

News



Wearing face-coverings in Church

As we adapt to changing and well-intentioned guidance on the wearing of face-covers, we should remind congregants that from Saturday 8th August we are now required to wear masks in places of public worship.

Experience last weekend was that most congregants in church were wearing masks but this Sunday, when there are two services, it will be compulsory. This weekend, Weobley will be indoors, at 10.30 am, whereas the Staunton-on-Wye service is an outdoor service, also at 10.30 am. Thankfully the weather forecast looks good, but if it turns inclement, the service will be in the church and then mask-wearing and all safety guidelines will be observed. But, let's look forward to sunshine and a fine service in the churchyard, at which of course we'll need to remember to stick to the 2m physical-distancing guidelines.

The Living Word People & Steeple insert gives Bible readings with commentary to read and think about during the week for the *following* Sunday. Stepping out in faith', https://bit.ly/TLW_Aug9_article

Staunton & Weobley Group ministry & team

Weekday Services

There are currently no weekday services

Sunday Services 16th August

10.30 am Weobley Parish Church

Eucharist (CW)

10.30 am - Letton Church

Matins Service

Zoom Service

5.30 pm - Evening Prayer

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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 9th August 2020

What a beautiful place Beirut was... up until the civil war of 1975. It is far less beautiful in August 2020. Beirut has been in the news this week, not for the usual reason, as a city of conflict between Jews, Muslims and Christians, but because of a devastating explosion of an accidental nature.

People have spoken of feeling something like an earthquake and the blasting shock-wave, and then numerous fires. Injuries have overwhelmed the hospital services, already struggling with Coronavirus. A third of a million people have effectively become homeless.

There have been many previous accidental explosions around the world of Ammonium Nitrate, some of which have killed hundreds of people.

When will we learn to keep potentially dangerous chemicals away from areas where people live?

How will people rebuild their homes and their businesses? The Lebanese Lira had already lost 85% of its value against Western currencies in the last year.

Will God speak into this with a still, small voice of calm? Will he do so through the International Community? Will anyone listen?

Please pray for the people of Beirut and Lebanon.

Rev'd Charles Overton

Theme

Faith is learning to see with God's eyes

[1 Kings 19:9-18](#)

God shows Elijah that faith sees beyond big events to God working in quiet ways.

[Romans 10:4-17](#)

The righteousness that justifies comes only by faith; trying to be righteous by works cannot succeed.

[Matthew 14:22-33](#)

Peter learns to keep his eyes on Jesus while stepping out in faith.

Also

[Psalm 85:8-13](#)

Services Sunday 9th August

10.30 am Weobley

Eucharist (CW)

10.30 am Staunton-on-Wye

Matins Open-air Service

9.30 am Zoom

Holy Communion (BCP)

CW: Common Worship, modern words

BCP Book of Common Prayer

Prayer focus

For healing

Jan Griffiths (Weobley)
Pat Claytor

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 who act as Vergers

In the Diocese of Hereford:

Those who serve on the Diocesan Synod and all the other Diocesan Boards and Committees.

Clun Forest Ministry

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 Province de L'Eglise Anglicane au Rwanda

The Collect

9th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the spirit in love and joy and peace; 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 of Parishes Online Services

While the number of services 'in-church' increases, our clergy team feel there is still demand for an online service for those who cannot easily get to church, or even prefer the online alternative. This will mean that the time of our Zoom Service may change from time-to-time to avoid timing clashes and next Sunday the 16th it will be at 5.30pm. This is a new time and so your feedback on how you might join and enjoy an evening service would be most welcome.

Sunday 9th August

Holy Communion (BCP) on Zoom at 9.30am
Log-in available at 09.20m 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.

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Raising the funds - to sustain our churches

If we think back to *People & Steeple BC* - Before Coronavirus - and jump forward to this weekend's edition, we might just ask ourselves, what's different, what's missing?

Well, of course it's the fundraising events 'adverts'. The lotteries, the cake stalls and coffee mornings, the summer teas, the raffles, the concerts, festivals and Christmas fayres, the wine walks and the rogation BBQs. These events, so lovingly organised, are absent from our lives just at present and I know from speaking with friends across the parishes that we miss them.

God willing, they will return soon and we'll be together again, enjoying the fun and, I have to say it, raising the funds. Funds that play, and have always played, such a vital part in sustaining both the ministry we feel so important in our lives, and of course our beautiful churches.

While it's certainly the case that our parish treasurers are feeling the pressures of lockdown loss of income, fundraising, although much hampered by current regulations, hasn't come to a complete halt. Parishes run lotteries, promote raffles, and are looking to introduce more modern ways of making donations by using swipe-technology and online giving. Plans for new events which meet the requirements of social distancing are being planned. And your PCC officers are always welcoming of new ideas and support, whether it might be by joining a lottery or offering time and help to join with friends to run an event. Do please think how you could help, every contribution of every type will make a world of a difference.

Norton Canon



Thank you to our volunteers who have recently helped tidy up the churchyard with mowing and stimming. It is looking wonderful again. If anyone feels they would like to join in with helping maintain the churchyard please contact Kim Hendricksen.