

UNITED BENEFICE OF CRADLEY MATHON AND STORRIDGE

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SUNDAY 3 December, Advent Sunday

Readings:

1 Corinthians 1: 3-9; Mark 13; 24-end at Mathon, Galatians 4: 4-6 at Cradley, Advent readings at Storridge

9.30 a.m.	Parish Communion (BCP)	Mathon
10.30 a.m.	Family Service with Jimmy's Band	Cradley
4.00 p.m.	Advent Carol Service (with Choir, <i>Sine Nomine</i>, directed by Stefan Scot)	Storridge

DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

Jesu to cast one thought upon makes gladness after he is gone; but more than honey and honeycomb is to come near and take him home. (tr Gerard Manley Hopkins, 1844-1889)

MID WEEK SERVICES

BREAKING OF BREAD AT CRADLEY SCHOOL, Monday 4 December, 8.55 a.m. All welcome.

EVENING PRAYER at 4.30 p.m. on Mon at Cradley and Wed at Storridge, 6.30 p.m. on Tuesday at Mathon

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

FULL DETAILS OF OUR CHRISTMAS SERVICES are included in the Three Villages Newsletter (will soon be on the parish web-sites) and are in the Christmas leaflets available at the back of each church.

EVENTS & MEETINGS

MATHON SINGING PRACTICE in Mathon Church at 11.30 a.m. on Monday 4 December

NEXT CRADLEY CHURCHYARD GARDENING SESSION will be between 10.30 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday 9 December. Please come along and bring some tools, we hope to rejuvenate the rose bed to the East of the Church porch.

TODAY IN OUR PRAYERS

Christmas in the world around us starts well before Christmas Day, and Advent seems often to be squeezed into this one day, if it is noticed at all. Pray for our keeping of this season as a time of expectation, preparation and prayer. **In the wider Anglican Church**, pray for the work of the church in West Buganda, for The Revd Henry Katumba-Tamale, and for all who live, work or worship in that part of Uganda. **In our diocese**, pray for the churches of the Conover Deanery. Pray for all that broadens our vision as a Church, including ecumenical and interfaith links, links made through rural chaplaincy and such organisations as the Mothers' Union, and our companion diocese links. **In the wider world**, pray for all places where there is conflict, war or terror. Pray for the Middle East, Africa; South Sudan, Yemen, Syria, Iraq, Libya and Afghanistan; and for the plight of the Rohingyas in Burma; for all victims of famine, violence and persecution; for all members of the armed forces and all who work towards peace. Pray for all affected by recent natural disasters, and for those tasked with helping. **Among the sick**, we're asked to pray for Margaret Adams, Elspeth Barkes, Heather George, Eryl Copp, Paul Peters, Tim Ross, Edith Weaver and all who support and care for them. **Remember all who have died**, among them Vincent Chetwyn, Sandy Fraser and Margaret Morgan. Pray for their families and friends and all who mourn.

NEXT SUNDAY: December 10, Advent 2

Readings: Isaiah 40: 1-11; Mark 1: 1-8

9.30 a.m.	Mattins – Clergy led	Storridge
10.30 a.m.	Parish Communion (CW)	Cradley
6.00 pm	Evensong	Mathon

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