

Coming shortly

- 13 Nov 10.30am Second Tuesday Coffee, Weobley
- 17 Nov 12.30pm Soup and Sweet Lunch, Norton Canon Village Hall (see News)
- 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

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 11)

Weobley, 10.45am Remembrance
Day Service

Eardisley Parish Church, 10.45am
Remembrance Day Service (no
service at Staunton)

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For more news, see also 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

Sunday, November 4, 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', 1st Nov); those we have known and loved who are in heaven (All Souls', 2nd 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 (11th 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

Theme: The priority of returning God's love to Him and others

Deuteronomy 6:1-9 — First love God with all your heart; the foundation of the First Great Commandment.

Ruth 1:1-18 — Ruth decides to trust God and look after Naomi. A choice to do what is right.

Mark 12:28-34 — the Great Commandment, love God, love others. Unselfishness the guiding principle of the kingdom of God.

Hebrews 9:11-14 — Love enabled by the cleansing power of the blood of Christ. Christ's sacrifice changes us inwardly in a way the blood of calves and goats never could.

Also: Psalm 146

Services this Sunday

Weobley, 10.30am All Age Eucharist
Letton, 10.30am Holy Communion BCP
Monnington, 5.00pm All Souls' Service

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. 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

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

Those confirmed last Sunday – Robert Thornton, Carolyn Stocker and Joanne Crowther

The Parish of Weobley, Churchwarden Gary Griffiths and all the church community

All those who act as Vergers

For God's comfort in bereavement

Families of Iris Sisley and Ann Smith who died recently

Nigel Langmead whose brother and sister died last month

Diocese of Hereford

The Deanery of Bromyard

Anglican church worldwide

The Church of Ceylon

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

All Souls' Service

The season of All Souls is a particular time to remember those whose earthly lives have passed, by reading their names and lighting candles in a spirit of prayer and thanksgiving for them. This year's service will be at St Mary's, Monnington, today Sunday 4 November, at 5.00pm. If you would like someone remembered, please let Sean have their name now, sajsemp@gmail.com

Sarnesfield Ladies Soup & Sweet Lunch

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

News

Appeal for Toys and Gifts for families under stress

Norton Canon Church are appealing for toys and gifts for the Women's Refuge. These are for women and children who have escaped very difficult situations, often having to abandon all their possessions. A lot of the stores have pre-Christmas bargains at discounted prices, and you may even enjoy memories of your own childhood as you select appropriate toys. We also like to give small gifts to the mothers – toiletries, gloves, etc – so they are included in the festivities. Gifts can be brought to Norton Canon Church for the Toy Service at 2.30pm on 2 December, or contact Warden Kim Hendriksen 01544 318083 or the Revd Susan Verwey 01981 500626.

More about 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 handbell ringers and other choral treats. Donations of books, cakes, jams and gifts gratefully received. Please contact Pat Millington 319330 or Wendy Hereford 319223.

Also on 24 November, the Advent Coffee Morning at Staunton Village Hall, 10.00am-12.30pm, and from 10.00am-2.00pm the Byford Bazaar at The Bridge Sollars Community Centre. On Saturday 1 December, 10.30am-2.00pm, Letton's Annual Christmas Fayre in the church and on Sunday 2 December, as well as the Toy Service, there is a special 4.00pm Advent Sunday Taizé Service in Weobley Parish Church.

News from Ethiopia

We have just heard that the first intake of students at St Frumentius' Theological College, in Gambella, Ethiopia, have graduated. You may remember that we supported this charity at its inception with proceeds from our 2016 Christmas Fair. The graduates will serve in refugee camps, churches and in youth ministry. More details of the college can be found on the notice board.

This week's events

Tue 6 Nov 10.00am Church grounds clear up, Weobley

2.30pm Julian Group. Venue from hilary.hereford@gmail.com

Wed 7 Nov 7.00pm Weobley PCC Meeting, Burton Wood Community Centre

Fri 9 Nov 7.30pm CTIW Bible Study, Castle Gate