

Coming shortly

- 21st September 10.30 am-12 Coffee Morning, Staunton on Wye Village Hall
- 25th September - remembered in prayer at Hereford Cathedral
- 27th September 9am -Sarnesfield Ladies Cake Stall, Weobley
- 29th September - 4 pm Pet Blessing Service, Byford

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

Staunton & Weobley Group ministry & team

Weekday Services

Tuesday 24th September 10.30 am
Healing Service and BCP Holy Communion

Sunday Services next week

September 22nd

Weobley, 10.30 am

Holy Communion (BCP)

Sarnesfield 9 am Service of the Word

Staunton-on-Wye 10.30 am

Eucharist (CW)

Monnington-on-Wye 15.30

Harvest Festival

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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 15th September 2019

Vicars Word

One of my skills is losing things. I guess that many of you find, like me, that this 'skill' improves with age, and increasingly find relief when we do find things we had lost!

Theme: Rebellion brings judgment but God seeks grounds for mercy

Our New Testament Bible readings today could be entitled 'Lost and Found'. They are about how God, through Jesus, takes the initiative in seeking out, retrieving and restoring people who are 'lost', far away from Him and the love, protection, guidance and help that He gives. The shorthand theological word for this is 'salvation' and is at the core of what being a Christian is all about. As we hear every Christmas, the name Jesus means 'Saviour', the one who came to save people from their sins and He Himself said 'The Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost'.

As disciples of Jesus we are those who 'were lost but now are found' as the hymn 'Amazing Grace' puts it; but I guess you share with me the fact that we still wander off like sheep and need to be sought and saved regularly by the Good Shepherd. Jesus calls us to do the same to others as He did whilst on earth and still does today, to befriend and live life with those who are lost, just like He did, and not to ignore or despise them, so that they know God's love through us.

May it be said of us, as it was of Jesus 'This person welcomes sinners and eats with them'

Rev'd Charles Overton

Exodus 32:7-14 – Moses intercedes for God to relent on His anger, as Israelites worship a calf idol while their leader meets with God

1 Timothy 1:12-17 — God relents and we find grace when we turn to Christ, with Paul the persecutor an example of God's undeserved Mercy.

Luke 15:1-10 — Jesus' parables of finding the lost sheep and the lost coin illustrate Heaven's joy at bringing in people who were lost

Also read: Psalm 14, Psalm 51:1-10

Services Sunday 15th September
Weobley 10.30 am
Eucharist (CW)

Letton 11.00 am
Harvest Festival

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

Prayer focus

For healing

Jan Griffiths (Weobley)

Desiree Potter

Harry Williams and his family

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

In our group of parishes

The Weobley and Staunton Group of Parishes serves a rural community and we give thanks for all involved in agriculture, we pray for them, and seek ways to support them

The Weobley and Staunton Group of Parishes in this period of interregnum

The Parish of Norton Canon, the Churchwardens Kim Hendrickson and Judy Pritchard

Those who arrange flowers in our churches

Diocese of Hereford

The Deanery of Ludlow

The Dean, Chapter and congregation of Hereford Cathedral.

The Anglican Church worldwide

Pray for the Anglican Church of Tanzania

The Wider Church

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

News

Having our Say!

Following the recent invitations in the *People & Steeple* and other local media to attend the Vacancy Consultation Meeting last weekend, it's very encouraging to report a good attendance and positive outcome from the meeting. And thank you to all who attended.

Led by Reverend Dr John Daniels from The Hereford Diocese and with Archdeacon Derek Chedzey in attendance also, the meeting was an opportunity for parishioners of our seven parishes to 'have their say' by participating in two structured conversations. The first was a review of 'what's changed since last time' and in small groups we were encouraged to reflect openly on our parishes and how they might have changed in the last four years since our last interregnum.

The second conversation was more forward looking of course and here we were encouraged to express our 'priorities for a shared future'. Following time to talk and make notes, a spokesperson for each group was asked to speak to the meeting on these notes and they in turn were recorded by the leadership team.

Underlying these conversations was the desire to try and help our group parish determine what type of ministry we will need to promote the spiritual and numerical growth of a church which is committed to advancing the common good of our community.

To help us express this through the *Statement of Need and Parish Profile* we will produce as, in essence, a job specification for a new incumbent, John Daniels' team will soon present us with a report which summarises the morning's conversations. Conversations that were wide-ranging, encouragingly positive and perhaps best of all, a demonstration that the parishes are keen to work ever more closely together as the interregnum moves forward towards finding our new vicar.

15 September 13 after Trinity Collect

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



CALLING ALL PETS

On Sunday September 29th we will be holding our annual Pet Blessing Service in Byford church at 4 pm. We welcome pets and their carers from all the parishes in the group, so please bring your pet along - all welcome from pythons to parrots and salukis to stick insects (but please keep them under control, especially the stick insects



Friday 27th September 9am
Sarnesfield Ladies
Cake Stall
In Weobley (opposite Jules
Restaurant and the Rose
Garden)



COFFEE MORNING

September 21st Staunton-on-Wye Village Hall

10.30am -12.00

Raffle, Bottle Stall, Cake stall, Bric a Brac,
Also Raise the Roof Appeal
Proceeds to St. Mary's Church
Herefordshire Scooter Club in attendance



Tai Chi Movements for
Wellbeing Classes

Every Thursday at 2pm in Weobley
Church from 5th September.
Donations to the church

Everyone Welcome