

Coming shortly

- 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, Kinneresley. 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 26)

Sarnesfield, 9.00am Service of the Word

Weobley, 10.30am Holy Communion BCP

Byford, 5.00pm Holy Communion BCP

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People & Steeple

News and contacts for the Weobley & Staunton Group of Parishes

Weobley, Sarnesfield, Norton Canon,
Staunton-on-Wye, Byford, Monnington, Letton

Sunday, May 19, 2019

From the Vicar

The beautiful Spring weather of late has brought with it a colourful carpet of spring flowers and I was reminded of the line from the prophet Malachi (4.2) "...But for you that honour my name, victory will shine like the sun with healing in its rays, and you will jump around like calves at play." It is a metaphor of God spreading out his light and healing in a warm and positive way to those who daily attempt to live according to God's way, and are perhaps mocked for this, or who have paradoxically even become wounded for their righteousness.

God sees all, knows all, and suddenly with the suddenness and power of the Spring sun will show his love to those who have suffered, and they will be healed and rejoice. May God's Springtime be experienced in your life this week.

Blessings, Sean

Theme: The heart of the Gospel is the new rule of love

Acts 11:1-18 — The ethos of the Gospel is a new acceptance. The early believers are challenged to love and welcome those not like them. [p.1157](#)

John 13:31-35 — The heart of the Gospel is the new rule of love. Jesus' charge to the disciples is to continue to live by sacrificial love. [p.1133-1134](#)

Revelation 21:1-6 — The eventual outcome of the Gospel is renewal of everything. John sees a new city-like community where God, who is love, dwells with His people. [p.1301](#)

Also: Psalm 148

Services Sunday 19 May

Weobley, 10.30am Holy Communion CW

Letton, 10.30am Matins (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

Norman Skyrme (Weobley)

Anne Preece (Weobley)

Chris Penning

Martin Loveless

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 God's comfort in bereavement

Neil, husband of Sarah Hurds (Weobley)

Family of Sadie Cowap (Letton)

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 Weobley, the Parish Church Council and all the church community

Those who provide music in our churches

Diocese of Hereford

The Deanery of Pontesbury

Anglican church worldwide

The Anglican Church of Melanesia

News

Anyone for Croquet?

This Saturday, 25 May, sees the annual Inter-parish Croquet Competition 2.00pm at Eardisley Tennis and Croquet Club. Cost £5 per head plus £3.50 for a cream tea at the Clubhouse. All teams to please inform Sean by email or phone (*see back page*) by this Wednesday so that he can confirm with the club.



Weobley Summer Fete

Help is needed for the Weobley Summer Fete on Saturday 15 June on Castle Green at 2.00pm.

Weobley Church relies on the revenue from this, its main fundraising event, and this year will also be supporting Shelter Box, which provides life saving resources in disaster areas all around the world.

Offers of bottles, cakes, preserves, plants, crafts, toiletries, lucky dip prizes, needed. So far no books/dvds stall, pre-loved clothing, bric a brac unless you would like to run one! Help is also needed with clear up/litter pick at end of fete.

Please let Liz or Alan know how you would be prepared to help and/or

what you can donate. Goods can be brought to church Sunday 9 June or given to Liz or Alan 01544 318522 thelizlawrence@hotmail.com thealanjones47@gmail.com

Taizé Service

A Taizé service is taking place in Weobley Church on Sunday 2 June at 4.00pm, following the Taizé pattern, 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.

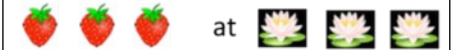


Flowers in Weobley Parish Church

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.

Summer Strawberry and Cream Tea



The Valletts, Kinnersley, HR3 6DN
Saturday 22 June, 2pm- 4pm

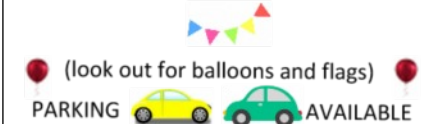
An opportunity to view an extensive water lily collection and have advice on anything aquatic from building a pond, maintenance, plant and fish life...

or just enjoy a tea in restful, rural surroundings

By kind permission of Revd and Mrs Overton

Donations in aid of Letton Church

All welcome



This week's events

Tuesday May 21

10.45am Open the Book , Weobley Primary School

Saturday May 25

2.00pm Inter-Parish Croquet Tournament and Cream Tea, Eardisley Tennis and Croquet Club