

## Coming shortly

- 6 July 9.30am Sponsored Cyclothon and Coffee Morning, Staunton Village Hall
- 7 July 3.30pm Sung Evensong with the Choir of Holy Trinity, Hereford, followed by tea and cakes, St Mary's, Monnington
- 9 July 10.45am Open The Book, Weobley Primary School
- 14 July 10.30am Sean's farewell service, Weobley Parish Church
- 28 July 2.00pm–4.30pm First of this summer's Sunday Teas, St John the Baptist, Letton
- 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 30)

Weobley, 10.30am Holy Communion CW

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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 23, 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: God's order brings freedom from oppression

**Isaiah 65:1-9** — God offers salvation to people who do not worship Him, but their refusal of Him has consequences [p.803](#)

**Galatians 3:23-29** — In Christ Jesus we are set free from religion's captivity. We put on a new identity, now regarded as sons and heirs [p.1222](#)

**Luke 8:26-39** — A demonised man from Gentile Gadara is set free by Jesus. Others are fearful but he tells people what God has done for him [p.1090](#)

Also read:: Psalm 22:19-28

### Services Sunday 23 June

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

## 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

### *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 Staunton, the Parish Church Council and all the church community

Intercessors and Readers

### *Diocese of Hereford*

Diocesan officers and those who work in the Diocesan Offices

### *Anglican church worldwide*

The United Church of North India

### *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

### **Second Tuesday Coffee**

There will be no Second Tuesday Coffee in Weobley Parish Church on Tuesday 9 July. However, normal service will be resumed on Tuesday 13 August when we meet again for coffee and conversation.

### **The Living Word**

Last week's TLW (dated June 23) had the readings for June 30 (next week) and this week's edition (also dated June 23) has today's readings. Apologies for this error. The readings on page 1 are the readings on the church rota for June 23.

### **Weobley Summer Fete**

The provisional figure for money raised for church funds is around £2,500. Shelterbox Charity will receive £600 which will buy a shelter.



**Calling all Singers!**

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!

### **Special service at Byford today**

The day for celebrating the birth of John the Baptist is Monday, June 24, and today St John's, Byford, is celebrating its Patronal Festival.

The special service at 5.00pm today, 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

## Sponsored Cyclothon & Coffee Morning

**SATURDAY 6 JULY 2019**

**STAUNTON ON WYE VILLAGE HALL**

**from 9.30am**

A sponsored cyclothon, with a simple exercise bike taking centre stage

Sign up for as much or as little time you want to cycle for —  
2 minutes to 30 minutes on the bike

Get friends and family to sponsor you.

Sponsorship forms available online or from

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**Di Powell 07824646649**

or any member of St Mary's Church Fundraising Team

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

Refreshments provided  
Also Raffle – Cake Stall -- Bottle Stall

## This week's events

**Tuesday June 25**

10.30am Healing Service and Holy Communion BCP, Weobley

**Saturday June 29**

1.00pm Wedding, Weobley