

UNITED BENEFICE OF CRADLEY MATHON AND STORRIDGE

Essential News from around the Benefice, 25 October 2020

REMEMBER- CLOCKS GO BACK AN HOUR THIS MORNING!!!

THIS SUNDAY – 25 October, Last after Trinity / Bible Sunday.

Readings: Colossians 3: 12-17; Matthew 24: 30-35

9.30 a.m. **Lay-led Mattins at StorrIDGE Church (to be confirmed)**

9.30 a.m. **Shorter Mattins at Mathon Church**

10.45 a.m. **Family Communion, live-streamed from Cradley Church**

[join us on line](#), or by 'phone on 0330 221 0088 with Access Code: 578270357#.

FACE COVERINGS: It is mandatory face coverings be worn in church for public worship and whenever there are others present (face coverings should only be removed when leading worship, and to receive Holy Communion).

THROUGH THE WEEK:

HOLY COMMUNION, Wednesday 10.00 a.m. at Cradley (see note re. face coverings above)

EVENING PRAYER, Wednesday at 6.30 p.m., following the order in the BCP. Live-streamed from Mathon church, [Join us online](#) or by 'phone on 0330 221 0097 with Access Code: 496060773# - detail also on our church websites.

THE ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS FOLLOWED BY THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING:

For Cradley on Monday 26 October, 7.30 p.m. in Cradley Church

For Mathon on Wednesday 28 October, 7.15 p.m. in Mathon Church

For StorrIDGE, Thursday 29 October, 7.30 p.m. in StorrIDGE Church.

All subject to Government restrictions. More details and any change to these arrangements will be published on 'events page' of the church websites.

ALL SOULS COMMEMORATION OF THE DEPARTED (1 Nov., 4.00 p.m.): Please enter any names you would like remembered in the prayers on the lists at the back of each church, or send them to the Rectory by post or e-mail.

CRADLEY CHURCH CAR TREASURE TRAIL: Take part at your own pace any time from 17 October to 1 November 2020. Clues & Entry Form £10 per car available from Ian Bailey via 01886 884682 / ianbailey@hotmail.co.uk. Entry Forms must be completed and handed in by 5 November. Correct entries will be entered into a draw for £50 which will take place on 15 November in Cradley Church.

LEDBURY FOOD BANK has thanked Cradley Church for their donation of food from the Harvest Festival. They are most grateful as there is increased demand at this time. Donations of dry goods / toiletries are welcome, particularly at half term when families are greatly in need, and can be left in the basket at the back of Cradley Church.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK: Lord Christ, when we are anxious and stressed, and our way is dark, help us to remember that darkness and light are both alike to you, and that you promise never to fail us or forsake us.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PRAYERS: Remembering this is Bible Sunday, pray for the Bible Societies and for all who encourage the reading, study and discussion of God's word. **In our diocese**, pray for Leominster Deanery, for the Rural Dean, Revd Jane Davies, the Lay Co-Chair, Lydia Davies, and all with whom they work. Mindful that Martin Luther is commemorated this week, pray for the Lutheran churches of the world, giving special thanks for our own links with Nuremberg. **In the wider church**, pray for The Church in Wales, for The Most Revd John Davies (Archbishop) and for all who live or work in that part of the UK. **In our Benefice**, pray also for those out of work, for those whose work has become more stressful, and all in particular need. **In the wider world**, pray for all suffering the effects of Covid-19; for wisdom for political and community leaders, and for those developing a vaccine.

Continue to pray for peace in Syria; Afghanistan; the Yemen; Sudan and South Sudan; and for all places of conflict. Pray for all who risk their lives in the line of duty. **Among the sick**, pray for Janet Hodges, Andre Jacobs, Jane Wynne-James, Rod Ellis, Heather George, Margaret Adams and Melanie Horton. **Remember all who have died recently.** Pray for their families and friends, for all who grieve, and all for whom these are difficult times.

NEXT SUNDAY – 1 November, All Saints Sunday

(Please remember, for those who wish to come, masks must be worn in church)

Readings for morning services: 1 John 3: 1-3, Matthew 5:1-12 (Cradley, Gospel only)

Reading for All Souls: 1 Peter 1: 3-6, & 8; John 6:37-40, Psalm 23

9.30 a.m. **Parish Communion at Mathon Church**

10.45 a.m. **Family Service, lay led, live-streamed and in Cradley Church**

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4.00 p.m. **Annual Commemoration of All Souls, live-streamed from Cradley Church**

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