

## Coming shortly

- 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-12.30 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

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 10.30 am  
Weobley Parish Church  
Holy Communion BCP

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### Sunday Services 9<sup>th</sup> February

10.30 am Weobley Parish Church

Eucharist CW

11.00 am Norton Canon

Holy Communion BCP

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020

All life has its rhythms, some visible and well known, others less visible but impacting on our lives nonetheless. The changing seasons in our part of the world are perhaps the most visible and as we see the snowdrops appearing and the buds beginning to form, we see the seasonal rhythm moving from Winter to Spring.

In our lives we move from infancy to childhood, through adulthood, middle and old age. There is our daily circadian rhythm, known to us in waking and sleeping and to the plants as they too track the effects of the sun.

And the Church has long recognised these rhythms which give pattern and meaning to our lives with its own pattern entwined with the natural rhythms, but also with the moments which give eternal meaning to our lives: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost and Trinity.

This Sunday is a moment when the rhythm changes as we come to Candlemas or the Presentation of Christ in the Temple and turn away from Christmas and Epiphany towards Lent and Easter. We remember our baptism candle and celebrate the light of Christ, the Light of the world.

There is an old country proverb: "If Candlemas be fair and bright, / Come, Winter, have another flight. / If Candlemas brings clouds and rain, / Go, Winter, and come not again." So, celebrate Candlemas and put winter to flight.

Rev'd Guy Wilkinson

### Theme

#### Candlemas

Malachi 3. 1-5  
Hebrews 2. 14-end  
Luke 2. 22-40

Also read: Psalm 24

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

10.30 am Weobley

New Morning Service

- non Eucharist

10.30 am Letton

Holy Communion BCP

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 Letton, the Churchwarden Derys Maddox and all the church community.

Bell ringers

*Diocese of Hereford*  
Kington and Weobley

Diocesan officers and those who work in the Diocesan Offices.

### *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 Anglican Church of Burundi.

## The Collect

### Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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 Mary'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.  
at St Thomas's Presbytery.

Everyone welcome.