

Coming shortly

- 27 March Prayer for our parishes at services in Hereford Cathedral
- 29 March Bridge Day, Broxwood Court. **[NB This event has been postponed until the Autumn]**
- 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
- 3 April 6.30pm Norton Canon Annual Parochial Church Meeting
- 4 April 12 noon Lent Lunch, The Cart Shed, Devereux Wootton Farm, Norton Canon (Fay Wrixon 01544 318247)

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 24)

Sarnesfield, 9.00am Service of the
Word

Weobley, 10.30am Holy Communion
CW

Byford, 5.00pm Annunciation Service

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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 17, 2019

From the Vicar

Dear People of God. During Lent people traditionally commit to doing three things more often in daily life: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Fasting does mean to reduce our food intake – but people today also fast by reducing the amount of time on social media or the amount of alcohol consumed. Someone I know is fasting by not being critical of others. Ultimately, the point of any Lenten discipline is to do what one can to align with the presence of God in the world. God is always present, alive and working in and around our lives but we are tuned to other spiritual and mental frequencies! Lent should help us identify and overcome anything that gets in the way of us loving God and people.

So, what do you need to do - or not do - in order to love more?

Revd Sean Semple

Lent 2 – Theme: Believing the promises of God

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 — God establishes His covenant with Abram, crediting his trust as righteousness, and blessing him with an enduring promise [p.69](#)

Philippians 3:17-4:1 — Paul promises heaven's honour for those that keep faith, setting out his example of Cross-aware, heaven-centred living as the right model to follow [p.1232](#)

Luke 13:31-35 — Jesus promises His continuing ministry and predicts many Jews coming to faith in Him before His second coming [p.1099](#)

And also: Psalm 27 [p.607](#)

Services Sunday 17 March

Weobley, 10.30am Holy Communion
CW

Letton, 10.30am Matins (with
Staunton congregation)

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 Staunton, the Parish Church Council and all the church community

Those who contribute to People & Steeple and other media

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

Sheena Price

Diocese of Hereford

The Deanery of Hereford (City & Rural)

Anglican church worldwide

The Church of England

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

News

Lent Lunches

We are now in the season of Lent and our splendid programme of Lent Soup Lunches is underway. 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 is a local organisation based in Norton Canon which supports people who are stressed in



various ways, 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.

There are two lunches this week (please see details below to book your place).

Lent Meditations

For the next four Wednesdays Churches Together in Weobley are holding Lent Meditations, using the history and writings of the early church fathers to think and talk together about our faith today, in St Thomas' Presbytery, at 3.00pm.

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

Riding Lights - The Narrow Road

All those not involved in the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, 7.00pm at Weobley Parish Church on Wednesday 10 April, are

encouraged to consider going to the excellent production of The Narrow Road - powerful theatre on the journey to Easter - being performed at 7.30pm in St Andrew's Church, Broad Street, Presteigne LD8 2BP. Tickets cost £8 each and are available from Revd Sean Semple.

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 19

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

Wednesday, March 20

12 noon - 2.00pm Lent Lunch, The Orchard (opposite Jarvis Close), Staunton-on-Wye (Hilary Alcock 01981 5501157)

Friday, March 22

12 noon - 2.00pm Lent Lunch, Weleff, Lyonshall, Kington HR5 3LH (Sarnesfield Ladies, Hilary Havard 07811 247045)

Sunday, March 24

5.00pm Annunciation Service, Lady Chapel, Byford