

Coming shortly

- 1st September 2.00 – 4.30 pm Summer Sunday Tea, St John the Baptist, Letton
- 3rd September 10.00 am Churchyard tidy-up, Weobley Parish Church
- 7th September 9.30 am – 12.30 pm Consultation Meeting on the future of our parishes, Norton Canon Village Hall
- 10th September 10.30 am – 12 noon Second Tuesday Coffee, Weobley
- 14th September Ride + Stride for Herefordshire Churches
- 21st September 10.30 am-12 Coffee Morning, Staunton on Wye Village Hall

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.

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Weekday Services

Tuesday 4th September 10.30 am
Holy Communion

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Sunday Services next week

September 8th

Weobley, 10.30 am Eucharist (CW)
Norton Canon 11.00 am

Service of Praise

Staunton-on-Wye 15.00

Harvest Festival (Village Hall)

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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 1st September 2019

Vicar's Word

After last week's proroguing of Parliament, I can think of several words for my first *Vicar's Word*. The mildest is "Crumbs" (my apologies to those too young to have heard this expletive before), several aren't suitable for family use, and the strongest is "Pray". It's the last word we should be considering.

We pray after the example of our Lord in the Garden of Gethsemane. We pray in distress, in uncertainty, in hope. This applies to all of us, no matter what our political opinions may be. As a nation we are divided, and there are subdivisions within our divisions. But we share this common ground : we don't know what the future holds, so we don't know exactly what to pray for.

Jesus knew what he wanted on a number of levels. He did not want to suffer and he did not want others to suffer. He wanted to be consistent and he knew he stood in the tradition of the Jewish fathers. I think he wanted to live, but he wanted to do what was right. His prayer is therefore the pattern for all our prayer : "not as I will, Father, but as thou wilt."

John Thewlis

Theme: Theme: How readily we seek our own salvation rather than trusting GOD

Ecclesiasticus 10. 12-18

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 —
Keep loving, in attitude and action: How God is pleased by the various ways of brotherly love
p.1263

Luke 14:1, 7-14 — Jesus points out that presumption has eternal consequences
p.1099

And also: Psalm 81:1,10-16

Services Sunday 1st September
Weobley 10.30 am
Holy Communion (BCP)
Letton 10.30 am
Holy Communion

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

Prayer focus

For healing

Jan Griffiths (Weobley)

Joanna Prettijohn

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 Letton, the Churchwarden Derys Maddox and all the church community.

The PCC members

Diocese of Hereford

The Deanery of Clun Forest

Bishop Richard of Hereford; Bishop Alistair of Ludlow; Derek, Archdeacon of Hereford.

The Anglican Church worldwide

Pray for the Anglican Church of South America

The Wider Church

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

News

A new Vicar - your chance to have a say!

Following the departure of Reverend Sean Semple, the Weobley and Staunton Group of Parishes is now in a temporary period of being without a Priest. This is known as an Interregnum and means literally 'between reigns'. As part of the process for appointing a successor we wish to engage not only with the congregations of the seven churches comprising the Joint-Benefice but also with the village communities in which we all live.

In order to seek the views of our communities there will be a consultation meeting held by representatives from the Hereford Diocese on Saturday 7 September at Norton Canon Village Hall. The meeting will begin at 09.30 in the morning and end at approximately 12.30. This meeting is to enable all present to reflect on the kinds of communities in which we live, the needs of those communities and the mission and ministry within the parishes, current and future. Please join us so that we can hear your voice, your views and your thoughts. Churchwardens and PCC members are encouraged to make this an absolute priority.

There will be several people going from each of the Parishes, so if you

need a lift to Norton Canon please contact a member of your church community.

For people within the Weobley Parish who are unable to attend but wish to have their views represented please complete one of the forms left at the back of the church.

Help to brighten up your Church



On Tuesday 3 September why not join us to help tidy up the surrounds of Weobley churchyard, help with some weeding and general clearance? We will be there from 10.00 am, coffee and biscuits will be provided. For further details contact Pat Millington 319330 or John Hatton 318284

1 September 11 after Trinity Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



Summer Tea 1st September 2.00-4.30pm

St John the Baptist, Letton

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



Second Tuesday Coffee

September 10th 10.30 - 12

At the Church of St Peter and St Paul,
Weobley

Please do join us for coffee and conversation