

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.

Staunton & 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 (Dec 2)

Weobley, 10.30am All Age Eucharist

Letton, 10.30am Holy Communion
BCP (with Staunton congregation)

Norton Canon, 2.30pm Toy Service

Weobley, 4.00pm Taizé Service

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People & Steeple

News and contacts for the Weobley & Staunton Group of Parishes

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

Sunday, November 25, 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 the last two weeks of the month 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: Christ the King. Who is Jesus and what is His authority?

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 — The majesty of the Ancient of Days. A glimpse of heaven for Daniel who sees amid a myriad angels attending the throne of God the honouring of "one like a son of man". (Also 2 Samuel 23:1-7)

Revelation 1:4b-8 — The freedom to serve God as His priests now. Jesus, present from the beginning will return as the completion of truth.

John 18:33-37 — Jesus is questioned by Pilate about who He is. Jesus explains that He is no political figurehead but His kind of kingdom is rooted elsewhere.

Also: Psalm 132:1-18

Services this Sunday

Sarnesfield, 9.00am Service of the Word CW
Weobley, 10.30am Holy Communion BCP
Byford, 6.00pm Harvest Festival with refreshments

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 Norton Canon, the Churchwardens Kim Hendricksen and Judy Pritchard, and all the church community

Those who contribute to People & Steeple and other media

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 Ledbury

Anglican church worldwide

The Lusitanian Church, Portugal

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

Final Harvest Festival

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

St John the Baptist Church, Letton (A438)



Invites you to the
**Annual Christmas
Fayre**



held in the church

Saturday, 1 December, 2018

10.30am - 2.00pm

ALL THE USUAL DELIGHTS

Home made cakes, refreshments, gifts,
books, bric a brac, jams, pickles, games

Annual raffle drawn
2.00pm

Advent Sunday

This Sunday afternoon there are two special services for Advent Sunday.

At 2.30pm at Norton Canon there is the annual toy service and at 4.00pm at Weobley Parish Church a service of Taizé worship with reflective easy-to-sing music led by worship group.

Annual Toy Service

Inspired by the legend of St Nicholas

Norton Canon Church
Sunday 2 December at 2.30pm

To support families in refuge, bring a toy for a child or small gift for a mother



Taizé Service for Advent

following the meditative pattern of the ecumenical brotherhood of Taizé in prayer and song

Weobley Parish Church
Sunday 2 December, 4.00pm

An opportunity to make space for God, seeking wholeness, healing and peace

St Mary's Church, Staunton



An inspection of the church roof took place this week following a fall of plaster in October which necessitated the temporary closure of St Mary's for safety reasons. Barbara Arthur, together with Susan and Henry Verwey, joined contractors and put on hi-viz and hard hats to take a courageous ride in the cherry picker to see for themselves. Photographs are on our Facebook page. Barbara says she has raised £340 in sponsorship so far.

The Staunton congregation are currently worshipping with the Letton congregation on the first and third Sundays of the month, and Christmas services are scheduled to take place in Staunton Village Hall.

This week's events

Tue 27 Nov 10.30am Healing Service and Communion, Weobley

Sat 1 Dec 10.30am Annual Christmas Fayre, Letton