

## Coming shortly

- 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-12.30 pm 'Pancakes in the Pews', Weobley Parish Church
- 27<sup>th</sup> February Lent Lunches at Letton Church, 12 noon - 2 pm. Hosted by Jill Valentine (01544) 327535 and Lesley Overton (01544) 327912

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

26<sup>th</sup> February Ash Wednesday  
10.30 am Weobley Parish Church - Ash Wednesday Service  
7.30 pm Weobley Parish Church - Ash Wednesday Service

### Sunday Services 23<sup>rd</sup> February

#### 10.30 am Weobley Parish Church

#### Holy Communion BCP

#### 9.00 am Sarnesfield

#### Service of The Word

#### 10.30 am Staunton-on-Wye

#### Eucharist

#### 5.00pm Byford - Evensong

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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 16<sup>th</sup> February 2020

The recent weather speaks more of winter than of spring, of Christmas than of Easter. But despite the dearth of daffodils, it's Easter that's now coming into view. How much preparation does Easter call for?

Traditionally, it's been the 40 days of Lent — weekdays only, by the way, because Sunday is always a day of celebration. But there have also always been what we now call Sundays before Lent or, as the BCP more picturesquely calls them, Septuagesima (about 70 days to go), Sexagesima (about 60) and Quinquagesima (about 50).

This probably all started because it's still winter and food supplies were traditionally low. Doing without, or deciding to do without, was turned to spiritual advantage: more prayer, more study and more thought, instead of going to the pub or to the pantry. For many people, that discipline still works. For many more, unfortunately, it still has to work. Bujt there is also a third way.

Southwark Diocese for years has had a Bishop's Lent Call — a yearly group of charities to which individual parishioners are urged to give extra money as an offering, as a sacrifice. It's as good a discipline as any at this time of year.

John Thewlis

### Theme

Loving God is living a transformed life in Jesus.

Genesis 1.1 -2.3

Romans 8.18-25

Matthew 6.25 - end

Also read: Psalm 119:1-8

### Services Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February

10.30 am Weobley

Eucharist (CW)

10.30 am Letton

Matins

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 Norton Canon, the Churchwardens Kim Hendricksen and Judy Pritchard, and all the church community.

The staff, Rev Susan Verwey, Rev Martin Loveless, Rev Charles Overton and Henry Verwey.

### *Diocese of Hereford*

Leominster

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

### *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 Church of the Province of Central Africa.

## The Collect

### **2 before Lent, 16 February**

Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

## News



**Second Tuesday Coffee  
in Weobley Parish Church  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 10:30 – 12.00pm**

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

Do note that the Second Tuesday Coffee Morning on **10<sup>th</sup> March** in Weobley Parish Church will be followed by a Lent Soup and Roll Lunch, so put a note in your diary to come for coffee and stay for lunch.

*Further details from Wendy Hereford  
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## **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 Mary's Church



Back by popular demand our annual celebration of;

## **Pancakes in the Pews**

in Weobley Parish Church  
Tuesday 25 February 1100 – 1230.  
Hot drinks and our incredible 'as many as you can eat for £1 each' offer.  
Please join us and our cooking duo.



This year we have five Lent Lunches and the dates are;

Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> February - Letton Church  
Wed 4<sup>th</sup> March, Staunton on Wye  
Sat 7<sup>th</sup> March - Sarnesfield Court  
Tues 10<sup>th</sup> March - Weobley Parish Church  
Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Bridge Sollers/Byford

More details about the venue and the times are set out on page 4 in 'Coming Shortly'.

For more information on Forage Aid  
Please visit: [www.forageaid.org.uk](http://www.forageaid.org.uk)

## **NEWS FROM STAUNTON-ON-WYE**



12 Tower roof retiling in progress [4.9.19]

We are near completion of the restoration and improvement work at St Mary's. Please check out the Weobley and Staunton Facebook page or visit [www.weobleyandstaunton.co.uk](http://www.weobleyandstaunton.co.uk), clicking on the churches tab followed by Staunton-on-Wye for more photos. More news to follow shortly.