



Churches together in Weobley(CTiW)

Annual Report - 8th June 2026

The Weobley group is made up of representatives from St Thomas' RC Church, St Peter & St Paul Anglican Church and the Methodist Chapel. The current volunteers are:-

Fr. Simon McGurk (Chair)

Patricia Stuart (Secretary)

Peter Hereford (Treasurer)

Jane Keating (St Thomas')

Rev. Philip Harvey (St P&P)

Lesley Kneen (St P&P)

Rev. Phil Summers (Methodist Chapel)

Jo Ware (Methodist Chapel)

David Williams (Methodist Chapel)

Summary

Multiple ecumenical events are held throughout the year. During 2025-2026, we collaborated to organise - Lent Course, Good Friday Walk of Witness, Pentecost Walk, Bible Study, Harvest Festival Lunch, Carols in the Rose Garden, Annual Retreat, & Children's Holiday Club/ Easter Treasure Hunt.

Our main fundraisers are the Harvest Lunch, Carols in the Rose Garden & Christmas Lunch. Funds raised from these events are donated to both International and Local Charities. This year we donated £340.00 to the Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC) this was in support of a humanitarian crisis in Gaza, and £480.00 to the Tearfund Afgan Appeal after the earthquake which killed over 1,400 people and injured thousands more,

We financially support a number of initiatives; youth workers to run the children's holiday club, "Open the Book" team who attend the local Weobley primary school to read and act out

Bible stories, plus the design, printing and distribution of Christmas cards to every household in Weobley.

Annual Retreat 2025

Held at Llangasty Retreat House on Monday 19th May. The retreat was led by Fr. Paul Stonham (former Abbot of Belmont Abbey). Twenty two people attended. Fr. Paul Stonham (former Abbot of Belmont Abbey) led the discussion which was based around Pentecost scripture and a reflection on Psalm 138/139. We were blessed with good weather which gave us the opportunity to spend time in the gardens and walk to Llangorse Lake.

Harvest Lunch -2025

To mark the Harvest, a special service was held in Weobley Parish Church followed by lunch organised by CTiW. A group of volunteers transformed the church with a wonderful harvest theme. Tables were beautifully set and with many hands at work, a delicious lunch was prepared with plenty of second helpings. We raised £480.00 for the Tearfund Afgan Appeal. Tearfund is a Christian development charity based in the UK. On the 31st August, a magnitude 6 earthquake struck eastern Afghanistan, killing over 1,400 people injuring thousands more.

Bible Study 2025

A small group mainly from Weobley's Methodist Chapel got together to read and discuss scripture, this year the subject was Titus.

Carol Singing in the Rose Garden 2025

Carol signing in the rose garden is the grand finale of the calendar year. The event is traditionally held on the third Saturday in December. Rev. Philip Harvey, Rev. Phil Summers and Fr Simon McGurk, led readings, poems and the singing. We were also supported by Hereford Military Veterans Choir. The crowd and local shop owners greatly appreciated the copious mince pies and mulled wine. We raised £340.00 for the DEC Gaza appeal

The Lords Epiphany 2026

A united service was held at the Methodist Chapel

Lent Course -2026

Fr. Simon's popular annual ecumenical lent course was well received with approximately 18-20 people from the village attending. The course ran weekly from 23rd Feb - 23rd March.

Pentecost Walk 2026

On Pentecost Sunday the Rev, Philip Harvey led a walk from Weobley Parish Church up to the Ley. Philip, a keen walker, rallied a small group of seven, up lanes and across fields, it was a sweltering hot day. We managed to complete the walk picking up the odd straggler along the way! The walk ended at Jo Ware's home for afternoon tea.