

Coming shortly

- 2nd February 3.00 pm Wind in the Willows, Weobley Village Hall
- 2nd February 11.00am Weobley Parish Church - New Morning, Non - Eucharist Service with Chris Rhodes

The Living Word People & Steeple during the week for the *following* insert gives Bible readings with Sunday. Extra copies with *this* commentary to read and think about *Sunday's readings* are by the door.

Staunton & Weobley Group ministry & team

Weekday Services

Tuesday 28th January 10.30 am

Weobley Parish Church

Healing Service and Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday Services 26th January

10.30 am Weobley Parish Church

Holy Communion (BCP)

9.00 am Sarnesfield - Eucharist

10.30 am Staunton-on-Wye - Eucharist (Village Hall)

5.00 pm Byford - Eucharist

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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 19th January 2020

In universities there was a highly contagious disease amongst the undergraduates. It was called The Februaries, and it was at its most virulent during the second year. The terror of the first year was past, the horror of the third year still seemed far away; Christmas had come, days were dark, the daffodils hadn't come out. It was all quite depressing.

In church life, the anticipation of Advent and the joy of the Birth have slid into the non-event of Sundays after Epiphany, the oddity of the Gesimas (I'm Prayer Book at heart) and the prospect of forty days-worth of Lent. And the daffodils still haven't come out. It's all quite depressing.

Under such circumstances, it's tempting not to live in the present. But the present is where God is, obviously — otherwise, he can't have been in the past and he won't be in the future.

I remember once kneeling down and trying to remember every good thing that God had sent me over the years. It had a remarkable effect upon me. I only needed to do it once, and I've been able to live its lesson each present moment. You might try it for yourselves.

Canon Dr John Thewlis

Theme

Theme: In Jesus we find God's grace and renewal of life

Isaiah 49:1-7 — The servant of God will bring the light of salvation, not just to Jews but to every kind of people.

1 Corinthians 1:1-9 — The Corinth church is rich in the new life of Jesus, but all grace comes through fellowship with Jesus.

John 1:29-42 — John recognises how Jesus brings the Holy Spirit to renew and restore as well as being the sacrificial Lamb of God.

And also: Psalm 40:1-12

Services

Sunday 19th January

10.30 am Weobley

Eucharist CW

11.00 am Letton

Mattins

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

Prayer focus

For healing

Jan Griffiths (Weobley)
David Games

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

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 Parish of Monnington, the Churchwarden Ray Phillips and all the church community.

Those who act as Vergers

Diocese of Hereford

Bromyard

Our Rural Dean Guy Wilkinson and all those who serve on the Kington and Weobley Deanery Synod.

The wider Church

All other churches in Herefordshire and nationally and across the world who share with us to proclaim God's love to the world.

The Anglican Church worldwide

Pray for the United Church of Bangladesh.

The Collect

Almighty God,
by whose grace alone we are accepted
and called to your service:
strengthen us by your Holy Spirit
and make us worthy of our calling;
through Jesus Christ your Son our
Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

News



***Second Tuesday Coffee
in Weobley Parish Church
Tuesday 11 February 10:30 – 12.00pm***

*Please join us for coffee, cake and
conversation.*

*Further details from Pat Millington on
319330 or Wendy Hereford 319223*

Our New Rector

Following a successful Section 11 Meeting attended by all the seven parishes, our group of parishes has now moved into the early days of the recruitment process intended to find us a new rector. Advertising will begin next week on the Church of England jobs vacant Pathway and in *The Church Times* and applicants will be in touch with the Archdeacon of Hereford at The Diocesan Office in Hereford.

With hope for a number of good applicants, the interviews will be held over March 24th and 25th. The formal element of the interviews will be at The Palace on the 25th and led by our new bishop, Bishop Richard. The day before, the 24th, is given over to showing the candidates around the parishes and it may well be that representatives chosen for each parish will welcome help in hosting these visits.

So, we're moving forward, and let's pray that we are blessed by a good number of applicants to interview, and ultimately a well-matched candidate who feels called to our benefice as our new rector.



Rain or Shine Theatre Company

WEOBLEY VILLAGE HALL

Gadbridge Road, Weobley,
Hereford, HR4 8RZ

Sunday 2nd February 3:00 pm

Tickets: £10 Adult

£7.00 child (under 15)

Tickets from Wendy on 01544
319223/03306 600541 or on sale
at The Old School Shop, Portland
Street, Weobley.

Doors open 2.30 pm, interval with
refreshments available.

In aid of Weobley Parish Church

Credit card hotline 03306 600541
also bookings via rainorshine.co.uk