

# UNITED BENEFICE OF CRADLEY MATHON AND STORRIDGE

Pewsheets for Sunday 22 July 2018, Trinity 8, St Mary Magdalene  
and Sunday closest to St James the Great  
Essential news from around the benefice

## SERVICES ON SUNDAY 22 JULY, TRINITY 8

*Readings in the benefice: 2 Corinthians 5: 14-17; John 20: 1-2, 11-18*

9.30 a.m	Mattins – Lay led	Storrige
9.30 a.m	Shorter Mattins	Mathon
11.00a.m	Joint Patronal Communion Service for Cradley, Colwall and Aston	Colwall

## SPECIAL SERVICES

**OPEN AIR BENEFICE SERVICE Sunday 29 July at 10.30 in the grounds of “Badgers” Mathon** followed by refreshments. Please park in Mathon Church Car Park and walk the very short distance to “Badgers” following the signs. (There will be a said Holy Communion (BCP) at 8.30 a.m on this morning at Cradley)

**PET SERVICE AT CRADLEY CHURCH 5 August at 10.30 a.m** (outside if fine)

## WEEKDAY SERVICES

**EVENING PRAYER this week** at 6.30 p.m. on Mon at Cradley, Tues at Mathon, Wed at Storrige

**HOLY COMMUNION (CW)** on Wednesday 25 July at Cradley, 10.00 a.m. - St James' Day

**A REPEAT VISITATION BY THE ARCHDEACON** on Wednesday 25 July, 12 noon at Cradley, for those churchwardens within the deanery who missed the first.

## EVENTS & MEETINGS

**FROM PAGE TO STAGE: 6 August in Storrige Church at 7.30 p.m.** A talk by Iwan Lewis, actor (with many lead West End and film credits) and currently Artistic Director of the (newly opened) 'Barn Theatre', Cirencester. Admission is free (donations to Storrige Church are welcome).

**LEES COFFEE STOP** in Community room at the Lees on Thursday 26 at 10.00 – 11.30 a.m

**STRAWBERRY TEAS ON SUNDAY AFTERNOONS** at Cradley Church starting on Sunday 22 July from 3.00p.m -5.00 p.m. These continue on Sunday afternoons until 26 August

## DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

Lord, from you flows true and continual kindness. You justly cast us off from you, yet in your mercy you forgave us, reconciled us, and replaced your curse with a blessing. You had banished us from the garden, but you called us back again, clothing us in a cloak of great worth. You flung wide the prison gates, and gave the condemned a pardon. You have sprinkled clean water up on us, and the dirt you have washed away. (A Prayer of Gregory of Nyssa)

**TODAY IN OUR PRAYERS:** Recalling Mary of Magdala's special place among the women who helped support the ministry of Jesus, and her special call on Easter Day to take the good news, “The Lord is risen” to the disciples that earned her the title of “Apostle to the Apostles” we pray that her loyal faith and humble spirit be marks of the Church today. **In the wider Anglican Church**, pray for The Episcopal Church in the Philippines, for The Most Revd Joel A. Pachao, Prime Bishop, and for all who live in that part of the world. Pray for the church where it is persecuted or opposed, and for all who face discrimination because of their beliefs. **In our diocese**, pray for our work with children and families, and especially for churches running holiday clubs and other special ventures during the summer holiday period. Pray for the growth of our work with young families. **In the wider world**, pray for the peace of the world, for our own future relations with Europe, and with the wider world; for all places of fear and conflict: for the Middle East, especially for Syria and Iraq; for Afghanistan; and for every family where there is division: for all victims of famine or natural disaster; all members of the armed forces and those who work for peace. **Among the sick**, we're asked to pray for Sheila Mullaney; Ashley and Natalie; Elspeth Barkes; Margaret Adams, Paul Peters, Tim Ross, and all who support and care for them. **Remember all who have died recently**, and in particular this week, Peggy Faulkner. Pray for their families, friends & all who mourn.

## NEXT SUNDAY 29 July – Trinity 9

*Readings; At Cradley at 8.30 a.m -2 Kings 4: 42-44; John 6: 1-21;  
At Mathon readings printed in order of service*

8.30 a.m	Holy Communion (said BCP)	Cradley
10.30 a.m	Open Air Benefice Service in the garden of Badgers	Mathon

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