



PARISH GIVING SCHEME

All seven of our churches in the Group Benefice have a Parish Giving Scheme account and are receiving regular donations (monthly, quarterly for example) - some large, some small, but all invaluable – from supporters who have set up a direct debit in favour of their local parish church. The scheme does the paperwork and as an added bonus this includes claiming the Gift Aid and passing it on to the parish.

To find out more about the scheme you can visit the PGS website at: <https://www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk/> Equally, you could have a word with the treasurer of your local parish who, if you decide to sign up will give you the parish's PGS code, and to get in contact with them do call our Group Administrator Emma Noble on 01432 761896 and she can give you a contact phone number.

Unarguably, these are difficult times, but as we know, while our churches are closed, the Church is still open and anything we can do to help our local parish keep ready for the days when we're back together again will be received with heartfelt gratitude. Do please give the scheme some careful consideration, and thank you of course.

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. See also separate page Explaining Pentecost <https://thelivingword.uk/explaining/explaining-pentecost/>

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Copy for next week no later than Wednesday to: admin@weobleyandstaunton.co.uk

People & Steeple

News and contacts for the Weobley & Staunton Group of Parishes
Weobley, Sarnesfield, Norton Canon,

Staunton-on-Wye, Byford, Monnington, Letton



Trinity Sunday 7th June 2020



Christians proclaim God as Trinity in Unity. God over all, that's understandable. God made flesh, that's appealing. God the indwelling Spirit, that's comforting. But Three in One and One in Three? That looks more subtle than straightforward.

For God is not like a shamrock, three equal leaves in a single-leaf; or like a Russian wedding ring, three equal rings linked inseparably together. The Trinity manifests differences in the way he works : the experience is not the same. And saying that the Trinity is three ways of experiencing the same God doesn't explain why each Person is so vividly separate.

We may think it's safest to hold our tongue. But we must carry the gospel to every creature; and some creatures demand to know more. Somehow, we must respond as best we can.

The Holy Undivided Trinity is a perfect relationship. There is no subordination, no deference, no demarcation, because perfection needs none of these things. That is a glorious mystery indeed. A greater mystery, perhaps, is why that perfect relationship should want to establish a living relationship with imperfect people like us, and make us like him. But he does, and there's nothing subtle about that.

Rev'd John Thewlis



Trinity Sunday

Theme: The three Persons of the One God at work in creation, mission and fellowship

Isaiah 40.12-17,27-31

2 Corinthians 13:11-14 — Christians carry with them the grace of Jesus, the love of the Father and the sense of belonging of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:16-20 — Apprentices of Jesus are drawn from all kinds of people, who become filled with Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Also: Psalm 8

Prayer focus

For healing

Jan Griffiths, David Games and
Pat Claytor

For God's comfort in bereavement

Thelma Craddock

Please note that Thelma's funeral is restricted to the attendance of 18 people. If you would like more information or are thinking of attending please contact Chris Rhodes in the first instance. **Many thanks**

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 Staunton, the Parish Church Council and all the church community

Clergy staff: Rev Susan Verwey, Rev Martin Loveless, Rev Charles Overton, Rev John Thewlis, Rev Chris Rhodes and Henry Verwey

In the Diocese of Hereford:

Bishop Richard of Hereford; Derek, Archdeacon of Hereford and Ludlow

Telford Severn Gorge

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 La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

The Collect

Trinity Sunday 7th June

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal
Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty
to worship the Unity:
keep us steadfast in this faith,
that we may evermore be defended from all
adversities; 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.

Worship and Prayer



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 7th 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.



My sincere thanks to all the Box holders in the Group for the generous donations again which amounted to **£550** this year to enable the vital work of the Charity in protecting and helping vulnerable young people in our society. Poverty, abuse, and neglect are still sadly widespread among many families, even in our seemingly affluent rural county. The Covid-19 lockdown has proved a two-edged sword for many children, being cooped up in crowded conditions, while school closures mean missing their one good meal a day and lack of friends to play with. On the plus side it is hoped it will have enabled teenagers (some younger) to escape the County Lines nightmare and helped the police to identify more drug dealers on the empty streets. All donations to the Society mean the vital work of the Children's Society staff can continue to support all those vulnerable families and young adults.

Sadly, this is my final report as I gave notice last year that I intended to retire after 18 years, raising thousands of pounds, and making many lovely friends in our Group and in the village. However I am delighted to say that Sarah Abel has agreed to continue the Box collection at Staunton and Sue Mealand is willing to take on the bulk of the Weobley supporters. My grateful thanks to both of them knowing the welfare of children is important in their lives. Unfortunately I have not yet been able to find a volunteer to take on the five boxes at Sarnsefield so the revenue from these may be lost.

Finally I wish to thank our Rural Dean, Guy, for his support and appreciation of my input and his efforts to try to find an opportunity for a formal retirement, but of course circumstances intervened with the best laid plans. My sincere thanks to everyone who has supported the work of the Society over the years. Please keep up the good work. With love & warm good wishes,
Barbara Warburton.