

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, year C



John the Baptist preaching by Pieter Breughel 1566.

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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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Sat. Dec.14 **Mass of Sunday, Kington 6.00pm.**

Sun. 15 **3rd. Sunday of Advent Mass 10.30**

Int. Pat Walls, Tricia's mother

**"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

Mon. 16 **Mass Weob. 10.00Z - feria**

Tue. 17 **Mass Weob. 10.00Z - feria**

Wed. 18 **Mass, K'ton 10.30 - feria**

Thur. 19 **Requiem Mass for Pat Walls 12.00 at
St. Thomas', Weobley.**

Fri. 20 **NO Mass**

Sat. 21 **Mass of Sunday, Kington 6.00pm.**

Sun. 22 **4th. SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Mass Weobley 10.30am.Z

Please remember in your prayers Pat Walls, Tricia
Carter's mother, who died at Warwick Hospital on

on Wednesday Nov. 27th. Please remember Tricia
and all her family in your prayers..

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

**PRAY FOR ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE MIDDLE,
Gaza, Lebanon, Israel and now Syria.**

**For thwe new leaders of Syria that they may establish
norms of government compatible with human freedom
and basic human rights, especially for women and
children.**

**For lasting peace in the Ukraine and an end to Russian
influence there and throughout the middle east.**

**For those in Afghanistan and Iran struggling for a
humane government and the rights of women.**

**For all migrants that they may be met with safety,
friendship and economic means. For an end to all
prejudice against them.**

**For those in our parish or known to us who are sick or
in need of special prayers:** John & Vicky Tanner, Graham
Vaughan, Melita Denaro, Vivian Brooke, Sheila Mundy,
Catherine Williams, Claire Burrows, Sarah Murkin, Roger
Nichols, Bill Davies, Alethea Lanington, Sarah Williams,
Gaytree Wrigley, Catherine Gaynor, Kath Morgan, Jackie
Adamson.

For parishioners, relatives and friends recently dead:
Pat Walls.

**We remember those of our parish whyose anniversaries
occur at this time:** Alfred Dobson (M.'43), Elizabeth May
Goodwin (T.'76), Lewis Joseph Grey (W.'63), Shaun
Cochrane & Tony Cochrane (W.), Joseph Graham (F.), Alec
Allen (F.2014),

**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 decision on 'Assisted dying'.**

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Service of Reconciliation (Confessions):

Kington Sat.Dec. 21st. 5.00pm – 5.45.

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

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

WEOBLEY VILLAGE CAROL SERVICE

Sat. Dec. 21st. 10.45am. The Rose Garden

SERMONETTE

FIRST READING from the Prophecy of Zephaniah *(Ch.3,vv.14-18)*

Today is 'Gaudete' Sunday: Rejoicing Sunday. No prophet is better equipped for whipping up joy than Zephaniah. The mood of this reading is almost exactly echoed by the people of Syria today as they rejoice in their release from the morbid terror of Bashar Assad. Every phrase of this reading is filled with joy, hope, new strength and confidence. Behind it all is the Lord: "He has cleared away your enemies". Is not that what the people of Syria of whatever stripe earnestly seek. They say, "history repeats itself": how true that is when we read the words of Zephaniah to the oppressed Israelites returning from Babylon.

SECOND READING from Paul's letter to the Philippians *(Ch.4,v.4-7)*

Paul takes up the same rapture as Zephaniah, but the Philippians are not returning exiles; they are new Christians filled with the joy of the risen Lord. Their motivation must be prayer, supplication and thanksgiving. They have only to make their requests known to God and He will answer them. Despite the turbulent times in which they live God will provide a peace which will surpass all understanding to guard our hearts and in Jesus the Christ whom they have only just heard about. It is a time of great excitement and expectation.'

GOSPEL according to Luke *(Ch.3, vv.10-18)*

In today's illustration, the 16th. century German artist Pieter Breughel the elder seems to capture accurately the scene depicted in the gospels of Mark and Luke concerning the popularity of John the Baptizer. Great crowds gathered from all around to hear from him what was in fact a pretty grim message; 'You have to change your way of life', not for health reasons, not for beauty, not even for charitable works, but for someone you have not yet seen who will bring you a kingdom which as yet does not exist. No one has preached like this before so could he be the Messiah, the one promised by the prophets of long ago. This man is washing us clean with water but he promises someone called the Holy Spirit. Who on earth could that be? His coming sounds pretty frightening; we had better get into the Jordan quickly.

Further notices...

STILL SOME NEW MISSALS LEFT AT £13

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.

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

EPIPHANY SERVICE at WEOBLEY METHODIST CHURCH: Jan 5th. 2025, 9.30.

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