

Coming shortly

- 26 February 5.30pm Letton PCC meeting, Swan Cottage
- 1 March 10.30am (Women's) World Day of Prayer, Weobley Parish Church
- 2 March 10.30am Coffee morning with pancakes and launch of "The Roof's the Limit", Staunton Village Hall

Group services

Our St Mary's, Staunton-on-Wye congregation continues to worship with our St John the Baptist, Letton congregation during February. There are also no services during the month at St Nicholas' Norton Canon, St John the Baptist Byford and St Mary's Monnington-on-Wye.

The Living Word People&Steeple insert gives Bible readings with

commentary to read and think about during the week.

Staunton & Weobley Group ministry & team

Weekday Services

Weobley, Monday to Thursday,
Morning Prayer, 9.00am
Evening Prayer, 4.00pm

Weekday Communion BCP, Weobley,
first Wednesday 10.30am

Healing Service with Communion,
Weobley, last Tuesday 10.30am

Sunday Services next week (Feb 17)

Weobley, 10.30am Holy Communion
CW

Letton, 10.30am Matins and
Stewardship Sunday (with Staunton
congregation)

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For more news, see also www.weobleyandstaunton.co.uk or Facebook

People & Steeple

News and contacts for the Weobley & Staunton Group of Parishes
*Weobley, Sarnesfield, Norton Canon,
Staunton-on-Wye, Byford, Monnington, Letton*

Sunday, February 10, 2019

From the Vicar

Welcome to our service today! Satnavs in our vehicles or on our mobile phones have made navigating a journey in real time so much easier. We obtain up to date information about traffic conditions and are told the shortest or quickest routes to our destination. Churches are always on a journey – towards God's will on earth or away from God's will on earth, and scripture, sacrament and prayer are our real time updates to keep Christians on the right route through life. Too often it seems that we see church not as a vehicle on a journey but as a static exhibit in a museum – and thus any route information (scripture, sacrament and prayer) is regarded as academic and largely unnecessary. In our Group of Parishes it is becoming increasingly critical to ask ourselves what direction we are going in, or whether we even want to be moving at all. What information are we listening to? Where do we want to end up? What is our vision? May our worship today stir up our thinking and desire to be God's people here.

Revd Sean Semple

Theme: How God calls people, who think they are unworthy

Isaiah 6:1-13 —Isaiah's call comes with a terrifying vision of God's holiness. Speaking God's message of grace and also judgment, will bring mixed responses [p.741](#)

1 Cor. 15:1-11 – Paul stresses the reality of the resurrection of the Lord and tells how encountering the risen Jesus turned him from persecutor to proclaimer of the Good News [p.1207](#)

Luke 5:1-11 – Jesus uses Peter and his boat to reveal who He is, and a miraculous catch of fish is a picture of Peter's call to bring salvation to many others [p.1084](#)

Also: Psalm 138

Services Sunday 10 February

Weobley, 10.30am Holy Communion
CW

No Taizé service

Prayer focus

Situated as we are in a rural community, we as a Group of Parishes give thanks for all involved in farming and the rural economy, we pray for them, and give them our support.

For healing

Joe Millington

Harry Williams and family

Rob Page, and his wife Carole

Christine Penning

Derek and Maggie Parker – Staunton

Marion and Chris Harrison and family – Weobley

Sarah Hurds – Weobley

David Williams (Carolyn Stocker's brother)

If you know of anyone who is unwell, please let Sean or any of the clergy know.

In our group of parishes

The Parish of Weobley, the Churchwarden Gary Griffiths and all the church community

Those who clean our churches

For God's comfort in bereavement - family and friends of:

Bimbo Watton

Jim Smith (Weobley)

Edgar Hall (Wendy Hereford's father)

Diocese of Hereford

The Dean, Chapter and congregation of Hereford Cathedral

Anglican church worldwide

The Anglican Church of Canada

The wider Church

All other churches in Herefordshire, nationally and across the world who share with us to proclaim God's love to the world.

We pray with confidence that God hears and answers our prayers. *We would also like to encourage each other by mentioning answers to prayer in this Prayer Focus. Please let Alison Greig know.*

News

Spring Term Card

Your new term card is now available to keep you up-to-date with what is happening in our group of parishes up until the end of April. Please pick up extra copies for friends and neighbours if you would like to.



World Day of Prayer 'Come – Everything is Ready!'



World Day of Prayer is the new name for what was called the Women's World Day of Prayer. The name change reflects the fact that WDP is a global ecumenical movement led by women who welcome everyone - women, men and children - to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. This is women's gift to the whole Church. The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 120 countries.

On Friday 1 March people around the world will gather to celebrate the service prepared this year by the women of Slovenia. It begins in Samoa and prayer in native languages travels throughout the world - through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas before finishing in American Samoa some 38 hours later.

Locally Weobley Parish Church is hosting the service on Friday 1 March at 10.30am. The theme 'Come - Everything is Ready!' is based on the parable in Luke 14: 15-24. At the core of the theme is an invitation – 'Come'; with a response – 'Everything is ready'. So we come to praise, thank, and proclaim the kingdom of love.

COFFEE MORNING WITH PANCAKES

Plus the launch of
"The Roof's the Limit"

SATURDAY 2nd March 2019
Staunton-on-Wye Village Hall
10.30 – 12:00

Plus Raffle, Cakes & Bottle Stall

All proceeds to St Mary's Church



This week's events

Tuesday, February 12

10.30am Second Tuesday Coffee, Weobley

10.45am Open the Book, Weobley Primary School

2.00pm Julian Group. Contact hilary.hereford@gmail.com or 01544 319146 for venue

2.30pm Community Meeting, Norton Canon Village Hall

7.30pm Community Meeting, Norton Canon Village Hall