

# UNITED BENEFICE OF CRADLEY MATHON AND STORRIDGE

## **Pewsheet for Sunday 20 May, Pentecost - Essential news from around the benefice**

**DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:** Father God, we wait as did those first disciples for the fire of your Spirit to be kindled afresh in our hearts: pour your grace and power upon us, Lord, and may your blessed Spirit burn within us, not for our sake alone, but so we may have the vision, the courage, the authority, the love to proclaim you to the world with joyful hearts and with unhesitant voice; for Jesus Christ our Saviour's sake, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**SERVICES ON SUNDAY 20 May** *Readings: Acts 2: 1-21; John 15: 26-27,16:4b-15*

9.30 a.m.	Mattins (BCP) - Lay led	Mathon
9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP))	StorrIDGE
10.30 a.m.	Morning Service – Lay-led	Cradley

followed at 12.00 by an emergency P.C.C. meeting, to pass amendments to the building work, and at 3.00 p.m. by the Pax Singers Concert, in Cradley Church.

### **OTHER SERVICES**

**EVENING PRAYER** at 6.30 p.m. Tuesday at Mathon, Wednesday at StorrIDGE (no Evening Prayer on Monday).

**ARCHDEACON'S VISITATION** on Tuesday 22 May at 7.30 p.m at Cradley Church (for the admission of Churchwardens from across the Deanery)

**HOLY COMMUNION** on Wednesday at Cradley at 10.00 a.m

**THY KINGDOM COME**, a national vigil of prayer, concludes today, marked by **A Pilgrimage to Hereford Cathedral, including a 'Diocesan Family service' this afternoon (20 May) at 4.30p.m.**

**SONGS OF PRAISE IN MATHON CHURCH** - 10 June 2018 at 6.00 p.m. If you'd like to nominate a favourite hymn for this service then please contact Sally Pugh (01886 880155) or June Cutler (01886 880711) before the end of May. A special invite is extended to all young people to choose a hymn and submit it as above.

**EVENTS & MEETINGS** **Cradley School Governors Monday 7.00p.m., at school**

**A MUSICAL MANIFESTO**, Pax Singers in Cradley Church, 3 p.m. 20 May. Tickets £12.50, with afternoon tea,

**ANGLO SAXON POETRY - Our Earliest English Poetry. A talk by Revd Nicholas Menon.** 24 May in StorrIDGE Church at 7.30 p.m. Admission is free (donations to StorrIDGE Church are welcome). This event is part of the StorrIDGE Literary Festival.

**CHRISTIAN AID EVENTS:** Cradley- Coffee Morning on 22 May in the Church at 10.30 a.m with cake stall  
Royal British Legion - Quiz on 26 May at 8.00 p.m.

**A MATHON EXPERIENCE** 2 June 2018. A ploughman's lunch at 1 p.m. in the church followed by a treasure hunt on foot for adults and children. Tickets: £7.50 (adults), £17.00 (family: 2 adults + 2 children), £5.00 (additional children over 5 years old) - From Sally Pugh (01886 880115) or Karen Seymour (01684 541943).

**POEMS FOR A MID SUMMER EVENING** - A poetry bring and share, 20 June starting at 7.30 p.m. in StorrIDGE Church. If you would like to read a favourite poem at this year's StorrIDGE Literary Festival 'poetry bring and share' please let Kevin Brewer know as soon as possible so that a programme for the evening can be created.

**TODAY IN OUR PRAYERS** Give thanks for the "Thy Kingdom Come" prayers over the days since Ascension Day, and pray for all who will come to the Cathedral to celebrate and worship together this afternoon. **In the wider Anglican Church**, pray for the Anglican Church of Tanzania as its new Archbishop takes office: for a renewed sense of unity and common purpose, leaving behind past tensions and moving forward with confidence, 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 Pontesbury Deanery. **In our deanery** pray for all those who take up or renew a role as churchwarden **on Tuesday at Cradley**. **In the wider world**, pray for the peace of the world, for our own future relations with Europe, and with the wider world; for all places of fear and conflict: for the Middle East, especially for Syria and Iraq; for 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; Alison, suffering from cancer; Margaret Adams, Paul Peters, Tim Ross and all who support and care for them. **Remember all who have died recently**, including, this week, **Peter Baker**, Graham Wykes and Joyce Blackburn; pray for their families, friends & all who mourn.

**NEXT SUNDAY May 27 – Trinity Sunday** *Readings: Romans 8: 12-17; John 3: 1-17*

9.30 a.m	Mattins - Lay led	StorrIDGE
9.30.a.m.	Shorter Mattins	Mathon
10.30 a.m	Family Communion	Cradley
12.30 p.m	Holy Baptism ( <b>Noah William Gowen</b> )	Cradley

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