

Church's Together in Weobley (CTiW) – Annual Report, Monday 23rd June 2025

Background

Three churches in Weobley — St Thomas, St Peter & St Paul, and the Methodist Chapel — are members of Churches Together in Weobley (CTiW). Each church is represented on the committee by two members, and a treasurer is also appointed. Together, we collaborate to organise various events throughout the year

St Thomas RC Church

- Fr. Simon McGurk (Chair)
- Patricia Stuart (Secretary)
- Stella Hurdidge
- Peter Hereford (Treasurer)

St Peter and St Paul's Weobley Church

- Rev. Philip Harvey
- Lesley Kneen

Methodist Chapel

- Jo Ware
- David Williams

CTiW events are organised around the Christian Liturgical Seasons, and while all three churches are represented, Weobley Methodist Chapel congregation has largely provided the most consistent support. We enjoy lively discussions on shared beliefs, and it would be wonderful to see more participation from the other congregations.

July 24	Ordinary Time	Quiet Time/Holiday Season
Aug 24	Ordinary Time	Quite Time Holiday Season
Sept 24	Ordinary Time	CTiW AGM. Review of 2023 and future plans
Oct 24	Ordinary Time	Harvest Lunch – Weobley Parish Church, Volunteers from the three churches contributed towards the lunch, copious salads were prepared, Pasta, Green, and Tomato to mention a few. Honey Roast Ham from the Weobley Butcher, rounded off with home-made apple pie and cream. Approx 40 parishioners attended. Cost £5.00 pp Harvest Holiday Club 5 - 12 age group – Weobley Parish Church, 19 Children attended on the Monday and 21 on Tuesdays. The children had a great time with Lego construction, pumpkin scooping, barn-building and listening to Bible stories. Lucy Mann organised the activities. – Unfortunately Lucy resigned and we are in need of a youth leader/holiday club coordinator
Nov 24	Ordinary Time	Planning for Advent Activities
Dec 24	Advent	Christmas Card Competition - Weobley Primary School A Carol Service is hosted in the Weobley Village Rose Garden, Fr.Simon, Rev'd Philip Harvey, and Rev'd. Paul Arnold read excerpts from the scriptures. Stuart Brain

		plays the keyboard, Weobley residents and anyone passing join in the festivities. Mince pies and mulled wine is offered. £260 was raised for the DEC middle east appeal Traditional Christmas Lunch at Weobley Village Hall. Volunteers from the three churches catered for 60 people. Turkey with all the usual trimmings, Christmas Pudding Tea/Coffee, plus wine and a table quiz for entertainment all for £10.00 pp Christmas cards (550) distributed to Weobley residents
Jan/Feb 25	Ordinary Time	Bible Studies – St Thomas Parish Room led by Fr Simon Jan-Feb – Theme Genesis, Approx. 16 attended each session.
Mar/Apr 25	Lent	World Day of Prayer, held in St Thomas Church – The service was devised by ladies from the Cook Islands with a theme based on psalm 139 “Wonderfully Made”. WDP encourages ecumenical cooperation and provide financial support for multiple good causes with grants and donations. With thoughtful planning, help and cooperation from the St Thomas’ team, along with readers, welcomers, music, and those who arranged flowers and the displays all played a part in creating a beautiful and meaningful service. The offering from the service was £272.00 Lent Course held St Thomas Parish room led by Rev. Philip Harvey – Theme – Stations of the Resurrection. Approx. 16 attended each session
Apr 25	Holy Week	Good Friday Walk of Witness, led by Father Simon McGurk and Rev Philip Harvey. Approximately 15 people joined the walk. A cross was carried through the village of Weobley.
Apr 25	Easter	Easter Treasure Hunt – Weobley Parish Church, 9 families registered for the event approx 24 Children.
May 25	Ordinary Time	19 people attended an ecumenical day of reflection at Llangasty Retreat House led by Fr. Paul Stonham. The day included reading from Pentecost scriptures, Psalm 139 and time for quiet reflection. The weather was good which meant we could sit in the garden and enjoy the views across Llangors lake. The feedback from attendees was very positive and encouraging.
Jun 25	Pentecost	Pentecost Novena led by Fr. Simon, zoomed from St Thomas Church.
Jun 25	Ordinary Time	Churches Together in Hereford - AGM

Announcement

After many years of dedicated service to Churches Together in Weobley, Stella has decided to step down from her role. We would like to express our thanks to Stella for her invaluable support, unfailing enthusiasm and generous cooperation over the years. Her contribution has been appreciated and will be sincerely missed.

Jane Keating has kindly agreed to take on the role, beginning in September 2025.