

Coming shortly

- 10th March 10.30 am Weobley Parish Church, Second Tuesday Coffee
- 10th March - Lent Lunch at Weobley Parish Church 12-2 pm hosted by Weobley PCC, (01544 319223 - Wendy Hereford)
- 25th March - Hereford Cathedral - Remembered in Prayer
- 2nd April, 12-2 pm Lent Lunch at The Salmon, Bridge Sollers, HR4 7JH. Hosted by Helen Cotterell and Lynn Compton (01981) 590605 07775 751122
- 2nd April - 6pm Weobley High School 'Sing for the Soul', 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

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Tuesday 24th March 10.30 am
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Sunday Services 15th March

10.30 am Weobley Parish Church

Eucharist CW

10.30 am Letton

Matins

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For more news, see also 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 8th March 2020

A parable from potholes

Anyone who drives in rural Herefordshire is familiar with potholes! The best attempts by Balfour-Beatty to patch them up seem doomed to comparatively quick failure, especially with the weather we have had this winter.

I was talking to a somewhat pessimistic character recently who commented that what was needed was a complete reconstruction of the road base, surface and drainage. He is probably right, but I guess it won't happen for quite some time, especially in view of the Council's lack of funds. But our reading from John this Sunday says that complete renewal and reconstruction has to happen in our lives, even if we are a morally upright pillar of society like Nicodemus. Jesus told him that he had to be born from above, or, as some will remember the phrase used in former years 'born again'. That means that 'patching up' jobs, like those New Year Resolutions which have long been given up and our good intentions about Lent, aren't really what's needed in our lives if we follow Jesus. No, what is needed is a new birth, a new life.

Following Jesus is all about being re-constructed, reborn spiritually. We will soon be observing Passion Week and celebrating Easter, and these are occasions that remind us that, because of the events of that week, faith in Jesus and what happened to Him then, it is possible for each of us to be completely renewed and 're-constructed'. As it says in the second Letter to the Corinthians 5: 17 'If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!'

Peter Houghton

Theme

How to be completely accepted by Almighty, holy God

Genesis 12:1-4a – God promises to make a nation through Abram, who takes God at His word and sets off to the unknown

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 – Like Abraham, we are made right with God by believing Him, not by any merit from our good works

John 3:1-17 – Jesus tells Nicodemus, 'The teacher of Israel', that even he needs to be born again spiritually to enter the kingdom of God

Also read: Psalm 121

Services Sunday 8th March

10.30 am Weobley Parish Church - Eucharist

11.00 am Norton Canon

Matins

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

Those who tend our graveyards.

Diocese of Hereford

Clun Forest

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 Province de L'Eglise Anlcane Du Congo

The Collect

2nd Sunday of Lent 8 March

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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
01544 319223*

Churches Together in Weobley

Lent meetings are as follows
(Wednesdays at 2.30 pm)

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

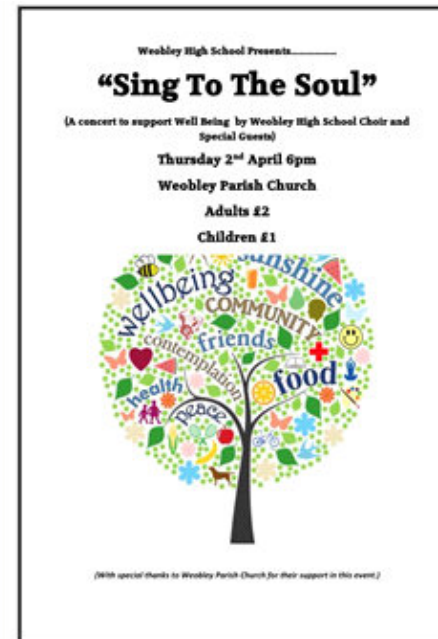
St Thomas's Presbytery
Kington Road, Weobley.

Everyone welcome.

WEOBLEY HIGH SCHOOL

“ Sing To The Soul”

April 2nd 6 pm, Weobley Parish Church



This year we have Lent Lunches in support of Forage Aid and the dates are as follows;

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