

Coming shortly

- 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 7.30pm Light Up a Life Service, Weobley
- 9 Dec 12.45pm Churches Together in Weobley Christmas Lunch, Hopelands
- 9 Dec 6.00pm Carol Service, Byford

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.

Stanton & Weobley Group ministry & team

Weekday Services

Weobley, Monday to Thursday,
Morning Prayer, 9.00am
Evening Prayer, 4.00pm

Weekday Communion BCP, Weobley,
first Wednesday 10.30am

Healing Service with Communion,
Weobley, last Tuesday 10.30am

Sunday Services next week (Nov 25)

Sarnesfield, 9.00am Service of the
Word CW

Weobley, 10.30am Holy Communion
BCP

Byford, 6.00pm Harvest Festival with
refreshments

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People & Steeple

News and contacts for the Weobley & Stanton Group of Parishes

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

Sunday, November 18, 2018

From the Vicar

Welcome! It is good to have you at one of our services this week and to be able to share with you what is happening in the life of our Group of Parishes. In the church calendar, the first two weeks of November were dedicated to remembering those who had died. Our focus in these last two weeks centres on the celebration of Christ the King - our belief that over all the turmoil of life there is the eternal Christ of love and power, whose reign will irresistibly draw human history to a just and redeemed conclusion. May the Spirit of Christ the King strengthen you in faith, hope and love.

*Revd Sean Semple,
Group Rector*

Theme: The devil's destructive works are overturned by faith in God's purpose

Daniel 12:1-3 – End-times resurrection: either everlasting life, or shame. The archangel Michael will arise to protect those whose name is written in the book of the saved, in the final conflict.

Hebrews 10:11-25 – Our confidence is in knowing who we are in Jesus. The Holy Spirit witnesses to us the New Covenant in Jesus' blood and the finality of Jesus' sacrifice for us.

Mark 13:1-8 – Jesus foretells the destruction of the temple. The end-times conflicts will be characterised by wars, disasters and widespread spiritual deception.

Also set this week: 1 Samuel 1:4-20, 2:1-10 (Hannah's prayer), Psalm 16

Services this Sunday

Weobley, 10.30am Holy Communion CW
Letton, 10.30am Matins BCP (with Stanton congregation)

BCP: Book of Common Prayer, traditional form. CW: Common Worship, modern words

Prayer focus

The Weobley and Staunton Group of Parishes serves a rural community that depends chiefly on agriculture. So 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
Steve Stocker – 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

Ben and Lauren Disney who were married in Weobley on 17 November

The Parish of Sarnesfield, the Churchwardens Hilary Havard and Viv Leech, and all the church community

Bell Ringers

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 Kington & Weobley

Anglican church worldwide

The Church in Bermuda

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

Advent and Christmas

This Saturday kicks off a season of Advent and Christmas events at Byford, Staunton and Weobley.



Byford Bazaar

Saturday 24 November – 10.00am-2.00pm
Bridge Sollars Community Centre
(just off the A438 Brecon Road above the bridge, HR4 7JH. Ample parking)

Stalls include: Good quality collectables, china, glass, pictures, small pieces of furniture and household items. Clothing and accessories. Home-made Christmas goodies, cakes and other produce. Refreshments.
Proceeds to Byford Church

Staunton Advent Coffee Morning

Saturday 24 November – 10.00am-12.30pm
Staunton-on-Wye Village Hall

Christmas cards and decorations, cakes and preserves on sale. Christmas-themed bottle stall and grand draw.



Proceeds to St Mary's Church



Weobley Winter Fair



Saturday 24 November
10.30am-2.30pm
Weobley Parish Church

Coffee, tea and mince pies with a backdrop of musical entertainment including seasonal carols from the Weobley Singers and the Tinnabulis Handbell Ringers.

Winter warmer soups served from 12.30pm.

Christmas gifts on sale – donations of books, cakes, jams and other gifts to Pat Millington, 01544 319330 or Wendy Hereford, 01544 319223.

Proceeds to: Open Doors – prayer and action to help persecuted Christians

The following week is the run-up to December and Advent Sunday with a number of special services and events.

The Christmas Fayre in Letton Church on Saturday 1 December from 10.30am will have home-made cakes, jams and pickles as well as other gifts, books, games and bric a brac plus refreshments. The finale is the annual raffle held at 2.00pm.

A special service to mark Advent Sunday will follow the Taizé pattern popularised by



the international fraternity of that town in Burgundy, France, who live and worship together blending both Protestant and Catholic traditions in a spirit of kindness, simplicity and reconciliation. Taizé attracts 100,000 visitors a year, mainly young people

from across Europe, and Taizé worship as practised elsewhere is characterised by easy to follow meditative singing and a quiet, candlelit atmosphere conducive to prayer and spiritual reflection. Weobley's service will be on Sunday 2 December at 4.00pm in the parish church and especially opens its doors to those of other congregations or none.

Also on Advent Sunday, Norton Canon Church is hosting its annual Toy Service. This draws from the legend of St Nicholas and gathers toys for families in refuge. You are invited to buy a toy for a child or a small gift for a mother to bring to the service at 2.30pm. Contact warden Kim Hendricksen.

Final Harvest Festival

Next Sunday, 25 November, at 6.30pm at Byford, we have our final Harvest Festival with refreshments. All are very welcome.

This week's events

Tue 20 Nov 2.00pm Julian Group.
Contact hilary.hereford@gmail.com or 01544 319146 for venue.

Sat 24 Nov 10.00am Byford Bazaar, Bridge Sollars Community Centre

10.00am Advent Coffee Morning, Staunton

10.30am Winter Fair, Weobley