

**THE PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF
HEREFORD, WEOBLEY, HR4 8QS AND
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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, year C



'The darkest day.' May 19th. 1780

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COVID & FLU: Please take all normal precautions,
Weobley Mass will continue to be Zoomed.
Zoom ID:768 558 1521 and Password:1rZ7LU

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From today we will be using the new Lectionary

Sat. Nov.30 Mass of Sunday, Kington 6.00pm.

Int – Pat Roberts

Sun.Dec. 01 1st. Sunday of Advent Mass 10.30

Int. Pat Walls

BRING AND SHARE LUNCH 12.00

Mon.	02	Mass Weob. 10.00Z - feria
Tue.	03	Mass Weob. 10.00Z – S.Francis Xavier
Wed.	04	Mass, K'ton 10.30 - feria
Thur.	05	NO Mass
Fri.	06	Mass Weob. 3.00 – feria
Sat.	07	Mass of Sunday, Kington 6,00pm.
Sun.	08	2nd.SUNDAY OF ADVENT Mass Weobley 10.30am.Z

Please remember in your prayers Pat Walls, Tricia
Carter's mother, who died at Warwick Hospital
last Wednesday. Please remember Tricia and all
her family. Her funeral will be at St.Thomas',
Weobley at 12.00 on Thursday December 19th.

THINK FOOD BANK: esp. Long life milk and
everything else besides.

**PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA**, that they may be well served by
President Donald Trump and his Administration.

**PRAY FOR ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE MIDDLE-
EAST.** May lasting peace come to Jesus' own
country, and the success of all peace initiatives.

Pray for lasting peace in the Ukraine and a change
of the Russian mind, especially the church.

PLEASE PRAY for AFGHANISTAN and IRAN
struggling for humane government and basic rights
for women

FOR ALL BOAT MIGRANTS that they may have
love, justice and shelter according to their needs.

For safety and hospitality to all our immigrants.

**For the peoples of the area of Valencia, Spain after
the terrible floods.**

We pray for those of our parish or known to us who
are sick or in need of special prayers: John and
Vicky Tanner, Graham Vaughan, Melita Denaro,
Vivian Brooke, Sheila Mundy, Catherine Williams,
Claire Burrows, Sarah Murkin, Roger Nichols, Bill
Davies, Alethea Lavington, Sarah Williams, Gaytree
Wrigley, Catherine Gaynor, Pat Roberts, Kath Morgan,
**For any parishioners, relatives and friends recently
dead:** Mike Bickers, Pat Walls.

**We remember those of our parish whose annivers-
aries occur at this time:** Lissie Morgan (S.'45),
Natalie Reid (M.'73), Ernest Lowe (F.2000), Maureen
Wallace (F.2017), Alex Karim (Sa.2000).

**For King Charles III and Princess Kate at this time
of concern over their health.** May our King always
set the highest standards of leadership for our country.
**We also pray for our new government, especially
our Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer and his
cabinet.** May they govern with integrity following
the religious beliefs of our country. And we pray for
the leaders of all the other countries of the world,
esp.President Zelenski of Ukraine **and for conversion
of the Russian leadership.**

**That a humane and Godly outcome may result
from our Parliament's eventual decision on
'Assisted dying'.**

**"Watching and waiting", a chance to reflect on the
meaning of Christmas in a service of Advent
readings, poems, prayers and hymns.**
3.00pm on Sunday Dec.15th. St. Thomas', Weobley.
Refreshments with mince pies afterwards

**THIS SUNDAY: ADVENT 'BRING AND SHARE'
LUNCH –DECEMBER 1st.**

At St. Thomas' Parish Room, Weobley. 11.45 for
12.00 noon * Fun Quiz and Raffle.

* Proceeds to Hereford Open Door for homeless

SERMONETTE

FIRST READING from the Prophecy of Jeremiah (*Ch.33,vv.14-16*)

Our readings today follow closely upon those of the 33rd. Sunday of Year B which spoke of the 'end time and its manifestations. In this reading, unusually cheerful for Jeremiah, the prophet, writing in a time of complete national destruction and desolation, speaks of restoration. His references to "David" are really references to his line whose remnants occupied the Kingdom of Judah based around Jerusalem. This had been completely smashed by the Assyrians and then by the Babylonians but Yahweh would see to its restoration. The northern Kingdom of Israel which earlier had seceded will be restored and brought back into the one fold.

SECOND READING from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians (*Ch.3,v.12 – ch.4, v.10*)

I Thessalonians was probably the first letter which Paul wrote. It reads as if to people who were completely new to Christ, which they were. It emphasises the essential virtues of holiness – probably a new concept to them – and to mutual love. In an age and culture in which ideas about God were as relative or non-existent as they are in our times, Paul urges them to be blameless in the sight of God, suggesting some kind of judgment. Then Jesus Christ, the one to whom he has introduced them, will come again to meet them with all the saints.

GOSPEL according to Luke (*Ch.21, vv.25-28 + 34-36*)

This Gospel reads very much like that of Mark of two weeks ago, only it is 'worse'. It speaks of the terrors of the end time. But there is one difference which mirrors our first reading from Jeremiah: today's text goes on to speak of coming of the Son of Man with power and great glory. We must "stand erect and hold our heads high because our liberation is at hand". Well, that's great news... but only if we watch ourselves and do not indulge in coarseness and debauchery. Rather, we must prepare for the coming of the Son of Man by staying awake and praying.

NEW MISSALS HAVE ARRIVED AND ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED .

Next in our Deanery "Horizons of Hope" series.

"RECEIVING THE SYNOD"- What it means for the future of the Church.

SECOND SESSION, Saturday January 18th 2025. 'Implementing the Synod;'. Full day. 10.00-4.00. at Belmont Abbey. (Bring packed lunch)

Talks and discussion led by Dr. Austen Ivereigh, official observer at the Synod.

We ask God to bless our new Rector of Kington. Rev. Dr. Canon Sally Welch

WEOBLEY CHURCHES TOGETHER CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Sunday December 8th. 12.45. At Weobley Village Hall.

Cost £10. Pay at the door.

WEOBLEY VILLAGE CAROL SERVICE: Sat. Dec. 21st. 10.45am. Rose Garden.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Service of Reconciliation (Confessions): Kington Sat.Dec. 21st. 5.00pm – 5.45.

Weobley Mon. Dec. 23rd. 3.00pm – 4.00.

Christmas Eve: Tuesday December 24th.

Christmas Mass at Kington: 6.00pm.

Night Mass at Weobley: 9.00pm.

Christmas Day: Mass at Weobley: 10.30

WALSINGHAM: Next Pilgrimage, June Mon.23rd to Fri.27th.2025. Bookings by December 31st. 2024

