

THE UNITED BENEFICE OF CRADLEY WITH MATHON AND STORRIDGE

Essential News from around the Benefice

THIS SUNDAY – 19 September 2021, 16th Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Jeremiah 11: 18-20 (2 Chronicles 6: 1-11 at Cradley) and Mark 9: 30-37 (Acts 2: 14-21 at Cradley)

Those attending our churches are encouraged to take every care for the well-being of others, as well as of themselves. Although no longer mandatory, we encourage continued social distancing and wearing of face coverings in church, especially when moving about the building. R.W.

9.30 a.m. **Mattins** – lay led at Mathon

9.30 a.m. **Holy Communion** – at Storrige led by the Revd Nicholas Menon

10.45 a.m. **Morning Service** – at Cradley led by Julia Maclagan (address by Mike Hames)

11.00 a.m. **Live-streamed morning service** - Lay led (with address) by Kevin Brewer

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LOOKING AHEAD:

Wed 22 September - **Holy Communion (said)** at Cradley at 10.00 a.m. led by Ven George Howe

- **Evening Prayer** live-streamed at 6.30 p.m. - lay led

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Thurs 30 September - **Coffee Stop in The Leys Community Room** will resume from 10.00 – 11.30am.

These coffee mornings are normally held on the last Thursday of each month and all residents of The Leys and their friends are warmly welcomed.

'LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH - Beginning later in September, probably Monday afternoons. Come and take part in the Church of England's current explorations of relationships and human sexuality. Details from the Revd. Simon Tarlton, 01432 507986 or simon.tarlton@gmail.com

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK: O Lord, you bring forth the night and create the morning; you cause the sun to rise on the good and on the evil. Enlighten the blindness of our minds with the knowledge of your truth. Let the light of your face shine on us that in your light we may see light and at last, the light of grace in your glory. (Lancelot Andrewes)

THIS WEEK IN OUR PRAYERS: As we commemorate the apostle and evangelist Matthew this week (Tuesday), may we give thanks for the Gospel that bears his name. Ember Days (the next one of which is on Wednesday) have often been days on which we pray for vocations and for all who are considering a call to ministry. Pray for those presently in training, for those newly ordained as deacon and priest and for new vocations for every kind of ministry. **In our diocese**, pray for the Kington & Weobley Deanery. **In the wider church**, pray for the Church of Province of Uganda, for The Most Revd Stephen Kaziimba, Archbishop, and all in that country. **In our Benefice**, pray for our school, and all preparing to return to full-time education. As restrictions ease, pray that all might take due care for the well being and safety of others, and for their own. **In the wider world**, calling to mind that Tuesday is kept as the International Day of Peace: pray for all who are the victims of war and of the violence, pray for the peoples of Afghanistan and for others, still in that land; for all places of conflict and fear: for Jerusalem, Gaza and surrounding territories; for Syria, the Yemen and South Sudan, and for all who risk their lives in the line of duty. **Among the sick**, pray for Mary Ward, following a second fall last week; Karen Rowe; Muriel Smith; Tom Kelly; Andre Jacobs; Jane Wynne-James; Rod Ellis; Heather George; Melanie Horton, Margaret Lucas, and her husband, Kenneth, in his anxiety. In this week when we hear that covid-19 rates of infection, hospitalisations and deaths are significantly higher now than they were at this time last year, pray for all infected by the virus and for those caring for them. Give thanks for doctors, nurses and all who work in hospitals, clinics and surgeries, and for all the scientists working to combat the pandemic both here and around the world. **Remember all who have died recently**, among them Kath Snowball, formerly of Greenhill: also Maxwell Philpotts, Amy Hunnisett and George Young, all of whose ashes were interred at Cradley last week. Pray for their families and friends, and all who mourn.

NEXT SUNDAY – 26 September 2021, 17th Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Numbers 11: 4-6, 10-16 (omit 24-29), Mark 9: 38-50

9.30 a.m. **Live-streamed service of Mattins** from the Rectory Led by Revd Robert Ward

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9.30 a.m. **Mattins** at Storrige – lay led

10.45 a.m. **Parish Communion** at Cradley

6.00 p.m. **Harvest Festival** at Mathon

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