

Coming shortly

- 22 March 12 noon - 2.00pm Lent Lunch, Weleff, Lyonshall (Hilary Havard 07811 247045)
- 24 March 5.00pm Service to celebrate The Annunciation, Byford
- 27 March Prayer for our parishes at services in Hereford Cathedral
- 29 March Bridge Day, Broxwood Court. Time tbc
- 31 March Mothering Sunday
- 1 April 10.30am Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Byford
- 1 April 6.30pm Monnington Annual Parochial Church Meeting, The Dairy House

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 (Mar 17)

Weobley, 10.30am Holy Communion CW

Letton, 10.30am Matins (with Staunton congregation)

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People & Steeple

News and contacts for the Weobley & Staunton Group of Parishes

Weobley, Sarnesfield, Norton Canon,
Staunton-on-Wye, Byford, Monnington, Letton

Sunday, March 10, 2019

From the Vicar

The day after the popular Pancakes in the Pews is the less popular Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of our journey to Easter. Ashes are an ancient symbol of mourning and humility, and on Ash Wednesday we are marked with ash on our forehead to acknowledge our sadness that we all too frequently turn our backs on God and his ways. Thus, it is a day when we publicly acknowledge that we are sinners.

But this is not the end of the story: the ashes are marked on our foreheads in the shape of a cross to remind us that in Jesus sin and death are swallowed up in forgiveness and life. Ash Wednesday reminds us that God has made a way through Jesus for us to be forgiven sinners, and as such we commit to new practices during the time before Easter (known as "Lent") that will help us love God and neighbour better.

Revd Sean Semple

Lent 1 – Theme: Honouring God with His Lordship over all things

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 — We honour God by giving Him the first of everything, and worshipping in His lordship of all our provision [p.255](#)

Romans 10:8b-13 — The gateway on the path to salvation is our speaking out our trust and dependence on Him [p.1189](#)

Luke 4:1-13 — Jesus in the wilderness overcomes Satan's attack by honouring the Word and using God's truth to break Satan's lies [p.1082](#)

Also: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Services Sunday 10 March

Weobley, 10.30am Holy Communion CW

Norton Canon, 11.00am 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

Joe Millington

Martin Loveless

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 Weobley and Staunton Group of Parishes as they prepare for a period of interregnum in the summer

The Parish of Byford, the Churchwardens Sue Hubbard and Maggi Denaro, and all the church community

Bell Ringers

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

Sheena Price

Tom Cotterell

Diocese of Hereford

The Deanery of Bromyard

Anglican church worldwide

The Anglican Church Province of Congo

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

Renewal of Electoral Roll, Weobley

The Roll is completely renewed every six years prior to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and everyone, including those already on the Roll, will need to re-apply for membership. Those on the Roll will have received an application form

and, for new applicants, forms are available at the back of the church. These must be submitted by Friday 15 March.

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



Lent Lunches

We are now in the season of Lent and our splendid programme of Lent Soup Lunches, scheduled in all sorts of different places, started last week. These are all held between 12 noon and 2.00pm and everyone is welcome to a shared time of good company and excellent home-made soup. All we ask is that you make a donation in aid of our two chosen charities and, if possible, telephone your hostess beforehand to help with numbers and catering. This year we are concentrating on small charities who do a wonderful job of helping people with various needs.



The Cart Shed (which we supported last year) is a local organisation based in Norton Canon which supports people who are stressed in various ways, including ex service veterans, by organising outdoor activities and crafts. The Kitchen Table Charities Trust supports small overseas charities involved in providing clean water and sanitation, and in the training of midwives and health assistants among other things. This week's lunch will be on Thursday 14 March at Home Farm, Byford (please see details below to book your place).

Inter-parish Croquet Tournament

Please put the date Saturday 25 May in your diaries for this annual tournament at Eardisley Tennis and Croquet Club, and begin to think about potential teams. An opportunity to invite family and friends to this great social event.

This week's events

Tuesday, March 12

10.30am Second Tuesday Coffee, Weobley Parish Church

5.30pm Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Letton

Thursday, March 14

12 noon - 2.00pm Lent Lunch, Home Farm, Byford (Maggi Denaro 01981 590333)