

## Coming shortly

- 24 Nov 10.00am Byford Bazaar, Bridge Sollars Community Centre
- 24 Nov 10.00am Advent Coffee Morning, Staunton
- 24 Nov 10.30am Winter Fair, Weobley
- 25 Nov 6.00pm Harvest Festival, Byford, with refreshments
- 1 Dec 10.30am Annual Christmas Fayre, Letton
- 2 Dec 2.30pm Toy Service, Norton Canon
- 2 Dec 4.00pm Advent Sunday Taizé Service, Weobley
- 5 Dec Light Up a Life Service, Weobley

**The Living Word** People&Steeple insert gives Bible readings with commentary to read and think about during the week for the *following* Sunday. Extra copies with *this Sunday's readings* are by the door.

## Staunton & Weobley Group ministry & team

### Weekday Services

Weobley, Monday to Thursday,  
Morning Prayer, 9.00am

Evening Prayer, 4.00pm (*new time!*)

Weekday Communion BCP, Weobley,  
first Wednesday 10.30am

Healing Service with Communion,  
Weobley, last Tuesday 10.30am

### Sunday Services next week (Nov 18)

Weobley, 10.30am Holy Communion  
CW

Letton, 10.30am Matins BCP (with  
Staunton congregation)

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For more news, see also [www.weobleyandstaunton.co.uk](http://www.weobleyandstaunton.co.uk) or Facebook

# People & Steeple

News and contacts for the Weobley & Staunton Group of Parishes

Weobley, Sarnesfield, Norton Canon,  
Staunton-on-Wye, Byford, Monnington, Letton

## Remembrance Sunday, November 11, 2018

### From the Vicar

Welcome to our service today – this moment of pausing from every other activity to draw close to God and allow his Spirit to fill and renew us. In our calendars the first two weeks of November are dedicated to remembering those who have passed away: the great examples of Christian life (All Saints', 1 Nov); those we have known and loved who are in heaven (All Souls', 2 Nov); and the members of the armed forces who have died in the line of duty at our Remembrance Day service on the 100th Anniversary of the end of the First World War (11 Nov). Remembrance is at the very heart of the Christian faith and practice – remembrance of the life and sacrificial death of Jesus Christ, and of all those who have lived to his glory.

Revd Sean Semple,  
Group Rector



### Services this Sunday

Weobley, 10.45am Remembrance Day  
Service

Eardisley Parish Church, 10.30am  
Remembrance Day Service (no service at  
Staunton)

## Prayer focus

The Weobley and Staunton Group of Parishes serves a rural community that depends chiefly on agriculture. As Christians in this context we give thanks for all involved in agriculture, we pray for them, and seek ways to support them.

We pray with confidence that God hears and answers our prayers. *We would like to mention answers to prayer. Please let Alison Greig know.*

### *For healing*

Phil Bennett – Weobley

Dean Davies - Weobley

Sarah Hurds – Weobley

John Nixon – Weobley

Derek and Maggie Parker – Staunton

Doris and Hans Moerman – Noordwijkerhout

If you know of anyone who is unwell, please let Sean or any of the clergy know.

### *Our group of parishes*

The Parish of Letton, the Churchwarden Derys Maddox and all the church community

Intercessors and readers

### *For God's comfort in bereavement*

Family of Ann Smith who died recently

Nigel Langmead whose brother and sister died last month

### *Diocese of Hereford*

The Deanery of Hereford (City & Rural)

### *Anglican church worldwide*

The Episcopal Church of Cuba

### *The wider Church*

All other churches in Herefordshire, nationally and across the world who share with us to proclaim God's love to the world.

## News

### **A special welcome to RBL members**

St Peter and St St Paul especially welcomes Royal British Legion members and friends on this special day of remembering the Fallen. Staunton-on-Wye used to have its own RBL branch, covering Byford, Monnington and Letton, and 30 years ago those members transferred to Eardisley. We think of those friends today at their Service of Remembrance at Eardisley.

### **Sarnesfield Ladies Soup & Sweet Lunch**

Everyone is welcome to come to the lunch this Saturday 17 November 12.30pm in Norton Canon Village Hall. Please pre-book with Roger Marshall on 01544 318795 or rogermarshall@bbmax.co.uk

### **The Byford Bazaar 24 November**

This follow-up Bazaar to the very successful event held in the spring, takes place from 10.00am-2.00pm,

at Bridge Sollars Community Centre, HR4 7JH, just off the A438 Brecon Road, with ample parking.

Stalls to include: really good quality collectables, china, glass, pictures, clothing and accessories, various household items and small pieces of furniture. Also delicious home-made Christmas goodies, cakes and other produce. Refreshments will be available. Donations to St John the Baptist Church, Byford.

### **Advent Coffee Morning**

Staunton village hall is the venue for the Advent Coffee Morning on Saturday 24 November, 10.00am, to 12.30pm. On sale will be Christmas cards and decorations, cakes and preserves, also with a Christmas-themed bottle stall and grand draw.

### **More Christmas events**

Following on from last week's *News* the Weobley Winter Fair on Saturday 24 November, 10.30am-2.30pm, features Christmas gifts, coffee, tea and mince pies, with Winter Warmer Soups served from 12.30pm. There will also be musical interludes with Tintinnabulis hand-bell ringers and other choral treats. Donations of books, cakes, jams and gifts gratefully received. Please contact Pat Millington 319330 or Wendy Hereford 319223.

Letton's Christmas Fayre, held in the church, is on Saturday 1 December, starting at 10.30am with all the

usual delights - cakes, refreshments, gifts, books, bric a brac, jams, pickles and games, finishing with the annual raffle at 2.00pm.

On Sunday 2 December there are two special services. At 2.30pm in Norton Canon Church the Toy Service for families in refuge, and readers are invited to buy a child's toy, or a small gift for a mother. Contacts are Kim Hendriksen 01544 318083 or Revd Susan Verwey 01981 500626. Additionally, there is a special 4.00pm Advent Sunday Taizé Service in Weobley Parish Church. This is an ecumenical service of music and prayer based on a Christian community made up of brothers from many different countries, who live and worship together in Taizé, France. The service reflects the unique but simple meditative singing which is easy to follow. The quiet, candlelit atmosphere lends itself to prayer and silence. All are very welcome.

## This week's events

**Tue 13 Nov** 10.00am Second Tuesday Coffee, Weobley  
2.30pm Julian Group. Venue from hilary.hereford@gmail.com

**Sat 17 Nov** 12 noon Wedding, Weobley  
12.30pm Soup and Sweet Lunch, Norton Canon Village Hall