

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 10.45am Open The Book, Weobley Primary School
- 12 July 6.00pm Walking Wine Trail & Tasting Menu, Byford. Meet at Byford Court
- 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 Collation and 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 (July 7)

Weobley, 10.30am Holy Communion BCP

Letton, 10.30am Holy Communion BCP

Monnington, 3.30pm Sung Evensong

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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 30, 2019

From the Vicar

I have three weeks 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: The Lord seeks out those who will live for Him

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 — Elijah returns to anoint new national leaders and his successor, Elisha [p.413](#)

Galatians 5:1, 13-25 — Committed Christians seek the Spirit's enabling, not rules. To walk by the Spirit is a choice to live in heavenly freedom

[p.1223](#)

Luke 9:51-62 — The kingdom of God comes with a cost and demands our full commitment [p.1092](#)

And also: Psalm 16

Services Sunday 30 June

Weobley, 10.30am Holy Communion CW

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

Family and friends of Aileen Ann Preece (Annie)

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 Monnington, the Churchwarden Ray Phillips and all the church community

Bell Ringers

Diocese of Hereford

Those who serve on the Diocesan Synod and all the other Diocesan Boards and Committees

Anglican church worldwide

The United Church of Pakistan

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.

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 5 and 12 July (please enter via the south chancel door). Do come along!

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



"A Walking Wine Trail & Tasting Menu"

in aid of Byford Church Bells Restoration

*Friday, 12 July 2019
6:00pm*

*Experience wines and food of
France, Spain, Italy &
Greece*

*Starting at
Byford Court, Byford HR4 7LD
followed by guided visits in
groups to our Byford hosts*

*Ending back at Byford Court
for puddings & cheeses and
accompanying wines & port*

BON VOYAGE!

£30 per head

Payment in advance please

Cheques to Byford PCC or cash to:

Martin Taylor,

Lower Farmhouse, Byford HR4 7LD

For details of payment by bank transfer (or further information) please email Martin at:

martin@mhtaylor.co.uk

Ample parking. Transport between houses available for those who need it

An Administrator has been appointed for our Group of Parishes. Her name is Emma Noble and she will begin work on 1 July. Her email address is administrator@weobleyandstaunton.co.uk and her phone number is 01432 761896.

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

Mary Bevan 01981 501068
mapabevan@btinternet.com or
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

Wednesday July 3

10.30am Holy Communion BCP, Weobley

Saturday July 6

9.30am Sponsored Cyclothon and Coffee Morning, Staunton-on-Wye Village Hall