

Coming shortly

- 22nd October 7.30 pm Weobley Parish Church - Voskresenije Choir from St Petersburg
- 29th October 6.30 pm St John the Baptist Church, Letton - Guinea Service with Bishop Richard Frith
- 2nd November 4 pm Weobley Parish Church - All Souls Day Service

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

18th October 19.00

Harvest Festival (Norton Canon)

29th October 10.30

Healing Service and Holy Communion (Weobley Parish Church)

Sunday Services next week 13th October

Weobley, 10.30am (CW)

Norton Canon 11am -

Holy Communion (BCP)

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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 6th October 2019

Vicar's Word

Last week I presided at the Wednesday service you hold each month. It's a privilege I look forward to. All my ministry I have served churches where there was a daily mass, what you probably call a daily communion — different style, same reality. We didn't attract huge congregations in any of those churches. Usually two or three gathered together in the Lord's name. On Wednesday there were eight of us : it was a surprise and a delight.

Not everyone can come to service on weekdays. Not everyone feels the inner need. All I can say, from long experience, is that regular eucharistic worship profoundly affects the way a building feels ; for church buildings definitely absorb feelings.

The Church is now at the margins of national life. The secular state can perform more efficiently many of the things that Christian volunteers used to do. But what goes on in the village church is now even more important than ever. And what should go on, regularly and together, is prayer. People notice how a place feels. They won't get the feeling of prayer — or of truth — anywhere else. It's how modern Christians can serve their neighbour and preach the Gospel.

John Thewlis

Harvest Festival - special readings

Theme: God's grace in providing for us in every way

Old Testament reading:

Ruth 2:1-13 - Moabite widow Ruth finds unexpected grace in a grain field, where Boaz honours her care of her mother, and gives Ruth protection.

New Testament reading:

Philippians 4:4-9 - God's grace to those who are His, is an inner joy that speaks to the anxiety and despondency of the world.

Services Sunday 6th October

Weobley, 10.30am Harvest Festival

Letton 10.30am Holy Communion BCP

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

Prayer focus

For healing

Ian Griffiths (Weobley)

Desiree Potter

Harry Williams and his family

For God's comfort in bereavement

Keiran Joyce (Weobley High School)

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 Monnington. The Churchwarden Ray Phillips and all the church community.

Those who act as vergers

Diocese of Hereford

The Deanery of Abbeydore

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

Anglican church worldwide

Pray for the Church in Wales

The wider Church

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

The Collect

6 October 16 after Trinity Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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.

News



Don't miss the return of the Voskresenije Choir from St Petersburg!

A glorious mix of sacred and secular vocal music in Weobley Parish Church on Tuesday October 22nd at 7.30 pm. Tickets £10 on the door. Interval refreshments available.

St John the Baptist Church, LETTON

GUINEA SERVICE

In 2016 the Rev. Sean Semple revived the wishes of Mrs Elizabeth Freeman, as expressed in her last will and testament, dated 1810 and as reproduced on the Letton Church Commemorative Mugs. '.....and to pay The Minister of Letton Church one Guinea for a sermon in the church on the 29th October yearly, forever' Elizabeth Freeman 1810.

The Rev. Semple gave a sermon and the congregation then voted, anonymously, as to whether he had earned his guinea and the afternoon ended with tea and cakes. This year October 29th falls on a Tuesday.

The Service will be held at 6.30pm on Tuesday 29th October in St John the Baptist Church, Letton.

This year our Bishop, The Right Reverend Richard Frith has agreed to have his sermon judged by the secret ballot to establish if The Letton Guinea Trophy has been earned.

Everyone Welcome - come and judge what will be one of Our Bishop's last sermons in the diocese.



CTIW Bible Study Group

Castlegate, Weobley (Jo Ware's home)

Bible Study Groups twice monthly on the 3rd and 4th Mondays, at 7.30 pm.

23rd and 28th October; 18th and 25th November; 20th and 27th January. No meetings in December.

Julian Meetings are every Tuesday at 2.00 except last Tuesday in the month when we have a healing service and communion in Weobley Parish Church.

Sat Nov 2nd (All Souls' Day) 4pm Weobley Church

This will be a quiet, reflective Eucharist during which we will commemorate our departed family and friends. Please use the list at the back of the church on which to write the names of those you wish to be remembered.