

Coming shortly

- 4 May 12 noon Ella Mary Leather Festival refreshments, Weobley
- 6 May Weobley Churchyard Clear Up this week
- 6 May 2.00pm All Under a May Moon singing workshop, Weobley
- 11 May 10.30am-12 noon Coffee Morning & Companion Dog Show, Staunton Village Hall
- 14 May 10.30am - 12 noon Second Tuesday Coffee, Weobley
- 25 May Inter-parish Croquet Tournament, Eardisley Tennis and Croquet Club
- 1 June Weobley in Bloom Open Gardens
- 2 June 4.00pm Taizé Worship, Weobley

The Living Word People&Steeple insert gives the Sunday 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 (Apr 28)

Weobley, 10.30am Holy
Communion CW

NO services at Sarnesfield or Byford

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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

Easter Sunday, April 21, 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*

Theme: Jesus makes us the offer to believe and receive

Acts 10:34-43 — The first Roman household believes and receives

[p.1156](#)

1 Corinthians 15:19-26 — To doubt the resurrection is to lose what it promises us

[p.1207](#)

John 20:1-18 — Mary Magdalene is the first to see and believe the resurrection

[p.1141](#)

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

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

We continue to pray for healing for Harry Williams who underwent a further brain operation last week; also for God to strengthen and encourage his family at this difficult time

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

Those involved in fund-raising for our churches

Diocese of Hereford

The Deanery of Bridgnorth

Anglican church worldwide

The Peace of Jerusalem and the People of the Land of the Holy One

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

All Under a May Moon

Lydia Wells is leading a Singing Workshop (everybody welcome), where a night ballad from the Ella Mary Leather Collection and an evening hymn will be sung, on Monday 6 May at 2.00pm in Weobley Parish Church. Cost £3.50 with all proceeds going to the church. Observers also welcome! Contact Lydia on 01544 319138.

Inter-parish Croquet Tournament

Please begin to think about potential teams for this annual tournament at Eardisley Tennis and Croquet Club to be held on Saturday 25 May. An opportunity to invite family and friends to this great social event.



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

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

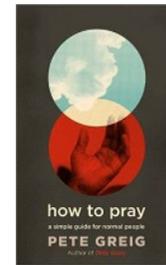
Proceeds to St Mary's Church



Popular Cake Stall

Following the recent Cake Stall held by the Sarnesfield Church Ladies (and Roger) in Weobley, Roger Marshall writes "Big thanks to everyone who made cakes, bought cakes, sold cakes and generally made it a very happy couple of hours and we raised nearly £300 for St Mary's... Thank you one and all."

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. See the website for more.

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

Informal Sunday Service at Norton Canon

A "prayer and praise" informal service will be held on alternate months at Norton Canon Church. The first service will be on the 12th May at 11.00am and will be led by our free church pastor Ian Greig and his wife Alison. There will be singing, prayers, hearing from God in the Bible - and of course a warm welcome. Come as you are, go out encouraged!

This week's events

Tuesday April 23

7.30pm Staunton Vestry and APCM, Staunton-on-Wye Village Hall

Thursday April 25

6.45pm Vestry and APCM, Sarnesfield