

## Coming shortly

- 2<sup>nd</sup> February 10.30am Weobley Parish Church - New Morning, Non - Eucharist Service with Chris Rhodes
- 2<sup>nd</sup> February 3.00 pm Wind in the Willows, Weobley Village Hall
- 22<sup>nd</sup> February 10.30 -12, Coffee Morning with pancakes - Staunton-On-Wye Village Hall.
- 25<sup>th</sup> February 11.00 am-12.15 pm 'Pancakes in the pews', Weobley Parish Church

**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 28<sup>th</sup> January 10.30 am

Weobley Parish Church

Healing Service and Holy Communion (BCP)

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### Sunday Services 2<sup>nd</sup> February

10.30 am Weobley Parish Church

New Morning - Non Eucharist Service

10.30 am Letton

Holy Communion BCP

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For more news, see also [www.weobleyandstaunton.co.uk](http://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 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020

The child of Bethlehem revealed to the Shepherds at Christmas and the infant worshipped by the Wise Men from the East at the Epiphany, is further remembered at Candlemas (2 Feb) when the child was presented in the Temple and Simeon declared him a "Light to lighten the Gentiles " remember this about him...

**Inexplicable circumstances led to His virgin birth. Hundreds of years and scores of ancient prophets had forecast His appearance. His town of birth was foretold to be Bethlehem.**

**His childhood home was foretold to be Nazareth. His fugitive hiding place was prophesied to be Egypt. His birth was prophesied to be by a virgin.**

**His lineage was announced 2,500 years earlier. He was to be Abraham, Isaac and Jacob's seed. He would be heir to David's throne.**

**He was likened to a shepherd and a lamb, a Father and a Son, the water and the bread of life, a prophet like Moses, a priest like Aaron, a King like David.**

**He was prefigured to be betrayed by a friend, sold for 30 pieces of silver, led like a lamb to the slaughter, beaten with stripes, and spend three days in the grave, and rise from the dead.**

Rev'd Charles Overton

### Theme

The light dawns, the Good News of the kingdom of God

**Isaiah 9:1-4** – Galilee, the land that fell under a shadow, is where God will choose to reveal Himself.

**1 Corinthians 1:10-18** — Paul explains the offensive but powerful truth of the Cross that spells good news for us.

**Matthew 4:12-23** — People of Galilee are the first to hear Jesus' call to turn, and receive the kingdom of God.

Also read: Psalm 27:1-11

### Services Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January

10.30 am Weobley

Holy Communion BCP

9.00 am Sarnesfield Eucharist

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

5.00 pm Byford Eucharist

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 Weobley, the Parochial Church Council and all the church community.

Intercessors and Readers

*Diocese of Hereford*  
Hereford (City & Rural)

The Dean, Chapter and congregation of Hereford Cathedral.

### *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 Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.

## The Collect

God our creator,  
who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness:  
we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief,  
shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of 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*

## COFFEE MORNING WITH PANCAKES

**SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY**

Staunton-on-Wye Village Hall

10.30 – 12:00

Plus Raffle, Cakes & Bottle Stall

All proceeds to St Marv's Church



## Flower Rota

*Do you enjoy seeing flowers in Weobley Church? If so please do consider adding your name to our flower rota that is on the church notice board. Experience is not necessary just an enjoyment of flowers and the willingness to place them in a vase or an arrangement. Add to the joy and beauty of our lovely church.*



Rain or Shine Theatre Company

## WEOBLEY VILLAGE HALL

Gadbridge Road, Weobley,  
Hereford, HR4 8RZ

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://rainorshine.co.uk)

## Churches Together in Weobley

Lent meetings are as follows  
(Wednesdays at 2.30 pm)

March 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th.

April 5th.  
at St Thomas's Presbytery.

Everyone welcome.