

Coming shortly

- 7 July 3.30pm Sung Evensong with the Choir of Holy Trinity, Hereford, followed by tea and cakes, St Mary's, Monnington
- 9 July 10.30am Second Tuesday Coffee, Weobley
- 9 July 10.45am Open The Book, Weobley Primary School
- 14 July 10.30am Sean's farewell service, Weobley Parish Church
- 30 July 7.30pm Sean's Induction at St Mary's Church, Ross-on-Wye

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

Weekday Communion BCP, Weobley, first Wednesday 10.30am

Healing Service with Communion, Weobley, last Tuesday 10.30am

Sunday Services next week (June 23)

Sarnesfield, 9.00am Service of the Word

Weobley, 10.30am Holy Communion BCP

Staunton Village Hall, 10.30am Holy Communion CW

Byford, 5.00pm Patronal Festival Communion

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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, June 16, 2019

From the Vicar

I have a month left as Rector of this Group of Parishes and I have very strong and mixed feelings about leaving. There is deep sadness at leaving the people and projects that have offered so much joy here but there is also excitement at making a new start and taking on a fresh challenge.

For you the interregnum will be a time of some anxiety but it should equally be a time for prayer, reflection and trust. Pray that God would call the right person to become your next Rector, reflect on what will enable your church to thrive going forward, and trust that those who will oversee the interregnum have your best interests at heart. Above all, trust God. It is his church before it is your church, and he surely wants the church here to flourish.

Blessings, Sean

Theme: Pentecost - the Holy Spirit speaks of the delight of the Father and Son in us

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 — Wisdom testifies to God our Creator's delight in us, and trust in us to look after His world [pp.691 & 596](#)

Romans 5:1-5 — Hope speaks to our assurance of God's love and future glory, knowing that in Jesus we have peace with Him [p.1184](#)

John 16:12-15 — The Spirit makes known to us the full truth of Jesus, drawing from the Father and the Son to disclose God's kingdom purposes [p.1136](#)

Also read: Psalm 8

Services Sunday 16 June

Weobley, 10.30am Holy Communion CW

Letton, 10.30am Matins (with Staunton congregation)

Weobley, 12.30pm Baptism

BCP: Book of Common Prayer, traditional form. CW: Common Worship, modern words

Prayer focus

For healing

Norman Skyrme (Weobley)

Martin Loveless

Harry Williams and his family

If you know of anyone who is unwell, please let Sean or any of the clergy know.

For God's comfort in bereavement

Friends of Anne Preece

For strength and justice

Rob and Carole Page

In our group of parishes

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.

The Weobley and Staunton Group of Parishes as they prepare for a period of interregnum in the summer

The Parish of Byford, Churchwardens Sue Hubbard and Maggi Denaro, and all the church community

Those who act as Vergers

Diocese of Hereford

The Dean, Chapter and congregation of Hereford Cathedral

Anglican church worldwide

The Anglican Church of Nigeria

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

Thy kingdom keeps on coming



Following the ten days of prayer that came to an end on Pentecost Sunday, when many people were praying for five chosen friends using the BLESS acrostic, the organisers have encouraged us to continue to pray in this way. Here's how it works: (B) is a blessing of body – health, protection, energy; (L) is for labour – employment situation, retirement, income; (E) bless them emotionally – with inner peace, the Lord's joy, wisdom, insight, patience; (S) socially – healthy relationships in marriages and families and friendships, reconciliation; and (S) bless spiritually – for repentance and salvation, faith and a walk of obedience.



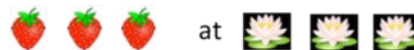
An ad hoc choir is being formed to sing at Sean's farewell service in Weobley Church on 14 July at 10.30am.

Any adult singers would be most welcome to join in.

Practices are in Weobley Church at 7.00pm on Fridays 28 June, 5 and 12 July (please enter via the south chancel door).

Do come along!

Summer Strawberry and Cream Tea



The Valletts, Kinnersley, HR3 6DN

Saturday 22 June, 2pm- 4pm

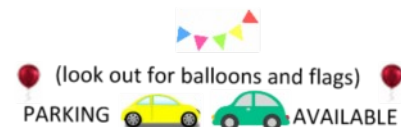
An opportunity to view an extensive water lily collection and have advice on anything aquatic from building a pond, maintenance, plant and fish life...

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



Special service at Byford this month

The day for celebrating the birth of John the Baptist is Monday, June 24, and the day before St John's, Byford, is celebrating its patronal festival.

The special service at 5pm on Sunday, June 23, will take the form of a patronal festival communion with Sean presiding and the recently-appointed Archdeacon of Hereford, the Ven. Derek Chedzey, preaching. The main Bible passages set for the day, Isaiah 40:1-11 and Luke 1:57-66 and 80, speak of John's birth and forerunner ministry, in

Isaiah's words, centuries before: "A voice of one calling: in the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God... and the glory of the Lord will be revealed."

Music will reflect the commemoration of John the Baptist and will be led by Jubilus Singers.

Please come and join us for

SUNG EVENSONG

With the choir of Holy Trinity,
Hereford

Sunday 7 July at 3.30pm

St Mary's Church, Monnington on
Wye

Followed by tea and cakes

This week's events

Tuesday June 18

10.45am Open The Book, Weobley Primary School

Saturday June 22

2.00-4.00pm Summer Strawberry and Cream Tea at The Valletts, Kinnersley, in aid of Letton Church

Sunday June 23

5.00pm Patronal Festival Communion, Byford