

Coming shortly

- 4 March 10.30am Byford PCC Meeting, Common Farm
- 5 March 11am-12.30pm Pancakes in the Pews, Weobley Church
- 6 March 12 noon - 2.00pm Lent Lunch, Letton Church (Jill Valentine 01544 327535 or Lesley Overton 01544 327912)
- 6 March 5.30pm Ash Wednesday Service, Weobley Church
- 12 March 10.30am Second Tuesday Coffee, Weobley
- 12 March 5.30pm Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Letton
- 14 March 12 noon - 2.00pm Lent Lunch, Home Farm, Byford (Maggi Denaro 01981 590333)

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 (Mar 3)

Weobley, 10.30am Holy Communion
BCP

Letton, 10.30am Holy Communion
BCP (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 24, 2019

From the Vicar

When Apartheid in South Africa ended I was 23 years of age. So half my life has been spent living under a regime of racism, division and prejudice. This has given me an acute sense of prejudice in society and a passionate desire to oppose discrimination and injustice when I encounter it. In South Africa the Anglican Church, led by people like Archbishop Desmond Tutu, became an agent for change, challenging the government and society about the evil of Apartheid, and encouraging grassroots reconciliation and non-racism in parishes. Every community in the world will contain prejudice but where such prejudice emerges the Church cannot look the other way or say nothing or else it becomes part of the problem. And the Church must always be looking inward too and seeking to identify and heal its own prejudices. Right now, there is need for the churches in our Group of Parishes to make a Christian and principled stand against all forms of prejudice in our villages, against malicious gossip, and against injustice. We can make a difference, and are called by Christ to follow his example, and so transform the communities in which we live.

Revd Sean Semple

Theme: God the Creator of heaven and earth – and man in His image

Genesis 2:4-9, 15-25 — The Garden of Eden and the creation of man from dust of the ground and woman from man [p.58](#)

Revelation 4:1-11 — Jesus shows John the adoration of God in heaven, with the most exalted worshippers leading in submission as well as praise [p.1288](#)

Luke 8:22-25 — Jesus takes authority over a violent storm on the lake, preparing the disciples to exercise their own faith [p.1089](#)

Also: Psalm 65

Services Sunday 24 February

Sarnesfield, 9.00am Family Service

Weobley, 10.30am Holy Communion
BCP

BCP: Book of Common Prayer, traditional form. CW:
Common Worship, modern words

Prayer focus

The Weobley and Staunton Group of Parishes serves a rural community and we give thanks for all involved in agriculture, we pray for them, and seek ways to support them.

For healing

Harry Williams and family

Marion and Chris Harrison and family – Weobley

Sarah Hurds – Weobley

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

For strength and justice

Rob and Carole Page

Thanksgiving

For the return home of Chris Penning and continued prayers for her recovery

In our group of parishes

The Parish of Sarnesfield, the Churchwardens Hilary Havard and Viv Leech, and all the church community

Those who act as Vergers

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

Maggie Parker – Staunton (especially Derek Parker)

Tom Cotterell

Edgar Hall (Wendy Hereford's father)

Diocese of Hereford

Those who serve on the Diocesan Synod and all the other Diocesan Boards and Committees

Anglican church worldwide

The Anglican Church of the Central Region of America

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

Thanking God for answered prayer

Following our prayers for David Williams (Carolyn Stocker's brother) this is an extract from a note he sent. "I would be grateful if you could pass on my thanks to your parishioners for their prayers for me and to let them know that my recovery is going very well, and I hope that I will have an opportunity to meet them and thank them in person some time in the future when I am in Weobley."

News

World Day of Prayer

Everyone is welcome at this year's World Day of Prayer on Friday 1 March at 10.30am in Weobley Parish Church.

The theme of the service is an invitation – 'Come'; with a response – 'Everything is ready'. So we come to praise, thank, and proclaim the kingdom of love, to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. This is women's gift to the whole Church.

Pancakes in the Pews – time change

On Shrove Tuesday 5 March and returning by popular demand, our very own 'Gourmet Chefs' Alan Jones and Bob Best will be Producing Perfect Pancakes in the Pews of Weobley Parish Church, now from 11.00am - 12.30pm (half an hour longer to enjoy your pancakes!). Coffee and tea will also be available. Please do join us.



Invitation to Hereford Cathedral



Our group of parishes will be remembered in prayer in Hereford Cathedral on Wednesday 27 March and we are invited to attend any of the services on that day: 7.30am Morning Prayer; 8.00am Holy Communion; 12.15pm Holy Communion; 1.05pm Prayers for Peace; 5.30pm Evensong. If you are planning to attend please telephone the Cathedral office 01432 374212 or email office@herefordcathedral.org

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 26

10.30am Healing Service and Communion, Weobley

10.45am Open the Book, Weobley Primary School

5.30pm Letton PCC Meeting, Swan Cottage

Friday March 1

10.30am (Women's) World Day of Prayer, Weobley Parish Church

Saturday March 2

10.30am Coffee Morning with Pancakes and launch of "The Roof's the Limit", Staunton Village Hall