

Coming shortly

- 11 June 10.30am - 12 noon
Second Tuesday Coffee, Weobley
- 15 June 2.00pm Weobley Village
Summer Fete
- 18 June 10.45am Open The Book,
Weobley Primary School
- 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

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 9)

Sarnesfield, 9.00am Café Church

Weobley, 10.30am Holy Communion
CW

Norton Canon, 11.00am Holy
Communion BCP

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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, June 2, 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

Theme: Embracing the gospel brings eternal rewards, and temporal costs

Acts 16:16-34 — Faithful obedience to the gospel call brings reverse 'rewards' as Paul and Silas experience rough justice while gaining a strategic convert [p.1164](#)

Revelation 22:12-14,16-17, 20-21 — The water of life is freely available to all who choose to receive, and those who embrace Jesus' sacrifice will receive eternal reward [p.1302](#)

John 17:20-25 — Jesus prays for His followers to be to be one in Him, a witness to the world, and rewarded by seeing His glory [p.1137](#)

Also read: Psalm 97

Services Sunday 2 June

Weobley, 10.30am Holy Communion
BCP

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

Weobley, 4.00pm Taizé Worship

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 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 Sarnesfield, the Churchwardens Hilary Havard and Viv Leech, and all the church community

Those who clean our churches

Diocese of Hereford

Bishop Richard of Hereford; Bishop Alistair of Ludlow; Derek, Archdeacon of Hereford

Anglican church worldwide

The Anglican Church of Mexico

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

There is a Taizé service in Weobley Church today, Sunday 2 June, at 4.00pm

with worship characterised by easy to follow meditative singing and a quiet, candlelit atmosphere conducive to prayer and spiritual reflection. Everybody is welcome.



Thy Kingdom Come

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 inviting Christians to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. There will be a prayer walk around Weobley, starting from the Methodist Chapel at 11.00am on Wednesday 5 June, as part of this global prayer movement. If you can't join in the walk you are invited to pray from home.

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

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

Weobley Summer Fete

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered goods and manpower for the Weobley Fete on 15 June. If you would still like to have a job for part of the afternoon please offer your services to Liz or Alan. We are hugely grateful to many people in

the village who step forward at this time to make sure that Weobley church can have a successful fete.

Please bring donations of books, dvds, good china, bottles, toiletries, crafts, lucky dip prizes to church on 9 June where they can be collected after the service. Cakes and plants can be dropped at Glebe House.

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Inter-Parish Croquet Competition

Last Saturday's event was a keenly contested, generally good-natured occasion! Well done Sarnesfield, and joint runners up Byford, Letton and Weobley. The Vicar & Son and Monnington teams took wooden spoon honours.

This week's events

Sunday June 2

1.30 -5.00pm Weobley In Bloom Open Gardens

Wednesday June 5

11.00am 'Thy Kingdom Come' Prayer Walk, meet at the Methodist Chapel, Weobley

Saturday/Sunday June 8/9

10.15am Open Weekend, Sarnesfield

Sunday June 9

2.00-5.30pm Broxwood Court Open Gardens