

## Coming shortly

- 3<sup>rd</sup> November 5 pm All Souls' Service Monnington
- 10<sup>th</sup> November 10.45 am Remembrance Day Service - Weobley Parish Church
- 12<sup>th</sup> November 10.30 am Second Tuesday Coffee, Weobley Parish Church
- 16<sup>th</sup> November 12.30 Sarnesfield soup and sweet lunch, pre booking required from Roger Marshall on (01544) 318795
- 30<sup>th</sup> November 11 am Advent sale -Weobley Parish Church
- 1<sup>st</sup> December 4 pm Taize Service Weobley Parish Church

**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

#### 6<sup>th</sup> November 10,30

Holy Communion BCP (Weobley Parish Church)

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#### 26<sup>th</sup> November 10.30

Healing Service and Holy Communion (Weobley Parish Church)

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### Sunday Services next week

#### 10<sup>th</sup> November

Weobley, 10.45 am Remembrance 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 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2019

As I gazed out on Sunday morning, I felt that I needed a raven or a dove to launch from the upstairs window. John Donne once wrote "No man is an island", but it certainly felt like watery isolation. Thankfully our little island remained a good 18 inches above the high water mark in what was later reported as the Wye valley's third highest flood in the last one 100 years.

The event went largely unremarked on the National news media though BBC West Midlands news reported it on Monday evening. I cannot help feeling that if just 10 homes had been flooded at Kingston-upon-Thames it would likely have been a major news item! Pray for those who were flooded and for all those whose cars were trapped and then submerged along the roads at Letton. The fire brigade had to evacuate at least one car via the rear passenger window.

If three inches of rain can disrupt like that, then how does Japan cope with more than 30 inches in the same time period? and how will folk manage in Holland if sea levels rise as polar ice melts.

Planet Earth is our Ark. Lord, help us to keep it from sinking.

**Rev Charles Overton**

**Theme:** All Saints: Living up to the kingdom order which is ours in Christ

**Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18** – World powers come and go but God's kingdom endures: What God's people receive is higher authority than any empire of man

**Ephesians 1:11-23** – The Holy Spirit gives believers a life-changing inheritance: We are enabled to know God through spiritual revelation

**Luke 6:20-31** – Reliance on God empowers a higher way of life: Jesus' Sermon on the Plain overturns the world's assumptions.

And also: Psalm 149

### Services Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Weobley 10.30

Holy Communion - All Saints Sunday (CW)

Monnington-on-Wye - 17:00  
All Souls' Service

Letton - 10.30

Holy Communion (BCP)

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

## Prayer focus

### *For healing*

Jan Griffiths (Weobley)

David Games

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 Hendricksen and Judy Pritchard, and all the church community

The staff, Rev Susan Verwey,

Rev Martin Loveless, Rev Charles Overton and Henry Verwey.

### *Diocese of Hereford*

The Deanery of Ledbury

Diocesan Officers and those who work in the Diocesan Offices.

### *The Anglican church worldwide*

Pray for the Church of Bermuda

(Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury).

### *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

### **3 November All Saints**

#### **Collect**

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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

### **Second Tuesday Coffee**

**November 12th 10.30 - 12**

Weobley Parish Church

Please do join us for coffee and conversation - everyone welcome

### **Letton Guinea Service**

The ever-practical Rev. Charles Overton cycled through the floods wearing waders and a head-torch to lead the choral evensong. Supported by the Jubilus choir whose singers were from Weobley, Byford and Letton. The Bishop gave a worthy sermon about spiritual growth (and reminded us that a guinea was worth about £85 now!) Twenty people voted for the Bishop, with one person against (a Letton tradition?) Together with Bishop Richard, we all enjoyed refreshments and conversation afterwards, and were able to wish Bishop Richard a long and happy retirement.



### **REMEMBRANCE PARADE & SERVICE WEOBLEY - 10 NOVEMBER 2019**

On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019 Weobley will join with the rest of the Nation in the Annual Act of Remembrance. The focus of our remembrance will be the laying of wreaths and observing of The Silence at the War Memorial in the Churchyard at 11:00 am. This will be followed by the Church Service in the Parish Church conducted by the Reverend Martin Loveless, a retired Royal Air Force Chaplain who is also one of our Clergy Team. In the event of wet weather, the laying of wreaths and observing of The Silence will take place in the Parish Church prior to the Remembrance Service.

Everyone is welcome to join us. service. Coffee will not be served after this service due to numbers.

**NOTE: To enable volunteers to clean the area in advance of Remembrance Sunday, all wreaths and crosses from previous commemorations will be removed from the War Memorial during the preceding weeks.**

### **Advent Pre-loved Sale 30<sup>th</sup> November**

**11-3 pm Weobley Parish Church**

An opportunity to have a pre-Christmas clear out and donate items to help raise funds for our beautiful parish church and St Peter's Overnight Shelter in Hereford. Pictures, antiques, glassware, furniture, ornaments wanted—all in good saleable condition please. Delicious soup and rolls, mulled wine, mince pies plus good conversation guaranteed!

**Please contact Gill on 318320, Liz on 318522 or Juliet on 318206 to arrange drop off.**



**SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER Taize Service for Advent Sunday 4pm, Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul Weobley.**

This service is an ecumenical service of music and prayer drawn from a christian community of brothers from many different countries, who live and worship together in Taize, France. The service reflects the unique but simple meditative singing which is easy to follow. The quiet, candlelit atmosphere lends itself to prayer and silence. All are very welcome.