



Coming Shortly

CTIW Lent Bible Study, every Wednesday at 3.30 pm
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In-Church Services for Holy Week

Sunday March 28, Staunton-on-Wye -- Palm Sunday Holy Communion CW 10.30am

Easter Sunday, April 4

- 9.00am Sarnesfield Church
- 9.00am Norton Canon Church
- 10.30 am Staunton-on-Wye Church
- 10.30 am Byford Church
- 10.30 am Letton Church
- 3.30 pm Monnington-on-Wye Church



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: 'The Reality of Jesus' Lordship', see <http://bit.ly/March28article>

Staunton & Weobley Group ministry & team

4th April 2021 - Easter Sunday

From 9am
In-church services will be held at six of our parishes - see above for times and venues.

5.30pm
Home Zoom Service, Evening Prayer 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 March 28, 2021

The last week of Jesus life begins with a triumphal entry into Jerusalem... greeted by a large crowd and very popular... they waved palms and strewed them over the road. His entry fulfilled the prophecy of *Zechariah 9:9* ... "Behold, your king is coming!"

After his arrival, Jesus entered the temple, "cleansing" it, asserting his right to govern temple life. Then, leaving Jerusalem, he saw a fig tree and cursed it. The fig tree represented Israel and was barren. The king was not happy with the fruit his kingdom was producing. Then, over the next couple of chapters, he engages in a series of verbal battles with the religious leaders. The king demanded that his people listen to him, not even to their own teachers.

But most of the people apparently turned against him. Why? If they were the same people, perhaps it was disappointment that, as king, he was not driving out the Romans? Or perhaps it was that the pro-Jesus folk were frightened to stand up to the 'powers that be'. Two thousand years later, Myanmar, Hong Kong and Iran are places where it pays to keep your head down ... even large crowds can be suppressed by power.

Rev'd Charles Overton

The supreme, exalted Lordship of Jesus

OT - Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Prophetic praise is a fitting tribute to the One who has become our salvation.

NT letter - Philippians 2:5-11
Jesus who is God took the form of a servant, able to empty Himself of all privileges to become like us.

NT gospel - Mark 11:1-11,
Jesus riding the donkey colt is a picture of a saving and serving Messiah.

Sunday March 28

10.30 am Staunton-on-Wye

Palm Sunday, Holy Communion CW
Physical, recorded and posted to Facebook at 11.45.

10.30 am Home Zoom Service
Holy Communion (BCP)

5.30 pm Home Zoom Service
Evening Prayer (BCP)

BCP: Book of Common Prayer
CW: Common Worship

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 those that have recently passed

Edward Price (Staunton), John Anderson (Weobley), Alice Leech (Weobley), Desiree Potter (Sarnesfield)

For God's comfort in bereavement

All Edward's family at this time.

John's wife Lorraine and daughter Harriet, along with family and friends.

Family and friends of Alice Leech.

Family and friends of Desiree Potter.

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 Byford, the Churchwardens Sue Hubbard and Maggi Denaro, and all the church community.

All our bellringers

In the Diocese of Hereford:

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

Bromyard Deanery

The Wider Community

Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

The Collect

Palm Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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.

Worship & Prayer



Weobley and Staunton Group of Parishes Online Services

Physical Holy Communion (CW) Service from Staunton-on-Wye at 10.30 am (available to watch on Facebook shortly after)

10.30 am Zoom Service
Holy Communion (CW)

5.30pm Zoom Evening Prayer (BCP)

www.weobleyandstaunton.co.uk
The Weobley and Staunton Group of Parishes Facebook Page
<https://www.facebook.com/weobleyandstaunton>

The Weobley and Staunton Group of Parishes YouTube channel
<https://youtube.com/channel/UCehMLgFS1arjc0mmY6L8TcA>

The Zoom link is
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81946640814>

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



March 28th - April 4th Gently, but with a familiar, pleasing subtlety, we seem to be drifting into Spring and each year in the run up to Easter Sunday we mark Jesus' last week on earth with a range of services. On-going Coronavirus protocols make some of them impossible to hold this year, and with that in mind we must forego - just this year - the Ecumenical Walk of Witness through Weobley.

We are returning to physical services this weekend - Palm Sunday - and then on Easter Sunday, and of course all the distancing protocols will be observed. During the week, there will be a series of online services in which we will celebrate the Stations of the Cross over three evenings, celebrate a Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday and on Good Friday an afternoon service of Passion Readings.

Sunday 28th 10.30am - Palm Sunday Service at St Mary's, Staunton-on-Wye.

Monday 29th 8pm - Stations of the Cross and Compline. Online (Zoom).

Tuesday 30th 8pm - Stations of the Cross and Compline. Online (Zoom).

Wednesday 31st 8pm - Stations of the Cross and Compline. Online (Zoom).

Thursday 1st April 8pm - Holy Communion with Easter Homily. St Nicholas, Norton Canon. Physical Service. Live-streamed to Facebook.

Friday 2nd April 2pm - Passion Readings Service. Online (Zoom) Service.

The online Zoom Service Link for the above services will be the same as the Sunday link.

On Easter Sunday there will be Holy Communion services around the parishes and these will be physical services with strict distancing protocols as per Church of England guidelines. The list of times can be seen on page 4

News



British Summer Time Begins

Don't forget to put your clock's forward this weekend!