

Coming shortly

- 31 March Mothering Sunday
- 1 April 10.30am Vestry and Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), Byford
- 1 April 6.30pm Monnington Vestry & APCM, The Dairy House
- 3 April 6.30pm Norton Canon Vestry and APCM
- 4 April 12 noon Lent Lunch, The Cart Shed, Devereux Wootton Farm, Norton Canon (Fay Wrixon 01544 318247)
- 6 April 7.30pm Herefordshire Youth Orchestra, Weobley
- 9 April 10.30am Second Tuesday Coffee, Weobley
- 9 April 12 noon-2pm Lent Lunch, Sarnesfield Grange
- 10 April 7.00pm Weobley Vestry and APCM
- **Note new date:** 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

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 31)

Weobley, 10.30am Holy Communion
CW

Norton Canon, 6.30pm Mothering
Sunday Service of the Word

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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 24, 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 3 – Theme: "One more chance" to seek the Lord while He is near

Isaiah 55:1-9 — Don't pay for palliative peace but come back to God while He may be found; His real goodness is there for the asking [p.793](#)

1 Corinthians 10:1-13 — Come back to God, living His way as His witness, and if you think you are strong spiritually, be especially careful you don't fall off [p.1202](#)

Luke 13:1-9 — Come back to God with a changed heart –everyone needs the new start Jesus offers us [p.1098](#)

Read also: Psalm 63:1-9 [p.629](#)

Services Sunday 24 March

Sarnesfield, 9.00am Service of the Word

Weobley, 10.30am Holy Communion CW

Byford, 5.00pm Annunciation Service in the Lady Chapel

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

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 Monnington, the Churchwarden Ray Phillips and all the church community

The staff Rev Sean Semple, Rev Susan Verwey, Rev Martin Loveless, Rev Charles Overton and Henry Verwey

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

Joe Millington

Sheena Price

Diocese of Hereford

The Deanery of Kington & Weobley

Anglican church worldwide

The Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

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



Sarnesfield Church Ladies **Cake Stall**

at the top end of
Broad Street, Weobley

Friday
April 12th

9.15am... until sold out

all proceeds to
Church of St Mary's, Sarnesfield

Children's Society House Boxes

Once again our Parish House Box supporters have raised another generous donation amounting to £575 for the work of the Society.

My grateful thanks to all who contributed to help fund the vital work of supporting and protecting vulnerable children and young adults from the pressures of modern society: poverty, abuse, homelessness and drugs. The money will be well used to help the Society to help create a better, safer life for these children. *Barbara Warburton*, House Box Coordinator 01544 318144

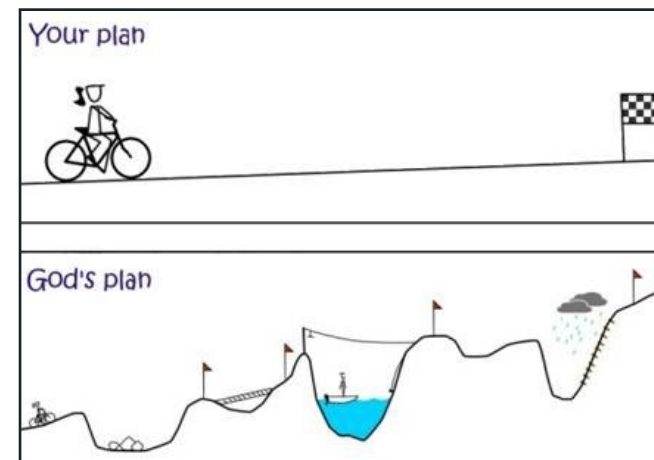
Safari Into the Scriptures

Please see the flyer inserted in this People & Steeple for full details of a new Bible Study starting in May.

Riding Lights - The Narrow Road

Powerful theatre on the journey to Easter, The Narrow Road is being performed at 7.30pm, Wednesday 10 April in St Andrew's Church, Broad Street, Presteigne LD8 2BP. Tickets, £8 from Revd Sean Semple. Those not involved in the Weobley Parish Church Annual Parochial Church Meeting, 7.00pm on the same night, are encouraged to go.

Teaser for the week



COFFEE MORNING

&

COMPANION DOG SHOW

WITH LOTS OF FUN FOR YOU
AND YOUR DOG

SATURDAY 11TH MAY 2019

STAUNTON-ON-WYE VILLAGE HALL

10.30am – 12 noon

Proceeds to St Mary's Church



This week's events

Tuesday, March 26

10.45am Open the Book, Weobley Primary School

Wednesday, March 27

3.00pm CTIW Lent Meditation, St Thomas' Presbytery, Weobley

Prayer for our parishes in services at Hereford Cathedral