



Churches Together in Weobley - Lent Study Sessions

The CTIW Lent Study Group meets every Wednesday at **3.30 pm** on Zoom with Father Simon. Everyone is welcome to join us and log in details are: Meeting ID:3963926721 Password: 948071

The Living Word is a Bible study on the set readings www.thelivingword.uk. A linked article explores the message from this week's theme: 'How Salvation Comes', see <http://bit.ly/Feb28article>

Staunton & Weobley Group ministry & team

Sunday 7th March

10.30 am - Zoom and live-stream

Holy Communion (BCP)

5.30 pm Zoom Service

Evening Prayer (BCP)

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Weobley, Sarnesfield, Norton Canon,

Staunton-on-Wye, Byford, Monnington, Letton

Sunday 28th February 2021

It has been said that a cultural shift occurred in the West in the 1970s. Before then, society valued self-denial or 'deferred gratification'. Spouses sacrificed, even if it meant holding two jobs and accepting transfers to other cities, in pursuit of long-term goals. Parents trapped in an unsatisfying marriage stayed together for the sake of the children. In the 1970s the rules changed: the self-denial ethic morphed into a self-fulfilment ethic. We listen to our emotional needs and want them fulfilled now, without sacrifice, without waiting. We buy whatever we want on credit and jettison anything that proves complicated or irksome; like a troublesome marriage, for instance.

This is a form of infantilisation. Learning to wait and learning to hear the answer "no" is part of growing up. Babies and toddlers scream when they are denied, If a grown adult behaves in the same way it raises eyebrows, to say the least. And yet, this 'have it now' culture, with its concomitant infantilisation, does not seem to have produced much joy.

In Lent we remember especially the words of Jesus... "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." That way lies joy.

Rev'd Charles Overton



Theme: Salvation comes by our trust in God

OT: Genesis 17:1-8, 15-16

God extends His earlier covenant promise beyond the nation of Israel

NT letter: Romans 4:13-25

Salvation by faith in Christ Jesus is a truth rooted in Abraham's righteousness

NT gospel: Mark 8:31-38

Jesus explains how the Messiah must suffer rejection and death

And also read: Psalm 22:23-31

Sunday 28th February

10.30 am Norton Canon

Holy Communion (BCP)
Physical, recorded and posted to Facebook.

10.30 am Zoom Service
Holy Communion live stream to Facebook

5.30 pm Zoom Service

Evening Prayer (BCP)
with #LiveLent discussion

BCP: Book of Common Prayer

Prayer focus



If you know of anyone who is unwell, or if you would like us to pray for anyone whatever the reason, please let the Administrator or any of the clergy know.

For healing

Desiree Potter (Sarnesfield)

Those who have recently passed

Alice Leech (Weobley)

For God's Comfort in Bereavement

The family of Alice Leech

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 Parish Church Council and all the church community.

Those who clean our churches throughout the Benefice.

In the Diocese of Hereford:

Bishop Richard of Hereford and Derek, Archdeacon of Hereford.

Ludlow Deanery

The Wider Community

Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America.

The Collect

Second Week of Lent

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.

Worship & Prayer



Weobley and Staunton Group of Parishes Online Services

Physical Holy Communion (BCP) Service from Norton Canon Church at 10.30 am (Available to watch at You Tube shortly after).
10.30 am Zoom Service will be live-streamed to Facebook.

Zoom Evening Prayer at 5.30 pm with #LiveLent discussion.

www.weobleyandstaunton.co.uk
The Weobley and Staunton Group of Parishes Facebook Page
The Weobley and Staunton Group of Parishes You Tube channel

The Zoom link is

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81946640814>

The Service sheet can be found on the group website. Under the 'week by week' tab, click on Services.

Lenten News

#LiveLent God's Story, Our Story

How to get involved



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Last Sunday afternoon, at Evening Prayer, we had the first in a continuing series of 'Conversations for Lent' and those joining the Zoom service seemed to enjoy the alternative approach to the service. This Sunday, at 5.30pm, and again without a Homily, we will be having an open discussion on the week's #LiveLent theme. Do feel free to ask questions and join in with the conversation.



This will be the format each week throughout Lent except Sunday 14th March when Bishop Richard will be preaching at our Evening prayer Zoom Service and we look forward to that.

You may have received #LiveLent booklets from the Benefice but if not the resource can be accessed through

on App available online. More information can be found at: www.churchofengland.org/resources/livelent-2021-church-resourcesgods-story-our-story

Lenten Lunches

For many years now, since they were initiated by Susan and Henry Verwey, our parishes have been hosting Lenten Lunches in order to raise funds for a charity or needy cause most generally beyond our benefice boundaries. In the early years we collected very generously for WaterAid. More recently we have moved nearer to home, collecting as much as £1,800 from six or seven luncheons for charities such as The Mothers' Union in Hereford, The Cart Shed in Norton Canon, and Forage Aid - a charity supporting farmers impacted by extreme weather events.

Sadly, we can no longer meet as groups indoors - for only a little while longer we hope - and we just thought if you are enjoying a bowl of soup at home during this Lenten time and feel minded to support one of these charities with a modest donation then they can all be found very easily via their websites. Much will happen between now and next year but let's hope and pray that one thing we can do easily enough is get back to the kitchen table for another series of Lenten Lunches. Suggestions for charities are always welcomed by your churchwardens.