

UNITED BENEFICE OF CRADLEY MATHON AND STORRIDGE

Pewsheet for Sunday 18 March, Passion Sunday

DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR THE WEEK: Lord Jesus Christ, you have called us to take your Gospel message out into the world: renew in us the spirit of faith and service, enlighten our minds to understand your word, and inflame our hearts with such love for you that our words may be mighty to overthrow all powers of darkness, and to turn the feet of many into your ways of light and peace. We ask this, and offer ourselves, to the glory of your name. (Francis Macnutt, adapted)

SERVICES ON SUNDAY Fifth Sunday of Lent / Passion Sunday

(Readings: *Jeremiah 31-34: John 12: 20- 33*)

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

OTHER SERVICES

EVENING PRAYER: Mon. at Cradley, 4.30 p.m; Tues. at Mathon, 6.30 p.m.

HOLY COMMUNION Weds. 10.00 a.m. at Cradley

FUNERALS:

GUY CAREN, Monday 19 March, 12 noon at Cradley **BILL HERRING**, Friday 23 March, 10.00 a.m. at Mathon

A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF MACCA DAVIES will be held at Cradley Church on Tuesday 27 March at 12 noon. **A 'Book of Memories' is in church daily until then** for people to sign, with a special late opening time on Wednesday until 8.00 p.m., when candles can be lit. (Also on Saturday, 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.)

CRADLEY SCHOOL EASTER SERVICE has been moved to Monday 26, 9 am: rehearsal now Fri. 23, 9 am

FOR OTHER HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES see the Newsletter, e-news or parish web-sites.

EVENTS & MEETINGS

CRADLEY SCHOOL GOVERNORS Monday 19 at school, 7.00 p.m. **LOCAL MINISTRY GROUP** Tues. 20, 7.30 p.m., Old White House, Suckley (courtesy of SDue Ronan).

FINAL LENT LUNCH: Wednesday 21 March at the home of Stuart and Eileen Diplock at Queenswood, Cradley from 12.00 - 2.00 p.m. Bread, soup and cheese: all are invited. Donations to be divided between our Lent Charities.

EASTER LILIES IN CRADLEY CHURCH: If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one towards the Easter lilies please contact Sheila Mullaney.

TODAY IN OUR PRAYERS

English Tourism Week begins this weekend: pray for all in our communities who work within the tourism industry and for the development of tourism sensitive to local community needs. **In the wider Anglican Church**, pray for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui (The Province of Hong Kong), for The Most Revd Paul Kwong, Archbishop, and for all who live or work in that part of the world. Pray for the church where it is persecuted or opposed, and for all in our world who face discrimination because of their beliefs. **In our diocese**, pray for all who come to our communities and visit our churches. May they find them places of peace that offer opportunities for prayer, reflection or contemplation. **In the wider world**, pray for all places of fear and conflict: for the Middle East, South Sudan, Yemen, Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan; and for every family where there is division: for all victims of famine or natural disaster; all members of the armed forces and all who work for peace **Among the sick**, we're asked to pray for Alison, suffering from cancer: for Elizabeth Armitage and Rosemary Adams, each recovering from a fall; Margaret Adams, Katrina Adams, Elspeth Barks, Eryl Copp, Heather George, Eric Payne, Paul Peters, Tim Ross, John Scott-Dickins and all who support and care for them. **Remember all who have died:** in Cradley especially 18-year-old Macca Davies, praying for his family and friends, and all who are affected. Remember too Bill Herring, Guy Caren and David Carpenter (Sue Bailey's brother). Pray for their families and friends and all who mourn.

NEXT SUNDAY 25 March – Palm Sunday

Readings: *Phil. 2: 5-11: John 12: 12-16. At Cradley gospel reading first for procession of palms.*

Also at Cradley- part of Mark 15: 1-39 (dramatised reading)

9.30 a.m.	Mattins - Lay led	Storrige
9.30 a.m.	Shorter Mattins with blessing of palms followed by shortened Holy Communion	Mathon
10.15 a.m.	Procession of palms from War Memorial to church, followed by	
10.30 a.m.	Parish Communion (CW)	Cradley

Rector: Revd. Robert Ward, Tel: 01886 880438, E-mail: robert.ward776@gmail.com (Day off: Friday)
www.cradleychurch.org.uk www.mathonchurch.org.uk www.storrigechurch.org.uk