

Coming shortly

- 1st March Letton 4pm - St Davids Day Song Festival
- 4th March Lent Lunch at The Orchard (opposite Jarvis Close), Staunton-on-Wye, HR4 7NF. Hosted by Hilary Alcock, (01981) 5011157
- 7th March Lent Lunch at Sarnesfield Court, Sarnesfield, HR4 8RE. Hosted by the Sarnesfield Ladies (01544) 318795
- 10th March - Lent Lunch at Weobley Parish Church hosted by Weobley PCC, (01544 319223 - Wendy Hereford)
- 25th March - Hereford Cathedral - Remembered in Prayer

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

Wednesday 4th 10:30 am

Holy Communion (BCP) at Ann Lawrence's House.

Tuesday 24th 10.30 am

Healing Service Holy Communion BCP

Sunday Services 8th March

10.30 am Weobley Parish Church

Eucharist CW

11.00 am Norton Canon

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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 1st March 2020

Lent has now started and 40 days lie ahead of us!

Psychologists know that 40 days is just the right length of time to pick up a new habit or to break an old one. If you do something consistently for 40 days, it's likely to have become 'normal' and you're likely to carry it on into the future. Lent lasts 40 days - maybe the ancients knew that when they suggested that Lent last exactly that long - as well as linking to the gospel's 40 days of Jesus' temptations in the wilderness.

Lent is a time for change; for stopping ways of behaviour that aren't helpful and for trying out something new that might be more positive. That's why some people give something up; alcohol or chocolate are traditional, but how about giving up plastic, or gossip, or getting angry - or whatever bad habit you've got into. Others choose instead to start something new - a new pattern of prayer or bible reading, or being more generous with money, time or kind acts, or getting in touch with old friends again.

The Rev'd Guy Wilkinson

Theme: God presents us with choices, whether or not to trust Him

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 — Adam and Eve are deceived into acting independently from God in the Garden of Eden, introducing sin to mankind's ancestry

Romans 5:12-19 — Paul teaches the origins of our sin and its remedy, the grace that comes from accepting the gift of God in Jesus

Matthew 4:1-11 — Satan fails to deceive Jesus into serving His own purposes and Jesus breaks the power of the lies by speaking out truth

Also read: Psalm 32

Services Sunday 1st March

10.30 am Weobley Parish Church

Morning Praise non Eucharist

4.00 pm Letton

St David's Day Song Festival

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

Prayer focus

For healing

Jan Griffiths (Weobley)

David Games

Pat Claytor

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 Staunton-on-Wye, the Parish Church Council and all the church community.

Those involved in work with children and young people.

Diocese of Hereford

Bridgnorth

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 Iglesia Anglicana de Chile.

The Collect

1st Sunday of Lent 1 March

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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
10:30 – 12.00pm**

Please join us for coffee, cake and conversation.

Do note that the Second Tuesday Coffee Morning on **10th 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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Y GYMANFA GANU (Song Festival)

St. John the Baptist Church, Letton
St. David's Day
Sunday 1st March, 2020 at 4pm

An opportunity to join an informal sing song English and Welsh tunes (mostly English words)

Followed by a Welsh tea.

Croeso- young and old

Donations in aid of Letton Church

Churches Together in Weobley

Lent meetings are as follows
(Wednesdays at 2.30 pm)

March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
and April 1st

St Thomas's Presbytery
Kington Road Weobley.

Everyone welcome.



This year we have Lent Lunches and the dates are as follows;

Wed 4th March, Staunton on Wye
Sat 7th March - Sarnesfield Court
Tues 10th March - Weobley Parish Church
Thurs 2nd 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



Hereford Cathedral In our Prayers

With the prayers and good wishes of Chapter and the Cathedral Community

The Parishes of

Letton with Staunton-on-Wye, Mansell Gamage with Byford & Monnington-on-Wye, Weobley with Sarnesfield and Norton Canon

Will be remembered in Prayer at Hereford Cathedral on

25th March 2020