

Coming shortly

- 15 April 12 noon-2pm Lent Lunch, The Salmon, Bridge Sollars
- 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 21 April
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
- 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 (Apr 14)

Palm Sunday

Weobley, 10.30am Holy Communion
CW

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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, April 7, 2019

From the Vicar

Our Lenten journey to Easter is nearing its end. The shadow of the crucifixion falls heavily over the gospel readings, finding echo in whatever is dark or painful in our own lives.

I was with someone who received bad news this week after praying continuously and sincerely for good news. "Why hasn't God answered my prayer?" is a valid and good question. If we could see all the possibilities in a situation, if we could predict all possible outcomes, if we were as much in the future as we are in the present, perhaps we would understand why the prayer hasn't been answered in the way we want.

This week, although it may involve more faith than you feel you have, hold on and keep praying. God is with you; he hears your prayers and will answer them in the best of all ways.

Revd Sean Semple

Lent 5. Theme: God is creative in renewing His people and His world

Isaiah 43:16-21 — The Lord is doing a new thing, so rather than expecting previous moves of God to be repeated, we should discern His purposes now.

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Philippians 3:4b-14 — Paul's great change in gaining new life, dismissing his former achievements as barriers to the far greater worth of knowing Jesus

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John 12:1-8 — Mary does a new and shocking thing to honour Jesus – and unintentionally foretells His death

[p.1131](#)

Also: Psalm 126

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Services Sunday 7 April

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

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 give thanks for Harry Williams' successful operation 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.

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 Letton, Churchwarden Derys Maddox and all the church community

Those involved in work with children and young people

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

Joe Millington

Cassandra Hurt

Diocese of Hereford

The Deanery of Leominster

Anglican church worldwide

The Church of Ireland

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. If you have any questions please speak to Susan Verwey 01981 500626.

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.

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.

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.



This week's events

Tuesday April 9

10.30am Second Tuesday Coffee, Weobley Parish Church

10.45am Open The Book, Weobley Primary School

12 noon - 2.00pm Lent Lunch, Sarnesfield Grange (Sophie Plunkett 01544 319225)

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

Wednesday April 10

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

7.00pm Vestry and APCM, Weobley Parish Church

Friday April 12

9am - 12 noon Sarnesfield Ladies' Cake Stall, Broad Street, Weobley