

## Coming shortly

- 22<sup>nd</sup> November 7.30 pm - Christmas choir practice - Weobley Parish Church
- 30<sup>th</sup> November 11 am Pre-loved Advent sale -Weobley Parish Church
- 30<sup>th</sup> November 10.30 - 12.30 pm Angel Festival and Coffee Morning, Staunton-on-Wye Village Hall
- 1<sup>st</sup> December 4 pm Taize Service Weobley Parish Church
- 7<sup>th</sup> December 10.30-1.30 pm - Annual Christmas Fayre, St John the Baptist, Letton.

**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

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

Healing Service and Holy Communion (Weobley Parish Church)

#### Sunday Services next week

#### 24<sup>th</sup> November

10.30 am Weobley

Holy Communion (BCP)

9.00 am Sarnesfield

Service of the Word (CW)

10.30 am Staunton-on-Wye

Eucharist (CW)

17:00 Byford

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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 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Don't say that you haven't been warned!

Warnings confront us everywhere. From the somewhat ridiculous ones that warn us that a coffee carton might have hot contents (!), to those that alert us to the dangers of eating something to which we might be allergic or to the most serious ones telling us of forthcoming bad weather or serious disease.

All our readings today warn us that troubles lie ahead. We quite rightly complain if we are not warned of bad weather, or if nothing is said about the possible harmful effects of a medicine or treatment. God in His grace tells us that the Christian life is no easy ride and wants us to prepare for the 'slings and arrows of outrageous fortune', and particularly for trouble we will face if we are faithful followers of Jesus. It is unfortunate, to say the least, that, in spite of this, some Christians proclaim a false gospel of 'Come to Jesus, all your problems will be solved and everything will be lovely'.

The aged apostle John wrote the book of Revelation to his fellow Christians, whom he said shared with him in Jesus 'the persecution and kingdom and patient endurance'. Yes, we Christians will inherit the Kingdom, but it will involve persecution and patient endurance.

The Bible passages for today are much more realistic. As well as helping us prepare for and react to the problems we will face, they also give us promises and encouragement to keep going.

Rev Charles Overton

**Theme:** Preparing through trials for the eternal kingdom

**Malachi 4:1-2**— The day is coming which spells both judgment and renewal. A glimpse of the millennial kingdom to come.

**2 Thessalonians 3:6-13** — Don't just wait for the Lord but prepare His way. Disciples should show themselves disciplined in all of life.

**Luke 21:5-19** — Jesus prepares His disciples for trials ahead. They will face betrayal and hatred – but knowing ultimate security.

**And also:** Psalm 98

### Services Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November

Weobley 10.45

Eucharist (CW)

Letton 10.30

Mattins (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 Parish of Staunton, the Parish Council and all the church Community.

Those involved in work with children and young people.

### *Diocese of Hereford*

The Deanery of Ross and Archenfield Bishop Richard of Hereford; Bishop Alistair of Ludlow; Derek, Archdeacon of Hereford.

### *The Anglican church worldwide*

The reformed Episcopal Church of Spain (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

**17 November 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent**

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son was revealed  
to destroy the works of the devil  
and to make us the children of God and  
heirs of eternal life:  
grant that we, having this hope,  
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;  
that when he shall appear in power and  
great glory  
we may be made like him in his eternal  
and glorious kingdom;  
where he is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## News



**St. John the Baptist Church, Letton**

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAYRE  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7th, 2019

**10.30am - 1.30pm**

Gifts, cakes, games, raffle, vegetables, bric a brac, books and seasonal refreshments.

Raffle drawn - 1pm £50 first prize. Visit our historic church - open daily



**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.**



St Mary's Church, Staunton-on-Wye

**Angel Festival and Coffee Morning**  
**Saturday 30th November**  
**10.30-12.30 pm**

*Staunton-on-Wye Village Hall*

**Everyone Welcome**

**SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER 4pm**

**Taize Service for Advent Sunday**  
**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.



**Christmas Choir**

Ladies and Gentlemen Singers from the Benefice, we are putting together a choir for the Christmas Carol Services, and would warmly welcome you all to our practices which take place on *Fridays 7 pm from 22nd November at Weobley Church.*

**Bob Thornton Thanksgiving Service**

There will be a Thanksgiving Service for Robert (Bob) Thornton on **Tuesday November 19th at 12 noon in Weobley Church** followed by refreshments in the church. All welcome. Any enquires please contact Chris Rhodes 01544 318410.