

## Coming shortly

- 5 June 11.00am Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Walk, leaving from Methodist Chapel, Weobley
- 8/9 June 10.15am-4.45pm Summer Open Weekend, Sarnesfield
- 9 June 2.00-5.30pm Broxwood Court Open Gardens
- 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

**The Living Word** People&Steeple insert gives Bible readings with commentary to read and think about during the week for the *following* Sunday. Extra copies with *this Sunday's readings* are by the door.

## 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 (June 2)

Weobley, 10.30am Holy  
Communion BCP

Letton, 10.30am Holy Communion  
BCP (with Staunton congregation)

Weobley, 4.00pm Taizé Worship

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For more news, see also [www.weobleyandstaunton.co.uk](http://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 26, 2019

### From the Vicar

As we remember and celebrate the Ascension of Jesus we recognise one most important fact. And that is that God never abandons his people. The Ascension marked the logical ending to the Incarnation – the physical presence of God on Earth in Jesus – and allowed for God to be present everywhere through the coming of the Holy Spirit.

We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, but let us never forget that at Pentecost we are not celebrating a historical event only, but also the presence of God's Holy Spirit in our lives now – right now. He is the inner voice and strength that calls you to love some more, to put someone else's needs before your own, to pray, to hope and to believe. God never leaves or forsakes us. Just speak to him and be open to his inner promptings.

*Blessings, Sean*

### Easter 6 — Theme: How vision from God guides us in His way

**Acts 16:9-15** — A man from Europe begs for help in a vision to Paul, who crosses to Philippi and finds a Gentile woman whose heart is opened to the gospel. [p.1163](#)

**John 14:23-29** — Jesus sets out a future vision of the life of the Spirit which would enable believers to live out of love for Jesus and His Way. [p.1134](#)

**Revelation 21:10, 22-27, 22:1-5** — John's vision reveals a pure and holy heavenly community. Those who have chosen the lordship of Jesus will enjoy God's presence as in the original Eden. [p.1301](#)

Read also: Psalm 67

### Services Sunday 26 May

Sarnesfield, 9.00am Service of the Word

Weobley, 10.30am Holy Communion BCP

Byford, 5.00pm Holy Communion BCP

## 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 Letton, the Churchwarden Derys Maddox and all the church community

Those who arrange flowers in our churches

### *Diocese of Hereford*

The Deanery of Telford Severn Gorge

### *Anglican church worldwide*

All members of the Anglican Communion around the world

### *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

### **Taizé Service**

A Taizé service in Weobley Church on Sunday 2 June at 4.00pm follows 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.



### **Broxwood Court Gardens Opening Sunday 9 June — 2.00-5.30pm**

These wonderful gardens will be open under NGS this year and Weobley Church have again been asked to provide teas. This was a very successful fundraiser last year

so all offers of help either by helping on the day or provision of cakes, tray bakes, biscuits, preserves etc will be very much appreciated. For further information please contact Jane Pace tel 01544 340696; jane.broxwood@gmail.com

### **St Mary's, Sarnesfield**



### **SUMMER OPEN WEEKEND**

**8-9 June**

10.15am – 4.45pm each day

- ◆ Tea or coffee, homemade cakes and savouries
- ◆ Agricultural displays, plant stall
- ◆ Floral displays, Arts and Crafts stained glass in church

### **Sunday 9.00am, Café-style Service**

### **Weobley Summer Fete**

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

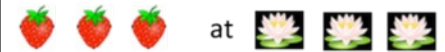
Weobley Church relies on the revenue from this, its main fundraising event, and this year will also be supporting Shelter Box, which provides life saving resources in disaster areas all around the world.

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

### **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*



(look out for balloons and flags)  
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## This week's events

### **Saturday/Sunday June 1/2**

1.30 - 5.00pm Weobley In Bloom Open Gardens