

# UNITED BENEFICE OF CRADLEY MATHON AND STORRIDGE

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## **SUNDAY 21 MAY, ROGATION SUNDAY**

*A warm welcome to services across the Benefice on Rogation Sunday*

**Readings:** Acts 17: 22-31; John 14:15-21 (separate readings at Rogation Service)

8.30 a.m. Benefice Communion (CW) Cradley  
10.30 a.m. **Benefice Rogation Service** (starting in the Church and then at outdoor sites close by) **Mathon**

**Diocesan Prayer for the Week:** Teach me thy love to know, that this new light, which now I see, may both the work and workman show: then by a sunbeam will I climb to thee. (George Herbert)

## **MID WEEK SERVICES**

**THE FUNERAL OF ROY PALMER** is at Storrige on Monday 22 May starting at 12 noon.

**EVENING PRAYER** (said) at 6.30 p.m. – Monday at Cradley, Tuesday at Mathon, Wednesday at Storrige

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

**ASCENSION DAY BENEFICE COMMUNION:** Thursday of this week is Ascension Day, marking the end of the forty days of Easter. **Benefice Communion** at 7.00 p.m., Thursday 25 May in Cradley Church.

**WAVE OF PRAYER:** 'Thy Kingdom Come' each day between Ascension (25 May) and Pentecost (4 June) Prayer Vigils at Cradley Church from 9.00 – 9.30 a.m and also 7.00 -7.30 p.m (no BCP Evening Prayer on those days). The vigil culminates at Hereford Cathedral on the afternoon of 4 June, with a picnic on the green and worship in the cathedral, to which we're all invited. Details in each church

## **EVENTS & MEETINGS**

**CRADLEY SCHOOL TRUSTEES**, 22 May, 7.30 p.m. at the home of Tracey Ivancuk (Chockbury Lane)

**ARCHDEACON'S VISITATION FOR THE ADMISSION OF CHURCHWARDENS**, Tuesday 23 May, 2.30 p.m. at Much Marcle

**LOCAL MINISTRY GROUP MEETING:** 23 May, 7.30 p.m. At Sue Ronan's home (Old White House, Suckley)

**CRADLEY WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING** arranged for Tuesday 16 May has been postponed until Tuesday, 6 June, 7.30 at 2 Sycamore Close.

**CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING + 'BRING & BUY':** 23 May, 10.30 a.m. at Yew Tree House, Mathon.

**IVOR'S QUIZ (FOR CHRISTIAN AID):** Saturday 27 May, 8.30 p.m. at the Royal British Legion, Cradley

**TODAY IN OUR PRAYERS**, on "Rogation Sunday" give thanks for the beauty and richness of the land, and pray for the farmers of our Diocese, and for our good and reverent use of the earth's resources. **In the wider Anglican Church**, pray for the church in Ngbo, for The Rt Revd Christian Ebisike and for all who live in that part of Nigeria. Pray also for this year's Kirchentag in Berlin and Wittenberg this week, (running from 24 to 28 May). The theme "Du Siehst Mich" (You See Me) aims (through over 2,500 different events) to encourage awareness and the good and healthy relationships between one another and with God. **In our diocese**, pray for the churches of the Bridgnorth Deanery; also for the development and resourcing of local and collaborative ministry, and pray we may be open and responsive to every opening, opportunity and need. **In the wider world** pray for peace where there is conflict, for the Middle East; Yemen, Syria, Iraq, Libya and Afghanistan; all victims of famine, terror, violence and persecution, for all members of the armed forces and those who work for peace. **Among the sick, we're asked to pray** for Margaret Adams, Ruby Archer, Tom Ainscough, Elspeth Barks, Daphne Beard (recovering from a fall), Anna Davies, Sandy Fraser, John Hatton, Paul Peters, Tim Ross, Lynne Rowe, Matt Williams, and all who support and care for them. **Remember all who have died recently**, including Roy Palmer (formerly of Storrige), Harold Prescott (a former long-time resident and worshipper at Cradley) and Rodney Harrison, priest. Pray for their families and friends and all who grieve.

## **NEXT SUNDAY: 28 MAY, EASTER 7 (SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION)**

**Readings:** Acts 1: 6-14; John 17: 1-11

9.00 a.m. 'Thy Kingdom Come' Prayer Vigil Cradley  
9.30 a.m. Mattins- Lay led Storrige  
9.30 a.m. Shorter Mattins- Clergy led Mathon  
10.30 a.m. Family Communion Cradley  
12.30 p.m. Holy Baptism: Phoebe Louise Bagley Cradley  
7.00 p.m. 'Thy Kingdom Come' Prayer Vigil Cradley

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