

Coming shortly

- 25 May Inter-parish Croquet Tournament, Eardisley Tennis and Croquet Club
- 1 June 1.30 - 5.00pm Weobley in Bloom 2019 open gardens
- 2 June 1.30 - 5.00pm Weobley in Bloom 2019 open gardens
- 2 June 4.00pm Taizé Worship, Weobley
- 11 June 10.30am - 12 noon Second Tuesday Coffee, Weobley
- 15 June 2.00pm Weobley Village Summer Fete
- 22 June 2.00-4.00pm Summer Strawberry and Cream Tea at The Valletts, Kinnersley. In aid of Letton Church
- 23 June 5.00pm Patronal Festival, Byford Church

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 (May 19)

Weobley, 10.30am Holy
Communion CW

Letton, 10.30am Matins (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

Sunday, May 12, 2019

From the Vicar

The Amplified version of the Bible provides a rich description of the Christian life in its translation of St Paul's letter to the Ephesians Chapter 3, verse 19: "...And that you may come to know practically - through personal experience - the love of Christ, which far surpasses mere knowledge without experience; that you may be filled up throughout your being to all the fullness of God so that you may have the richest experience of God's presence in your lives - completely filled and flooded with God Himself." This should be a normal experience for Christians and, if it isn't, perhaps we were never taught that such a personal relationship and experience of God was possible. In this time of Easter, why not simply ask God to be real to you in this way, and to be flooded with his life and love? Ask and you will receive.

Every blessing, Sean

Theme: Three viewpoints show who Jesus is

Acts 9:36-43 — Peter invites the Holy Spirit to raise Tabitha from the dead, and the ministry of Jesus, just as before the Ascension, now comes through Peter [p.1155](#)

Revelation 7:9-17 — The Father and the Son are One on heaven's throne before a countless multitude praising God for His gift of salvation [p.1290](#)

John 10:22-30 — Jesus, teaching in Solomon's Colonnade at the Festival of Lights, begins to reveal that He and the Father are One [p.1129](#)

Read also: Psalm 23

Services Sunday 12 May

Weobley, 10.30am Holy Communion
CW

Norton Canon, 11.00am "Prayer and
Praise" informal service

Monnington, 11.45am for 12 noon
Rogation Walk and Hog Rog

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

We continue to pray for healing for Harry Williams and 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

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

Our PCC members

Diocese of Hereford

The Deanery of Ludlow

Anglican church worldwide

The Anglican Church in Korea

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

Second Tuesday Coffee Morning in the Parish Church

Tuesday 14 May 10.30 – 12.00

Please do join us for coffee and conversation

Everyone will be assured of a warm welcome



Banana Store Sale

A garage sale by another name will be held at Folly Cottage, Bell Square, Weobley on Saturday 18 May from 10.30am until 'fed-up or sold out'. Donations urgently required, please contact Pat Millington (319330) or Wendy Hereford (319223). All profits to Weobley Parish Church.

Flowers in Weobley Parish Church

The provision of flowers in our church is a ministry in its own right and it would be fitting to involve as many people as possible in the pleasure of providing flowers to decorate the church. Flowers from the garden, the hedgerows, the supermarket or a florist can all be used and arranged in any way you like. If you enjoy arranging flowers in a pedestal arrangement or just putting them in a jar please consider joining our new flower rota. Anne Tootell and Barbara Warburton have

offered to be our 'floral co-ordinators' so if you would like to join the 'flower team' please speak to Anne on 318201 or to Barbara on 318144.

Taizé Service

A special Taizé service is taking place in Weobley Church on Sunday 2 June



at 4.00pm, following the Taizé pattern popularised by the international fraternity of that town in Burgundy, France, who live and worship together blending both Protestant and Catholic traditions in a spirit of kindness, simplicity and reconciliation. Taizé worship is characterised by easy to follow meditative singing and a quiet, candlelit atmosphere conducive to prayer and spiritual reflection. Weobley Church especially opens its doors to those of other congregations or none for this service.

Thy Kingdom Come

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. What started out as an invitation from the Archbishops' of Canterbury and York in 2016 to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer. This year members from churches across

Hereford are supporting this initiative by committing to pray for an hour during the period 30 May to 9 June. A special prayer room with a view over the city has been set up at St Barnabas Church, 5 Venns Lane HR1 1DT, see sign up on Herefordshire Houses of Prayer website <http://hhop.org.uk>, or you can pray wherever you are. See the HHoP website for full details.

Lent Lunches 2019

Our Lent lunches raised just over £1,500 this year and, although slightly fewer people 'lunched', their generosity means that this is on a par with previous years; thank you to everyone who came along. A little over half was for The Cart Shed charity and the balance for the Kitchen Table Charities Trust. As ever, we had a lot of fun, some marvellous soup recipes - Wild Garlic was a first - and great hosts who welcomed everyone into their homes. — *Roger Marshall*

This week's events

Tuesday May 14

10.30am Second Tuesday Coffee, Weobley Parish Church

2.00-4.00pm Open the Book 20th Anniversary Celebration, Gloucester Cathedral

Saturday May 18

10.30am Banana Store Sale, Folly Cottage, Bell Square, Weobley (see *News* for more detail)