

News and contacts for the Weobley & Staunton Benefice Weobley, Letton, Sarnesfield, Norton Canon, Staunton-on-Wye, Byford, and Monnington-on-Wye

## Church Services:

**Sunday 2nd March** 9.00am Norton Canon BCP Holy Communion,  
10.30am Weobley Morning Praise

**Ash Wednesday 5th March** 10.00am Weobley Communion with imposition of ashes

**Sunday 9th March** 10.30am Staunton-on-Wye Village Hall Café Service,  
10.30am Weobley Eucharist CW

**Sunday 16th March** 9.00am Letton Service of the Word, 10.30am Byford Holy Communion BCP,  
10.30am Weobley Holy Communion BCP

## Why remain in the Church of England?

Given all of the bad press the CofE has received over the last few months, and the disappointment that some may feel after decisions made at General Synod, I thought this very eloquent article by Frances Ward to be worth sharing (published in *The Church Times* 7<sup>th</sup> February).

<https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2025/7-february/comment/opinion/why-i-will-remain-in-the-church-of-england>

### Lent – a season for reflection

The season of Lent, leading up to the events of Holy Week and the story of Easter, is a time for us to take stock of our spiritual journey thus far.

The Church of England has produced a Lenten series entitled 'Living Hope' which includes a daily reflection for the 40 days of Lent. The readings and reflections explore how we can have hope in times of frustration or uncertainty; the hope found in joining with others; the invitation to notice signs of hope around us; the courage to face reality and pursue a hopeful future; and the ways God transforms death into life at Easter. This is available as a booklet for sale or you can sign up with your email and have the reflection sent to you each day for free.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-life/what-we-believe/lent-holy-week-and-easter/living-hope-resources-lent-2025>

If you would prefer to participate in a Lenten face-to-face group study, I am running a Lent Course entitled 'Stations of the Resurrection', for five Wednesday afternoons, 12<sup>th</sup> March to 9<sup>th</sup> April, at 2.30pm in the parish room of St Thomas Catholic Church Parish, Kington Rd, Weobley, HR4 8QS. In this interactive course we will consider various readings from the gospels and journey along with the disciples through episodes of amazement, confusion, questioning and exhilaration to delve deeper into the meaning of the resurrection. All are welcome!

**Rev'd Philip**

Our next edition of People & Steeple will cover Sunday 16th, 23rd & 30th March.  
Deadline for this 3 week edition will be Wednesday 12th March at 12 noon.

Almighty Father,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him  
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**The Sunday before Lent 2nd March 2025**

**Reading:**

2 Corinthians 3:12-4.2

**Gospel reading:**

Luke 9.28-36

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.

**The First Sunday of Lent 9th March 2025**

**Reading:**

Romans 10. 8b-13

**Gospel reading:**

Luke 4.1-13

*Prayer Focus*

***If you know anyone for whom we could offer prayers, please inform the Clergy Team or Admin.***

Please pray for the family and friends of Jean Chant from Staunton-on-Wye as they mourn her loss. Jean's Funeral will be Tuesday 4th March at 2.00pm at St Mary's Church, Staunton-on-Wye.

**Our Church**—Please pray for the Parish of Weobley, the Parish Church Council and all the church community—Please pray for the parish of Letton, the Parish Church Council and all the church community —Please pray for Bridgnorth Deanery.

**Our Nation**—Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal , Pray for the appeal to be well supported, and pray for Marie Curie nurses in the vital but also demanding work they do.—Pray for the various community and school events, often involving pancakes, that mark Shrove Tuesday.—As Lent begins, pray for Ash Wednesday services and events, and for our keeping of this season of fasting and preparation. Pray for those leading and attending Lent groups and other activities.

**Our World**—Pray for the Church-based Wilhelm-Loehe school in Nuremberg. Thank God for the partnership which some of our Herefordshire schools have enjoyed with them, and pray that these links will be strengthened.

## Electoral Roll Deadline

The new electoral roll forms will need to be completed and returned to your Parish Electoral Roll Officer by the end of March 2025. The officers in each church are:

**Weobley** – Pat Millington   **Norton Canon** – Kim Hendricksen

**Sarnesfield** – Roger Marshall   **Byford**- Sue Hubbard

**Monnington** – Jacqueline Grist   **Staunton** – Barbara Arthur

**Letton** – Anna Hock and Jane Bryan

## Electoral Roll



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Church Electoral Roll 2025

# CHURCH NOTICES

## WEOBLEY VERGER—POSITION VACANT

We currently have a need for a volunteer verger in Weobley Church, setting up for regular Sunday services. A fee is available for assisting with Weddings and Funerals. **Please contact Rev'd Philip if you are interested.**

## MORNING PRAYER—WEOBLEY

9.00am Morning Prayer each Wednesday in Weobley will be held in the Church from 12th March onward. There is no morning prayer on Wednesday 5th March.

## *Dates for your Diary*

**4th Mar 11.00am-1.00pm**

Pancakes in the Pews  
Weobley Parish Church

**5th Mar 10.00am** Ash Wednesday

Communion with imposition of ashes  
Weobley Parish Church

**12.30pm– 2.00pm**

Lent Lunch The Vallets, Letton

**8th Mar 9.30am– 11.00am**

Coffee Morning with Pancakes  
Staunton-on-Wye Village Hall

**9th Mar 10..30am** Café Church

With guest speaker  
Staunton-on-Wye Village Hall

**10th Mar 3.00pm**

Byford PCC Meeting

**11th Mar 10.30am—12.00pm**

Coffee Morning  
Weobley Parish Church

**12th Mar 2.30pm**

CTiW Lent Course  
Catholic Church,  
Weobley

**14th Mar 12.00pm-2.00pm**

Lent Lunch  
Sarnesfield Court

**18th Mar 7.00pm**

JBC Meeting

## WEOBLEY & STAUNTON JOINT BENEFICE APCM DATES 2025

**THURSDAY 1ST MAY 10.00AM**

SARNESFIELD

**TUESDAY 6TH MAY 7.00PM**

STAUNTON-ON-WYE

**WEDNESDAY 7TH MAY 3.00PM**

BYFORD

**SUNDAY 18TH MAY 11.40PM**

WEOBLEY

**WEDNESDAY 21ST MAY 2.00PM**

LETTON

**NORTON CANON**

DATE TO BE CONFIRMED

**MONNINGTON-ON-WYE**

DATE TO BE CONFIRMED



# What's On!

## Pancakes in the Pews



11.00am  
-  
1.00pm

**Tuesday 4th March 2025**

*Come Celebrate this Shrove Tuesday together with our delicious Pancakes in the Pews & coffee and chat too.....Yummy!*

**Weobley Parish Church**



## Ash Wednesday

Join us as the season of Lent begins on **Wednesday 5th March** with Ash Wednesday.

We are holding our Benefice Ash Wednesday Communion Service in **Weobley Parish Church at 10.00am**

## COFFEE MORNING

*With Pancakes*

**SATURDAY, 8TH MARCH** 9.30AM - 11.00AM

Come along to enjoy delicious homemade pancakes, great coffee and warm conversation while in support of our beloved St Mary's church



**STAUNTON-ON-WYE VILLAGE HALL, HR4 7LR**

## Cafe Church Service



**Sunday 9th March**  
**10.30am**

With guest Speaker the High Sheriff of Herefordshire

**Patricia Churchward**



**Staunton-on-Wye Village Hall**  
**HR4 7LR**



# What's On!

## COFFEE MORNING



TUESDAY 11TH MARCH 2025

10.30 AM - 12.00 PM

Tea \*Coffee \*Cakes \*Biscuits  
Friendly Chat

WEOBLEY PARISH CHURCH

2nd Tuesday of every month

## CTiW Lent Course



### 'The Stations of the Resurrection'

'He is not here - he has risen.'

This Lent course explores some of the encounters with the risen Christ recorded in the gospels. We will journey along with the disciples through episodes of amazement, confusion, questioning and exhilaration to delve deeper into the mystery and significance of the resurrection. Led by Rev Philip Harvey

Meeting Every Wednesday in Lent at  
2.30pm,  
starting 12th March - 9th April

St Thomas Parish Room, Weobley


All Welcome



## LENT LUNCHES


Wednesday 5th March 12.30-2pm

The Vallets, Letton, Herefordshire HR3 6DN

Contact: Lesley Overton  07757 635261

Friday 14th March 12.00-2.00pm

Sarnesfield Court, Sarnesfield, Herefordshire HR4 8RE

Contact: Roger Marshall  07771 933808

Tuesday 25th March 12.00-2.00pm

Weobley Parish Church, Weobley HR4 8SD

Contact: Carole Page  carolepage@hotmail.co.uk

Thursday 10th April 12.00-2.00pm

Common Farm, Byford Common, Hereford HR4 7JZ

Contact: Maggi Denaro  mags.denaro@yahoo.co.uk

This year we are asking for donations towards the Joint  
Benefice Council's chosen Charity:  
City of Sanctuary (Hereford)



# Easter Bunny Drive

Friday 28th March

Easter Prizes

All proceeds raised for Letton & Staunton on Wye Churches

Raffle

£5.00 per family

Family Fun

Children must be accompanied by an adult



Refreshments

Doors Open:  
6.00pm

Drive starts:  
6.30pm

For more information please contact  
Jane Bryan on 01544 321922



Staunton-on-Wye Village Hall, HR4 7LR