

## Coming shortly

- 14 May 10.30am - 12 noon  
Second Tuesday Coffee, Weobley
- 14 May 2.00 - 4.00pm Open the  
Book 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration,  
Gloucester Cathedral
- 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

## 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 12)

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

### Incumbent and Group Rector

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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 5, 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 flooded with his life and love? Ask and you will receive.

*Every blessing, Sean*

**Theme: From mistake to mission – three responses to the risen Lord**

**First reading: Acts 9:1-6** — The hate behind Saul's zeal is met by God's grace and love. Going to arrest believers in Damascus, He encounters Jesus and realises His deception. [p.1154](#)

**Epistle: Revelation 5:11-14** – He who overcame sin's power receives heaven's praise. Countless angels exalt the Lamb of God as worthy of the highest honour and glory. [p.1289](#)

**Gospel: John 21:1-19** — Peter's shame is cancelled by Jesus at the sea shore. His appearance results a huge catch for the fishermen, a reminder of a much earlier miracle. [p.1289](#)

Also read: Psalm 30

### Services Sunday 5 May

Weobley, 10.30am Holy Communion  
BCP and Baptism

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

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 Staunton, the Parish Church Council and all the church community

Our Church Secretaries

We welcome and pray for the five new members of Sarnesfield PCC and for Secretary Roger Marshall, Treasurer and Churchwarden Viv Leech, and Churchwarden Hilary Havard

### *Diocese of Hereford*

The Deanery of Conover

### *Anglican church worldwide*

The Anglican Church in Kenya

### *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

### Churchyard Clear Up



The Weobley Churchyard Clean and Tidy Up will take place this Tuesday 7 May 10.00am -

12.00 noon and again on Thursday 9 May 2.00pm onwards. Many people have expressed their sadness at the state of our churchyard so please come along and help with the tidy up. Everyone most welcome.

### Monnington Hog Rog

#### Sunday 12 May

Come and join us for a Rogation Walk, delicious hog roast (roast pepper/halloumi bap vegetarian option), salads and puds, petanques and Viking chess.

Meet at Monnington Church at 12 noon (park in the field opposite green lane to the church) for a two and a half mile walk with occasional



### Coffee Morning and Fun Companion Dog show

for you and your dog

Saturday 11 May, 10.30am-12 noon  
Staunton-on-Wye Village Hall

#### 10am – Class Entries Taken 11am – Judging

Classes will take place outside so please wear appropriate clothing

Classes: 1) Best Veteran (7 years and over); 2) Best 6 Legs; 3) Waggiest Tail; 4) Best Turned Out Dog; 5) Best Mover (handler and dog!); 6) Best Rescue Dog; 7) Dog that the Judge would most like to take home; 8) Best of the Rest  
Plus Best In Show and Best Puppy

Entries £1 per Class



Refreshments Available

Any enquiries, contact Mary Bevan - 01981 501068 or  
Di Powell - 07824 646649

Proceeds to St Mary's Church, Staunton-on-Wye

Rogating stops. Dogs on leads welcome. If you prefer not to walk just join us at River Lodge (Rob and Tor's house) at 1.30pm. Suggested donation: £10 per adult or £30 for a family. Proceeds go to Monnington Church. Please book your place so that Rob and his team of hog roasters roast a sufficiently large amount of hog. Email Sarah at sargirling@aol.com or phone 01981 500601. For more details and shorter walk see website.

### Inter-parish Croquet Tournament

Have you thought about your potential team for this annual tournament at Eardisley Tennis and Croquet Club to be held on Saturday 25 May? This is an excellent opportunity to invite family and friends to a great social event.



## This week's events

### Monday May 6

2.00pm All Under a May Moon singing workshop, Weobley

### Tuesday May 7

10.00am - 12 noon Weobley Churchyard Clean and Tidy Up

### Thursday May 9

2.00pm Weobley Churchyard Clean and Tidy Up

### Saturday May 11

10.30am - 12 noon Coffee Morning & Companion Dog Show, Staunton Village Hall

3.00pm "All Shall Be Well" Celebration Eucharist for 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of first women to be ordained priests in Hereford Diocese, Hereford Cathedral

### Sunday May 12

12 noon Monnington Hog Rog, meet at the church