

Coming shortly

- 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)
- 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

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 10)

Weobley, 10.30am Holy Communion
CW

Norton Canon, 11.00am Holy
Communion BCP

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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, March 3, 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

Theme: As we encounter God, His glory shines through us

Exodus 34:29-35 — Moses comes down from Mount Sinai radiant with God's glory, and speaks to the people [p.146](#)

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 — Moses' encounter with God is the precursor to God's glory in us, the ongoing life of the Spirit [p.1212](#)

Luke 9:28-36 — Peter, John and James see the glory of God come on Jesus in a dazzling display, as He talks with Moses and Elijah [p.1092](#)

Also: Psalm 99

Services Sunday 3 March

Weobley, 10.30am Holy Communion
BCP

Letton, 10.30am Holy Communion
BCP (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

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 Norton Canon, the Churchwardens Kim Hendricksen and Judy Pritchard, and all the church community

Intercessors and readers

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

Maggie Parker – Staunton (especially Derek Parker)

Tom Cotterell

Diocese of Hereford

The Deanery of Abbeydore

Anglican church worldwide

The Anglican Church of Chile

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

Pancakes in the Pews



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, from

11.00am - 12.30pm (an hour and a half 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

Lent Lunches

Lent starts this Wednesday and we have a splendid programme of Lent Soup Lunches scheduled in all sorts of different places. These will all be 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. Our first lunch will be this Wednesday 6 March at Letton Church (please see details below). We will advertise future lunches week by week.

St Nicholas' Church, Norton Canon

Sean's full report on the recent public meetings is on our website page.

This week's events

Monday, March 4

10.30am Byford PCC Meeting, Common Farm

7.00pm Sarnesfield PCC Meeting

Tuesday, March 5

11.00am - 12.30pm Pancakes in the Pews, Weobley Parish Church

Wednesday, March 6

12 noon - 2.00pm Lent Lunch, Letton Church (Jill Valentine 01544 327535 or Lesley Overton 01544 327912)

5.30pm Ash Wednesday Service with Imposition of Ashes, Weobley