

THE UNITED BENEFICE OF CRADLEY WITH MATHON AND STORRIDGE

Essential News from around the Benefice

THE AMOUNT OF COVID INFECTION IN THE COMMUNITY IS ONCE AGAIN RISING STEEPLY, WE WOULD ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO CONTINUE TO PROTECT THE MORE VULNERABLE AMONG US. MASKS ARE ADVISABLE IN INDOOR SPACES, AND APPROPRIATE DISTANCING SHOULD BE OBSERVED. THANK YOU.

THIS SUNDAY – 3 July 2022, St Thomas The Apostle (Readings: Ephesians 2: 19-22, John 20: 24-29)

9.30 a.m. Parish Communion at Mathon (Ven. George Howe)

9:30 a.m. Llive-streamed service of Mattins, lay led

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10.45 a.m. Family Service at Cradley

6.00 p.m.. There will regrettably be **NO EVENING SERVICE AT STORRIDGE** on Sunday 3 July.

There will however be a celebration of Choral Evensong at Bosbury, marking the retirement from licensed parochial ministry of the Revd. Nicky Seabright, and welcoming the Revd. Linde Melhuish, newly ordained.

THIS WEEK' SERVICES: Wednesday 29 June

10.00 a.m Holy Communion (said) at Cradley (Ven. George Howe)

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer, live-streamed - [Join us online](#) or 'phone 03302 210097 (Access Code: 496060773#)

STORRIDGE LITERARY FESTIVAL IS BACK with an opening talk by Stephen Lewis on **A LOST PLAY BY SHAKESPEARE**, on Wednesday 6 July at 7.30. Entry and refreshments free, donations invited, in aid of StorrIDGE Church. Future dates include 26 July (Rachel Yallop on Calligraphy), 23 August (Bring and share poetry evening), 14 September (speaker to be confirmed)

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK: Give me, good Lord, an humble, lowly, quiet, peaceable, patient, charitable, kind and filial and tender mind, every shade, in fact, of charity, with all my words and all my works, and all my thoughts, to have a taste of thy holy and blessed Spirit. (Thomas More)

THIS WEEK IN OUR PRAYERS: Pray for those to be ordained as deacons in Hereford on Sunday 3 July, for their training incumbents, and for the benefices in which they will serve. Pray for those to be admitted as church wardens at the visitations held over this period, and especially for those newly taking on this role. Pray for parishes struggling to fill church warden vacancies, and other offices. **In the wider world**, pray for the peace of the world; for an end to war between Ukraine and Russia, and for all affected by it. Continue to pray for Afghanistan; for all affected by the recent earthquake, all living with conflict and fear, and all who seek to help. **In our diocese**, give thanks for the ministry of prayer that underpins everything we decide and do as a diocese; pray for all that encourages and enlivens our prayer and spiritual development at every level of church life. Pray for our Bishops, Elisabeth in Nuremberg, and Richard here, as they seek to sustain morale and guide both our churches as we emerge from the Covid pandemic, to face issues this time of struggle has exposed and enhanced: a decline in church attendance, and in the number of people willing to volunteer, and the need to make cuts because of reductions in church tax (in Germany) and levels of giving (in England). **In our own benefice**, pray for all with loved ones currently in Ukraine, for those for whom they pray, and for all taking part in the Homes for Ukraine scheme. **Among the sick**, our prayers are asked for Nicholas Menon, priest, recovering from surgery and awaiting further results; for Jen Dunford and Anne Freeman; Jenifer Higgins, Christine Washbrook and all affected by the covid virus; those currently infected, and those with longer lasting symptoms; Peter Noel; Eric Payne; Stevie Wilson; Doreen and David McKerracher; Tom and Margaret Ainscough; Janet Hickman; Sally Raikes; Moira Starkey; Brendan Ronan; Carol Kershaw; Muriel Smith; Andre Jacobs; Rod Ellis; Heather George; Melanie Horton; Jane Wynne-James, Ben Cross and Jane Davies, Rural Dean of Leominster. Pray for all who now share responsibility for that deanery. **Remember all who have died in recent days**, among them Myra Jones, formerly of Cradley, and Mary Ward. Pray for all who grieve.

NEXT SUNDAY – 10 July 2022, Trinity 4 (Readings: Deuteronomy 30: 9-14, Luke 10: 25-37)

9.30 a.m. Mattins at StorrIDGE

10:45 a.m. Llive-streamed service of Mattins, lay led

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10.45 a.m. Family Communion with the Baptism of Evelyn Florence Ablitt

6.00 p.m.. Evensong at Mathon

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