

News



We are pleased to say that **Weobley Parish Church** will now be open for private prayer in the Chancel daily between the hours of 10.00 and 3.00pm. It is vitally important that everyone continues to respect the social distancing rules. Access to the church will be through the Chancel door adjacent to the Preaching Cross. Please bring your own Bible or Prayer Book as under COVID-19 rules we cannot leave any out for shared use. *Wendy, Weobley PCC.*

Please note the Administrator is on annual leave until 28th June. Please look at the website page for further details about who to contact as the role will be shared out between volunteers. www.weobleyandstaunton.co.uk

The Living Word People & Steeple insert gives Bible readings with commentary to read and think about during the week for the following Sunday.

www.thelivingword.uk – new edition online every Wednesday, for the week following.

Link to related article, 'Explaining conflicts that arise from our faith', <https://bit.ly/tlw24article>

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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 21st June 2020

The corona virus epidemic has brought us collectively face-to-face with the reality of death in ways that have not been with us for a long time. In recent times the reality of death has faced those of us who have been close individually to someone whom we have known closely and loved. Now our news has been daily filled with deaths on a pandemic scale – 60,000 excess deaths in this country alone. The emphasis has understandably been on the suffering, grief and loss that has filled so many lives directly or indirectly. We have had less emphasis on the core Christian understanding of life after life, resurrection. We all know that the promise of life after life does not diminish the pain of a loved one's death – Jesus wept at the death of his beloved friend, Lazarus. And it is a core Christian understanding that God, in his love for us, offers us more life, not pie in the sky when we die, but a new heaven and a new earth where "God himself will be with us; he will wipe every tear from our eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things will have passed away".

As each one of us has to face the prospect of our death, we can read and rejoice in Isaiah 13, 1 Corinthians 15 and Revelation 21. It's why the early Christians wore white not black at funerals.

Rev'd Guy Wilkinson

Theme:

Three facets of new life: persecution – with God's providence and promise

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Jeremiah faithfully speaks God's truth and endures hatred in return

Romans 6:1-11

Reborn into new life in Christ and dying to the old, kills off sin's grasp

Matthew 10:24-39

Living for Christ will bring oppression and conflict but God's providential care is over it

Prayer focus

For healing

Jan Griffiths
David Games
Pat Claytor

For God's Comfort in Bereavement

Family and friends of Ruby Norman

If you know of anyone who is unwell, or if you would like us to pray for anyone whatever the reason, 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 Weobley, the Parish Church Council and all the church community.

Those involved in work with children and young people

In the Diocese of Hereford

The Deanery of Bromyard

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.

Pray for the Church of Nigeria.

The Collect

Sunday 21st June

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Worship and Prayer

Rob Page will be playing quiet music from 10.20am on Sunday, before this week's live Zoom service.



Weobley and Staunton Group Live Service every Sunday

We continue our live worship this Sunday with Morning Prayer at 10.30 am.
Log in available from 10.20am. The link for Sunday 21st June is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81946640814>

The corresponding service sheet can be found on the group website (under Week by Week tab, then click on Services) should you wish to print it off

www.weobleyandstaunton.co.uk

Also Facebook - *Weobley and Staunton Group of Parishes.*

The easiest way to click on the Zoom link is via the website page.



St Nicolas Norton Canon welcomes you for Private Prayer. A chapel has been created for you. For your safety and the safety of others access to parts of the church have been restricted. Please use the hand gel and wipes on entry and exit of the church, please dispose of any wipes/gloves in the bin provided.....These are strange times people, be safe and keep each other safe.....there is no social distancing from God...but there is from everyone else! **TOGETHER WE WILL COME THROUGH THIS.**

Letton PCC is happy to report that **Letton Church** is now open once again for individual private prayer daily, during the hours of daylight. When accessing the church visitors are urged to make use of the virus hygiene facilities provided and sign the visitors book in case NHS 'trace and test' might become necessary. Welcome back to Letton!



The **Church of St John the Baptist at Byford** is now open for private prayer every day, and, mindful that the last time it was closed by country-wide lockdown was in 1208, the PCC have pointed out that it will be open 'every day, and for ever more!'