

UNITED BENEFICE OF CRADLEY MATHON AND STORRIDGE

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SUNDAY 6 August , Transfiguration (8 After Trinity)

A warm welcome to services across the Benefice.

At Cradley, an especial welcome to those joining us for the Baptism of Harry Verne Duda, and Sam Neumann.

Readings: 2 Peter 3: 5-12; Luke 9: 28b-36;

9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (BCP)

10.30 a.m. Family Service with Holy Baptism

6.00 p.m. Sung Evensong

Mathon

Cradley

Storrige

Diocesan Prayer for the Week: Thank you, Lord, for the many different gifts in knowledge, skill and artistry with which you endow us. Help us to use them well and to value them, that what we create may inspire and please others and glorify you, in Jesus' name.

MID WEEK SERVICES

EVENING PRAYER: 6.30 p.m.: Cradley on Monday, Mathon on Tuesday, Storrige on Wednesday

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

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF JEANNIE ATKINSON at Cradley Church, Friday 11 August, 2.30 p.m.

EVENTS & MEETINGS

CREAM TEAS IN CRADLEY CHURCH on Sunday afternoons (3.00 – 5.00 p.m.) throughout the summer.

MATHON CHURCH SINGING PRACTISE on 7 August at 11.30 a.m. in Church

AN EVENING COUNTRY WALK FROM MATHON CHURCH, Thursday 10 August starting at 6.15 p.m.

STORRIDGE LITERARY FESTIVAL, 'A POEM FOR KATRINA' on 23 August at 7.30 p.m in Storrige Church. An event to remember and celebrate the presence and influence among us of Katrina Norbury. If you would like to offer a contribution please contact the Rector by 10 August. **Mary Constable has kindly agreed to run a rehearsal for those involved, at Storrige Church on Sunday 20 August at 4.00 p.m.**

You are invited to **A DAY OF PRAYER AT CRADLEY CHURCH** on 30 August. Drop in any time you like between 8.00 a.m. and 8.00 p.m. Every member of our congregations, and those beyond, are welcome. It's a day for dropping in, and coming-and-going as you please. It is a day enabling us to continue praying with churches everywhere "Thy Kingdom Come". At various times there will be particular landmarks: our usual mid-week Communion at 10.00 a.m.; a short reflection on the St.Francis window at noon; a prayer walk at 2.00 p.m.; singing hymns of prayers at 4.00 p.m.; and a bring-and-share fellowship meal to close at 7pm. At 9.00 a.m. we shall be reflecting on Jesus breakfasting with his disciples, and at 6.30 p.m. we shall join Jesus on the road to Emmaus. Alongside and around these landmarks there will be opportunities to pray, simply, quietly throughout the day, without fuss – and maybe even to try different yet gentle ways of praying. All are invited.

TODAY IN OUR PRAYERS

We may not stand on any lofty mountain, but we have a God who seeks to change us every day, and who is calling us now to join with him in reaching out to change a broken world. Pray for Harry Verne Duda, for his parents and godparents: especially for Sam Neumann, also baptised at Cradley today: that they and we may be ready to respond to God's call. **In the wider Anglican Church,** pray for the work of the church in Puerto Rico, for The Rt Revd Wilfrido Ramos Orench and for all who live, work or worship in that part of the Caribbean. **In our diocese,** pray for the churches of the Leominster Deanery. Pray also for all who visit our churches and churchyards, perhaps as tourists, pilgrims, new arrivals or returning family members, and for all we do to welcome, inform and support them. **In the wider world** pray for peace where there is conflict, for the Middle East, Africa; South Sudan, 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 Tom Ainscough recovering from surgery; Margaret Adams, Elspeth Barks, Anna Davies, Sandy Fraser, John Hatton, Paul Peters, Winnie Preston, Tim Ross, Lynne Rowe and all who support and care for them. **Remember all who have died recently,** and in particular this week, Jeannie Atkinson and Jeremy Kilner; pray for their families, friends and all who grieve.

NEXT SUNDAY: August 13, Trinity 9

Readings: 1 Kings 19: 9-18; Matthew 14: 22-33

9.30 a.m. Mattins (Clergy led)

10.30 a.m. Parish Communion (CW)

6.00 p.m. Evensong

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