

## Coming shortly

- 23 April 7.30pm Staunton Vestry and APCM, Staunton-on-Wye Village Hall
- 25 April 6.45pm Sarnesfield Vestry and APCM

## Staunton & Weobley Group ministry & team

### Holy Week and Easter Services

#### Maundy Thursday 18 April

7.30pm Tenebrae Service, Weobley

#### Good Friday 19 April

11.00am Weobley Walk of Witness, meet at St Thomas' RC Church car park

2.00pm Good Friday Service, Weobley

#### Saturday 20 April

8.00pm Vigil Service and Holy Communion, Byford

#### Easter Sunday 21 April

9.00am Easter Holy Communion CW, Sarnesfield

9.00am Easter Holy Communion CW, Norton Canon

9.00am Easter Holy Communion CW by extension, Monnington

10.30am Easter Holy Communion CW, Weobley

10.30am Easter Holy Communion BCP by extension, Letton

11.00am Easter Holy Communion CW, Staunton Village Hall

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#### 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

Copy for next week no later than Wednesday evening please to: [alison.greig@gmail.com](mailto:alison.greig@gmail.com)

For more news, see also [www.weobleyandstaunton.co.uk](http://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



Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019



### From the Vicar

Jesus – fully human and fully God. The story of Jesus' descent into the fullness of human tragedy begins on Palm Sunday with the crowds acclaiming him as King - but only as the kind of King they wanted, not the King he truly was. In rejecting human will in favour of God's will, it was as if all the injustice and evil in the world was unleashed against Jesus: betrayal, a victim of political expediency, injustice, physical and psychological abuse, and the cruellest form of execution. But his ascent as fully God begins simultaneously. The love expressed to those who gathered with him in the Upper Room; the dignity before Pilate and during scourging; the grace towards the criminal beside him and forgiveness of his persecutors reveal who God truly is. At the point when all hope seemed lost – 3 days after death, Jesus is raised to resurrected life. Nothing can or will overcome God or divert him from his mission of salvation and love. May the Easter story and reality bring new hope and courage to you. *Sean*

### Palm Sunday theme: The Lord of the unexpected – a king who serves

**Isaiah 50:4-9a** — An unexpected view of the Sovereign Lord's special servant. His faithful obedience will bring Him contempt and hatred, false accusation and beating. [p.1788](#)

**Philippians 2:5-11** — Christ the Messiah was not at all as people expected. Having made Himself nothing and suffered a shameful death, He was exalted by God above all others – and above all creation. [p.1231](#)

**Luke 19:28-40** — Jesus enters Jerusalem in an unexpected way which reflects Zechariah's prophecy. His Messianic entry is victorious, yet righteous and lowly, on a donkey colt. [p.1106](#)

Also read: Psalm 31:9-16

### Services Palm Sunday 14 April

Weobley, 10.30am Holy Communion BCP

## 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*

Chris Penning

Martin Loveless

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 and continued prayer*

We continue to pray for healing for Harry Williams who may need a further operation in the near future and also for God to strengthen and encourage his family at this difficult time

We also give thanks for vast improvements in Marion Harrison's progress and for her continuing healing

### *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 Sarnesfield, the Churchwardens Hilary Havard and Viv Leech, and all the church community

Those who tend our graveyards

We welcome and pray for the four new members of Weobley PCC: Gill

Atkins, John Hatton, Liz Lawrence and Juliet Whitmarsh. New PCC members from other Parishes in the Group will be included each week.

### *Diocese of Hereford*

The Deanery of Ross & Archenfield

### *Anglican church worldwide*

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East

### *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

### **Churchyard Clear Up**



In order to maintain the appearance of the churchyard we are proposing to have a

'churchyard clear-up' during the first full week of May. The churchyard will be cleared of all artificial flowers, dead flowers, shrubs and plants, and damaged and broken objects on graves. It is necessary to do this, not only to provide a well-tended churchyard for people to visit, but also to provide a safe area when grounds maintenance is being carried out. Broken plastic, glass, wires and pottery are all hazardous

when a mower or strimmer is being used. This clear-up will be carried out in future at the beginning of May and the beginning of November (before Remembrance Sunday).

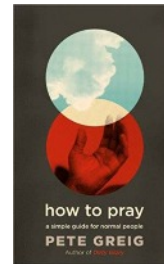
Please help us to maintain this very special area surrounding our beautiful church.

Please contact a member of our PCC, details are on the church notice board, if you wish to discuss this matter further. Very many thanks.

### **Safari Into the Scriptures**

Please see the blue flyers in the churches for full details of a new Bible Study starting in May. If you have any questions please speak to Susan Verwey 01981 500626.

### **How to Pray – book review**



Pete Greig has been teaching on prayer and involved in a non-stop prayer movement, 24-7 Prayer, since founding it over 20 years ago. His latest book, How To Pray, is based on the Lord's Prayer and using this as an outline for approaching God in attitudes of Pause, Rejoice, Ask and Yield, Pete offers 12 concise, accessible "how to" chapters on the aspects we need to know. Familiar ones like adoration, petition and intercession but also dealing with apparently unanswered prayer,

prayer without words, listening and hearing God in prayer and taking spiritual authority over evil.

The current home group meeting in Weobley, whose participants come from the various churches, will be using this content after Easter (Tuesday afternoons fortnightly). See the website for more. A second similar home group is under discussion. Contact Ian Greig, 01544 318583.

### **Coffee Morning and Fun Companion Dog show** for you and your dog

Saturday 11 May, 10.30am-12 noon  
Staunton-on-Wye Village Hall

Proceeds to St Mary's Church



## This week's events

### **Monday April 15**

12 noon - 2.00pm Lent Lunch, The Salmon, Bridge Sollars (Helen Cotterell 01981 590605)

### **Tuesday April 16**

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

See overleaf for Holy Week and Easter Services