

Coming shortly

We are very pleased to inform you we have managed to put together both Zoom services and church services for the rest of July and we thank our dedicated retired clergy team for their dedication and commitment to the Benefice. The services are as follows:

Live Zoom services will continue every Sunday but will be at an early time of **9.30 am** and will be reviewed accordingly.

Church Services:

July 19th Eucharist CW 10.30 am Weobley Church

July 26th Holy Communion BCP 10.30 am Weobley Church

July 26th Morning Prayer 9 am Sarnesfield Church

July 26th Evening Prayer 5 pm Byford Church

The Living Word People & Steeple insert gives Bible readings with commentary to read and think about during the week for the *following* Sunday. Understanding... how deception undermines God's truth <https://bit.ly/TLWJuly19article>

Staunton & Weobley Group ministry & team

Weekday Services

There are currently no weekday services

Sunday Services 26th July

10.30 am Weobley Parish Church

Holy Communion BCP

9 am - Sarnesfield Parish Church

Morning Prayer

5 pm - Byford Parish Church

Evening Prayer

Zoom Service

9.30 am - Eucharist CW

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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 19th July 2020

I took part in a service of consecration of two new bishops today and was very struck by part of the ordination prayer. It seems to me that it applies to every one of us, whether clergy or lay – we are each one of us of the priesthood of all believers and what is prayed for our bishops is a prayer for each one of us. Here is the prayer: “Through your Spirit, heavenly Father, fill these your servants with the grace and power which you gave to your apostles, that as true shepherds they may feed and govern your flock, and lead them in proclaiming the gospel of your salvation in the world. Make them steadfast guardians of the faith and sacraments, wise as teachers and faithful in presiding at the worship of your people. Through them, with their fellow servants in Christ, increase your church and renew its ministry, uniting its members in a holy fellowship of truth and love. Give them humility, that they may use their authority to heal, not to hurt; to build up, not to destroy. Defend them from all evil, that they may, as faithful stewards, be presented blameless with all your household and, at the last, enter your eternal joy, through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and your Holy Spirit, belong glory and honour, worship and praise, now and for ever.”
Rev'd Guy Wilkinson

This week's readings

Isaiah 44:6-8

Who is like God, who knows and foretells the end from the beginning?

Romans 8:12-25

Kingdom life comes by the Spirit: learning to live as children and heirs of God

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Weeds in the wheat mimic the true crop, a story about fruitful and false disciples

Also:

Psalms 86:11-17

Services Sunday 19th July

10.30 am Weobley Eucharist (CW)

BCP: Book of Common Prayer, traditional form

CW: Common Worship, modern words

Prayer focus

For healing

Jan Griffiths (Weobley)
Pat Claytor

For comfort in new surroundings:

Doreen Watson

God's comfort in bereavement :

David Games and his family

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 Byford, the Churchwardens Sue Hubbard and Maggi Denaro, and all the church community.

Those who provide music in our churches.

In the Diocese of Hereford:

Our Rural Dean Guy Wilkinson and all those who serve on the Kington and Weobley Deanery Synod.

Leominster Deanery
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 Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

The Collect

6th Sunday after Trinity

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 from Weobley**

Worship and Prayer

Weobley and Staunton Group Live Service Sunday

We carry on our live Zoom service this Sunday at the new time of 9.30 am.

Log in available from 9.20 am.

The link for **Sunday 19th July** is:

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

The corresponding service sheet can be found on the group website. Under Week by week tab, 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.

News



Wonderful to Worship Again

We were delighted to welcome a congregation of 30 to our re-opening service at Weobley Parish Church last Sunday. It was wonderful to be able to worship together and to hear the sounds of the organ filling the rafters as Liz played for us before and after the service and also whilst we each individually made our way to the nave altar in a 'socially-distanced manner' for the distribution of the sacrament. We were thrilled to be joined by a positive 'convocation' of clergy. How wonderful it is to be back in our church, and do please join us when you feel comfortable to do so. *Best wishes, Wendy.*

Where's that whistle?

For those with good hearing, and who visit Sarnesfield St Mary's, the news that we have been able to find an organ specialist, locally, to come and try to work out why our Estey chapel organ has a bit of an unwanted whistle is excellent news! In between working on the pipe organ at Shrewsbury Cathedral, Gary Owens has stripped down the less sizeable organ at St Mary's and taken away a couple of 'bits' (a technical term) for repair in his workshop. We live in hope that a fix is on the way, not least because he said it has a marvellous sound and tone to it, and he returns next week to re-assemble and test it out. Here's to his success!

The Weobley and Staunton Group of Parishes

Appointment of a new Incumbent

It has been decided that the interviews for the post of Incumbent of the Weobley and Staunton Group of Parishes will be held on 20th and 21st of October 2020. As Chair of our Group Benefice Council I have had lengthy discussions with the Archdeacon who has been in close touch with our Bishop. The Archdeacon explained that all the different ways of holding the interviews soon had been considered carefully but for legal and practical reasons covered by Covid 19 safety guidelines none of them was feasible.

The Archdeacon has assured us that when interviewing can begin again the benefices are scheduled in order of cancellation in March and Weobley & Staunton are scheduled to be first off the rank. Candidates for the post remain anxious to be interviewed but have indicated they are prepared to wait until the proposed dates in October.

This remains a lengthy and frustrating delay but, in the meantime, we should thank our clergy team for all they have done in making sure our service schedules and ministry are sustained during this interregnum.