

UNITED BENEFICE OF CRADLEY MATHON AND STORRIDGE

Essential news from around the benefice on Sunday 13 January 2019
Baptism of Christ; (BCP Epiphany 1)

SERVICES ON SUNDAY

Readings: Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3: 15-17,21-22

9.30 a.m. Mattins

10.30 a.m. Parish Communion (CW)

6.00 p.m. Evensong

Storrige
Cradley
Mathon

WEEKDAY SERVICES

BREAKING OF BREAD at Cradley School, Monday 8.55 a.m. All welcome!

EVENING PRAYER Monday 4.30pm at Cradley, Tuesday 6.30pm at Mathon, Wednesday 4.30pm at Storrige

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

EVENTS & MEETINGS

M.U. & CRADLEY CHOIR post-Christmas meal, Tuesday 15 January at The Royal Oak, Staplow

A VISION OF PIERS PLOWMAN. An event that extends one of our 2018 "Storrige Literary Festival" talks Peter Sutton will be giving another reading from his translation of Piers Plowman, followed by a discussion of the background and history. Saturday 19 January at 7.30 p.m. in Henry Sandon Hall (at the old Porcelain Works in Severn Street), Worcester. Tickets £13.50 from Worcester Live 01905 611427.

BENEFICE CHURCHWARDENS' MEETING: Monday 21 January 2019, 7.30 p.m. at Yew Tree House, Mathon

'SOUP AND PLOUGHMAN'S SUPPER EVENING' at Cradley Village Hall on Saturday 26 January, including a presentation about the work of David Fanshawe, composer, musical explorer and sound recordist, during travels in Africa, Arabia and the Pacific. Tickets £10.00, from Ian Bailey (01886 884682).

This year's BENEFICE MORNING is planned for SATURDAY 16 FEBRUARY, 9.30am - 12.30 at Cradley Village Hall - to discuss priorities in our three parishes and as a United Benefice for the next 12 months. Please make every effort to come, and put the date in your diary now!

DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

Lord, who has given all for us: help us to give all for thee. (George W. Briggs, 1875-1959)

TODAY IN OUR PRAYERS: As today we celebrate the Baptism of Christ, pray that our churches may be effective in both baptism preparation, and in recognising and affirming our own baptism as the foundation point of our Christian identity and pilgrimage. Pray also for young people in our Diocese and in Nuremberg, our linked Lutheran diocese; and for the development of school and youth links, including the new school link between Earl Mortimer College in Leominster and the Hans-Sachs Gymnasium in Nuremberg. **In the wider Church**, pray for the Anglican Church of Australia, for The Most Revd Philip Leslie Freier - Archbishop of Melbourne & Primate of Australia, 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 discrimination because of their beliefs. **In our diocese**, pray for the Bridgnorth Deanery, for the Rural Dean (Revd Mark Daborn) and the Lay Co-Chair (Martin Elcock) and for all the parishes within that deanery. **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". Pray for an end to the conflicts in Syria, Yemen, Sudan, The Democratic Republic of the Congo, Palestine (especially Gaza), and Myanmar / Burma: and all other places where there is war. Pray for all places of fear and conflict, and for all who work for peace: for every family where there is division: for all victims of famine and for communities damaged by natural disaster. **Among the sick**, we pray for Christine Washbrook, recovering from surgery: for Brenda Harrison, Natalie, Elspeth Barks, Margaret Adams, Frank Davies, Geoffrey Vos, and any others known to us, with all who support and care for them. **Remember all who have died recently**, among them Jo Harwood Little, of Cradley. Pray for their families and all who mourn.

NEXT SUNDAY -Sunday 20 January: Epiphany 3, (BCP 2nd after Epiphany)

Readings: Isaiah 62: 1-5; John 2: 1-11 (At Mathon: Job 37: 14-24; John 2: 1-11)

9.30 a.m. Mattins – Lay led (address by David Armitage)

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30 p.m. Morning Service -Lay led (address by Kevin Brewer)

Mathon
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