

Coming Shortly



SEPTEMBER HARVEST FESTIVAL DATES

Monnington-on-Wye, 13th September 3.30 pm

Letton, 20th September 10.30 am

Staunton-on-Wye, 27th September 10.30 am

The Living Word People & Steeple insert gives Bible readings with commentary to read and think about

during the week for the *following* Sunday. Seeing ourselves as God sees us, <http://bit.ly/Aug23article>

Staunton & Weobley Group ministry & team

Weekday Services

There are currently no weekday services

Sunday Services 30th August

10.30 am Weobley Parish Church

A Group Service for all our parishes.

Zoom Service

5.30 pm - Evening Prayer (BCP)

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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 23rd August 2020

Examination results are stressful even when there are no doubts about how they've been marked. What happened this year would have been laughable —if it hadn't involved so much personal anxiety and distress.

An imperfect world has got to make assessments —which fisherman has most skill, who is the best ploughman, who understands numbers, who has the gift of the gab, who has a lively mind. S.Paul in this morning's epistle celebrates diversities of gift. His point is that no-one has all the talents. Everyone must work together for God's good. Easy.

But what if people tell you your talent is smaller than you hoped? What if it really is? That's a hard question, and lots of teenagers are suddenly having to ask it. Being sympathetic solves nothing : their question deserves a proper answer. It is this.

Being successful —which always means doing better than other people— is nothing. What matters is honesty, truthfulness and patient effort. You may be mediocre in everything. But there need be nothing mediocre about your character or the influence you have on those around you. That's a truth worth repeating every year, and not just in this present year of horrors.

Rev'd John Thewlis

Theme

Know who God is, and discover who you are

[Isaiah 51:1-6](#)

Those who have been alienated are reminded of their godly ancestry.

[Romans 12:1-8](#)

With Spirit-renewed minds we see ourselves within the body of Christ with its richness of spiritual gifts.

[Matthew 16:13-20](#)

The disciples declare Jesus to be Son of the real, live God.

Also: [Psalm 138](#)

Services Sunday 23rd August

9.00 am Sarnesfield

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30 am Weobley

Holy Communion (CBCP)

10.30 am Staunton-on-Wye

Matins (Open Air Service)

5.30 pm Zoom

Evening prayer (BCP)

CW: Common Worship, modern words

BCP Book of Common Prayer

Prayer focus

For healing

Jan Griffiths (Weobley)

Pat Claytor

Daintree Griffiths

Patricia Rose (*Michelle Ward's mother*)

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 Sarnesfield, the Churchwardens Hilary Havard and Viv Leech, and all the church community.

Bell Ringers

In the Diocese of Hereford:

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

Ludlow 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 Church of the Province of South East Asia.

The Collect

11th Sunday After Trinity

O God, who declarest thy almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace that we, running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Worship and Prayer

Weobley and Staunton Group of Parishes Online Services

Sunday 23rd August

Evening Prayer (BCP) on Zoom at 5.30 pm
Log-in available at 5.20 pm at the following link:

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

The Service sheet can be found on the group website. Under the '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



News from St John the Baptist, Letton

Letton held its first post lock-down service on Sunday 16th and hopes to hold them on the 1st and 3rd Sundays in the month at 10.30 am from next month. Sadly, we are losing Leila who has faithfully kept watch over our church for the last five years. She lives in the Elizabethan Rectory, now Gardeners Cottage, next to the church. The cottage is in grave danger of neglect and dereliction, in spite of its listed status and long historical association with the church.

At Letton's recent APCM, the PCC was delighted to welcome Jane Bryan from Kinnersley to both the PCC and as their new Secretary. Jane has a wealth of experience in administration and, as many of us know, long-time local connections. Welcome Jane!

Jane succeeds Jill Valentine who has been secretary for more years than it's polite to mention. Loyal and dedicated to Letton's lovely church and community, Jill, who continues to be a PCC member, will now be able to take a gentle step back from the responsibilities of office while remaining fully engaged with the day-to-day life of St John's. Everyone in the Group community joins with the Letton congregation in wishing Jill a happy 'retirement' and extends a warm 'thank you' for all she achieved in her time as secretary.

Weobley PCC - managing the present, shaping the future

As regular church-goers know well, these are busy times for the Weobley PCC. With no incumbent at present - interviews will be in October - and the Church of England relaxing the Church Representation Rules in order to give PCCs greater scope to manage their churches' presence in the community, the St Peter & St Paul PCC is quite possibly as busily engaged as it ever has been.

The current PCC meets regularly and has successfully managed the 'return to church' in what are the most strange of times. Plans for the future - a brighter, more normal future - are carefully debated and made ready for the time when the new incumbent is in place. But there is always room for new ideas and new energy and with that in mind, the PCC would be pleased to welcome new members to the council.

If you think you would like to join the Weobley PCC, or recommend and nominate someone else - with their agreement of course - please ask Pat Millington or Wendy Hereford for a form. *With many thanks, Pat.*