

**THE PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF
HEREFORD, WEOBLEY, HR4 8QS AND
ST.BEDE THE VEN. KINGTON, HR5 3DW**

THIRTY-THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME



“The sun will be darkened and the moon will lose its brightness.” (Mk.13,v.24)

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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

33rd. ORDINARY WEEK OF YEAR B.

Sat. Nov.16 Mass of Sunday, Kington 6.00pm.

Int – Pat Roberts

Sun.	17	33rd. Ordinary Sunday. Mass 9.3
Mon.	18	Mass Weob. 10.30Z
Tue.	19	Mass Weob. 1030Z
Wed.	20	Mass, K’ton 10.30
Thur.	21	NO Mass
Fri.	22	Mass Weob. 3.00 – FERIA
Sat.	23	Mass of Sunday, Kington 6,00pm.
Sun.	24	CHRIST THE KING

Mass Weobley 10.30am.Z

**Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament for 1 hour after
Mass. NO refreshments - sorry.**

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

Brown envelopes for November Mass intentions and
offerings are now in the churches.

**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, Pat Walls, Sheila Mundy, Catherine
Williams, Claire Burrows, Sarah Murkin, Roger
Nichols, Bill Davies, Alethea Lavington, Sarah
Williams, Gaytree Wrigley, Catherine Gaynor, Pat
Roberts, Kath Morgan, Stella Hurdidge.

**For any parishioners, relatives and friends recently
dead:** Harry Hames, Mike Bickers.

**We remember those of our parish whose annivers-
aries occur at this time:** Archbp. John Murphy
(M.’95), Edward Compton Lowther Nichols (F.’45),
Joseph Donnelly (Sa.’44).

**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.**

RED BOXES NOW DUE.

**“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

**ADVENT ‘BRING AND SHARE’ LUNCH –
SUNDAY DECEMBER 1st.**

At St. Thomas’ Parish Room, Weobley. 11.45 for
12.00 noon

* Bring a dish to share : savoury or sweet.

* Fun Quiz and Raffle.

* Proceeds to the Hereford Open Door
- The Homeless Charity for Hereford.

Please put your name on the list at the back of the
church if you are coming: This helps greatly with
preparations.

SERMONETTE

FIRST READING from the book of Daniel (Ch.12, vv.1-3)

The Book of Daniel in its present form was written up c.164 b.C., and is therefore proximate to the time of Jesus Christ. Much of it is apocalyptic (visionary and prophetic) based on the horrors which the Jewish people had endured before, during and after the Babylonian captivity (c.598 -539). During this time, all was not negative as the Jews began to draw from other cultures, especially that of the Persians who finally conquered Israel's enemies and gave them freedom to return to Israel and rebuild the temple. From the Babylonians and especially from the Medes and Persians came the cult of angels, superior beings under the supreme God, Ahura Mazda, who were His emissaries as in a heavenly court. The prince of the angels was Michael (his Hebrew name). This reading prophesies a judgemental end to all life in which some will awake to everlasting life whilst others will awake to shame and everlasting disgrace. From here on until the time of Jesus we hear more and more of this teaching.

SECOND READING from the letter to the Hebrews (Ch.10, vv.11-18)

Our author brings to a conclusion his conviction about Jesus Christ, the ultimate priest of God. With Jesus the multiplicity of sacrifices offered daily in the old temple for the sin have been completely superseded since they were, in fact, quite incapable of taking away any sin. Christ, by His pure offering of His innocent self has fulfilled the prophecy of psalm 109 whereby God "has made His enemies His footstool". Christ has come to atone for and forgive all sin so there will be no need for further sin offerings. The temple cult has been rendered redundant except for worship. It was destroyed in 70 a.D. by the Romans and never rebuilt.

GOSPEL according to Mark (Ch.13, vv.24-32)

Our gospel moves from a series of moral injunctions against those who have high pretensions of themselves and temple references finishing with the poor widow who puts into the temple treasury "all she had to live on", to prophecies of the end. Much His message derives from the O.T. Book of Daniel of about 150 years before and so probably at the back of peoples' minds. The key figure in this drama is "the Son of Man", much prophesied by Daniel but a title Jesus also uses of Himself. The notion that the sun would be darkened and moon would lose its brightness were not uncommon beliefs of the age. What matters is that, even though these things may happen, the words of Jesus Christ will not pass away. Mark concludes with a statement somewhat out of line with later Church Trinitarian teaching, that even the Son would not know the day nor the hour; "no one but the Father".

NEW MISSALS HAVE ARRIVED AND WILL BE DISTRIBUTED A S A P.

Next in our Deanery "Horizons of Hope" series.

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

**Next Saturday, November 23rd. Half-day, 10.00 -12.00, at BELMONT ABBEY,
Also Saturday January 18th 2025. 'Implementing the Synod;'. Full day. 10.00-4.00.**

(Bring packed lunch)

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

Licensing of new Vicar of Kington. Rev.Canon Dr.Sally Welch Mon Nov.25th. 7.00pm. St. Mary's Church.

WEOBLEY CHURCHES TOGETHER CHRISTMAS LUNCH

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

Cost £10. Pay at the door.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

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

