

Coming shortly

- 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
- 15 April 12 noon-2pm Lent Lunch, The Salmon, Bridge Sollars
- **Note new date:** 23 April 7.30pm Staunton Vestry and APCM, Staunton-on-Wye Village Hall
- 25 April 6.45pm Sarnesfield Vestry and APCM
- Maundy Thursday 18 April 7.30pm Tenebrae Service, Weobley
- Good Friday 19 April 11.00am Weobley Walk of Witness
- Good Friday 19 April 2.00pm Good Friday Service, Weobley
- 20 April 8.00pm Vigil Service and Holy Communion, Byford

Easter Sunday services in brief

Easter Sunday communion services will be held at 9.00am in Sarnesfield, Norton Canon and Monnington, at 10.30am in Weobley and Letton, and at 11.00am in Staunton Village Hall

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 7)

Weobley, 10.30am Holy Communion
BCP

Letton, 10.30am Holy Communion
BCP with Staunton congregation

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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



Mothering Sunday, March 31, 2019



From the Vicar

Dear friends,

I came across these two prayers that celebrate both mothers, and the mothering love of God in Jesus.

Father God, we thank you for mothers around the world and for the care they give their children. We offer our support and prayers for their lives to be blessed and for families to flourish. Amen

Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you; you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.

Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness; through your gentleness we find comfort in fear.

Your warmth gives life to the dead, your touch makes sinners righteous.

Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us; in your love and tenderness remake us.

In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness, for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us. Amen

St Anselm of Canterbury

Love and blessings, Sean

Mothering Sunday Theme: The rich working of God's compassion

Exodus 2:1-10 — Moses, born into oppression, is rescued by an Egyptian princess's compassion, for God's purpose to be fulfilled in Him [p.111](#)

2 Corinthians 1:3-7 — Paul, with rich experience of God as the Father of compassion, shares this comfort with the church in Corinth [p.1210](#)

John 19:25-27 — Jesus, near to death, expresses His compassion for His mother and assigns a disciple to provide for her [p.1140](#)

Psalms 34:11-20 — The Lord's special compassion for those broken to pride [p.611](#)

Services Sunday 31 March

Weobley, 10.30am Holy Communion
CW for Mothering Sunday

Norton Canon, 6.30pm Mothering
Sunday Service of the Word

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

Chris Penning

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 and continued prayer

We give thanks for Harry Williams' successful operation last week and his acceptance into proton beam therapy at Christie Hospital, Manchester. We continue to pray for his healing and God's strengthening and provision for his family.

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 Weobley, the Churchwarden Gary Griffiths and all the church community

The other clergy who help in ministry, Rev Chris Rhodes

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

Joe Millington

Cassandra Hurt

Diocese of Hereford

The Deanery of Ledbury

Anglican church worldwide

The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

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

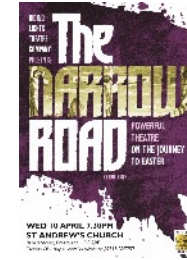


Safari Into the Scriptures

Please see the blue flyers in the churches 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 APCM at 7.00pm on the same night, are encouraged to go.



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!

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



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.

This week's events

Monday April 1

10.30am Vestry and Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Byford
6.30pm Monnington Vestry and APCM, The Dairy House

Tuesday April 2

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

Wednesday April 3

3.00pm CTiW Lent Meditation, St Thomas' Presbytery, Weobley
6.30pm Vestry and APCM, Norton Canon

Thursday April 4

12 noon - 2.00pm Lent Lunch, The Cart Shed, Devereux Wootton Farm, Norton Canon (Fay Wrixon 01544 318247)

Friday April 5

2.30pm Memorial Service for Joe Millington, Weobley Parish Church

Saturday April 6

7.30pm Herefordshire Youth Orchestra, Weobley Parish Church