, BCP Septuagesima

SERVICES ON SUNDAY

Readings: 1 Corinthians 15: 12-20; Luke 6: 17-26 (St. Matthew 5: 1-12 at Mathon)

9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)	StorrIDGE
9.30 a.m.	Mattins – lay led. .Speaker - Nick Walker	Mathon
10.30 a.m.	Morning Service – lay led .	Cradley

WEEKDAY SERVICES

EVENING PRAYER. No service Monday, Tuesday 6.30pm at Mathon, Weds. 4.30p.m. at StorrIDGE.

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

THE WEDDING OF HELEN PROSSER AND NOLAN ZEITZ Thursday, 21 Feb, 1.00 p.m. at Cradley Church

EVENTS & MEETINGS

THANK YOU to those from all three parishes who attended the Benefice Morning on Saturday at Cradley Village Hall, to Kevin Brewer for leading it, and for those who helped with refreshments and preparing the room.

ST DAVID'S DAY CONCERT on Sunday 3 March at 3.00 p.m in Cradley Church A concert performed by Worcester Male Voice Choir and Harpist Shelley Fairplay. Tickets (to include refreshments) £15 are available from Cradley Butchers and the Red Lion or ring 01886 880529 / 880402. Any profits will be shared between Cradley Church and Cradley Village Hall

A NEW BISHOP OF HEREFORD Bishop Richard retires in November. The views of all within the diocese are being canvassed with a view to drawing up the Statement of Needs for appointing a successor. See www.hereford.anglican.org for details: or make your views known to Nat Hone of Bosbury House, Bosbury (email: nat@hone.net). who's been elected to the Vacancy in See Committee.

DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR THE WEEK: O Lord, baptize our hearts into a sense of the conditions and needs of all people. (George Fox, 1624-91)

TODAY IN OUR PRAYERS: Today is kept as Random Acts of Kindness Day, aiming to change schools, the workplace, families and society through kindness. Pray for churches that practice kindness and encourage it in others. **In the wider Church**, pray for The Church of the Province of Central Africa, The Most Revd Albert Chama (Archbishop of Central Africa & Bishop of Northern Zambia) and all who are part of the church community in that part of the world. Pray for the church where it is persecuted or opposed, and for all who face unjust discrimination because of their beliefs. **In our diocese**, pray for the variety of communities that make up our Diocese, and for all that helps develop healthy and mutually supportive relationships between church and community. Pray also for our ecumenical and interfaith links. **In our country** pray for all involved in negotiations about 'Brexit': for our country's future relations with Europe and the rest of the world, and for all who are anxious or worried about the future. **In the wider world**, continue to pray for "Peace on Earth"; for an end to the conflicts in Syria, Yemen, Sudan, The Democratic Republic of the Congo, Palestine (especially Gaza), and Myanmar, for all who are affected, and for all other places where there is war. Pray for all places of fear and conflict, and for all who work for peace: for every divided family : for all victims of famine and for communities damaged by natural disaster. **In our parishes**, give thanks for yesterday's Benefice Morning, and pray that it may bear much fruit. Pray also for our Three Villages Visiting Group, for Sue Ronan co-ordinating it, and all who seek to support others. **Among the sick**, we pray for Sally Williams, Heather George, Brenda Harrison, Natalie, Elspeth Barks, Margaret Adams, Frank Davies and any others known to us, with all who support and care for them. **Remember all who have died recently**, among them the deputy head of Ledbury Primary School, and Dan Bargery, father of a new-born child. Pray for his wife Buff, for baby Hugo. Pray for all who suffer loss and bereavement, and all who seek to help them.

NEXT SUNDAY - Sunday 24 February: 2 before Lent, BCP Sexagesima

Readings:- Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15-25; Luke 8: 22-25

A NEW MUSICAL SETTING FOR COMMUNION is being explored at Cradley. There will be a chance to rehearse it and become more familiar with it at the start of the next week's service, which (just this month) will be an additional celebration of Parish Communion, to help the new setting become more familiar.

9.30 a.m.	Shorter Mattins	Mathon
9.30 a.m.	Mattins -Lay led	StorrIDGE
10.30 a.m.	Parish Communion (CW) - see above	Cradley

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