

Parish Meetings

Many things have been de-railed by the covid pandemic and for parish churches, the scheduling of meetings has been just one of them. But now, with the possibility of holding meetings in churches, the all-important APCMs - Annual Parochial Church Meeting - and Vestry Meetings at which churchwardens are elected are appearing on the benefice calendar.

Congregants on the Parish Electoral Rolls are welcomed to APCMs, and while not eligible to vote on PCC matters they may vote during the election of churchwardens.

APCMs coming up soon include Weobley on September 6th after the morning Service, Norton Canon on September 2nd and Sarnesfield on September 10th at 6.30pm.

The Living Word People & Steeple insert gives Bible readings with commentary to read and think about during the week for the *following* Sunday. [Explaining... God's call to all, https://bit.ly/Aug16article](https://bit.ly/Aug16article)

Staunton & Weobley Group ministry & team

Weekday Services

There are currently no weekday services

Sunday Services 23rd August

10.30 am Weobley Parish Church

Holy Communion (BCP)

9.00 am - Sarnesfield

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30 am Staunton-on-Wye

Matins Open Air Service

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 16th August 2020

I booked a slot at the Kington recycling centre to get rid of some accumulated garden and other material – for the time being you have to book a slot online in advance. I was a bit early and chatted to the young woman at the gate who told me that pretty much each day she had some people turning up without a booking who then exploded into anger at her.

There does seem to be a lot of suppressed and undirected anger around at the moment – often reflected in headlines in the Hereford Times and other media – ‘fury’ at this and ‘anger’ at that. There is a sense that so many things are happening to us over which we have no control. We don’t know what to do with our feelings and sometimes we burst out at the nearest person even though they have nothing to do with us or with the causes of our internal anger.

Anger is a form of energy within us and it needs to be directed to constructive purposes. We can be justifiably angry at all manner of situations, personal, social, worldwide. The question is what we do with our angers. If we bottle them up, they will burst out like a volcanic eruption and damage anyone near. Or they will explode internally and do real damage to our mental health.

Our anger needs to be directed into constructive outlets – purposes which will deliver something positive for us and for those around us. There is so much that needs to be done – let’s use our anger to meet those needs.

Rev’d Guy Wilkinson

Theme

God’s realm reaches out to outsiders.

[Isaiah 56:1, 6-8](#) — God calls those previously excluded to know the joy of worshipping Him.

[Romans 11:1-2, 29-32](#) — Gentile believers are not a rejection of the Jesus, as Paul gives testimony.

[Matthew 15:10-28](#) — When a Gentile woman, an outsider, pleads with Him in faith, Jesus heals her daughter.

Also: [Psalm 67](#)

Services Sunday 16th August

10.30 am Weobley

Eucharist (CW)

10.30 am Letton

Matins

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

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 Letton, the Churchwarden Derys Maddox and all the church community.

Intercessors and Readers

In the Diocese of Hereford:

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

Condover 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 Scottish Episcopal Church.

The Collect

10th Sunday After Trinity

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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

Sunday 16th 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



First Staunton Sunday Service on Church premises for 22 months

Eleven people attended an outdoor service on Sunday 9th August. It was a lovely occasion, and when they agreed to me taking a photo at the end, I was assured that they were all smiling behind their face masks. We are looking forward to our next service which will be a Eucharist at 10.30 am on Sunday 23rd August, and to our visiting organist Gary Higginson, who will be playing inside the church but will be easily heard outside.

Revd Susan Verwey

Group Benefice Council

Working closely with the PCCs, the Group Benefice Council (GBC) is continuing to meet once a month to help steer the group through the interregnum. In addition to working on the day-to-day requirements of the benefice, The GBC has facilitated a series of meetings with each of the parish PCCs to review new ways of managing the group and free up more time for mission and ministry for our new, incoming Rector. These early meetings, at which the keynote speakers are the members of the Deanery Leadership Team, are proving welcome, open and instructive and allow the PCCs to comment on the new management structures outlined in the new Church Representation Rules for 2020. The focus of conversation is on whether it would serve the benefice well, moving forward, to 'convert' the GBC into a Joint Council.

For everyone involved, this is breaking new ground in that we're not aware of any group of parishes that has constituted a Joint Council yet and perhaps that's no surprise as it only became a possibility in January. So, it's early days but what is clear already is that the introduction of the GBC has brought parishes closer together and there is a universal commitment to working better together.

The minutes of Group Benefice Council meetings will soon be published on the group's website and you will be able to find them under a newly established dropdown tab, named, Group Benefice Council as soon as the website is tweaked to accommodate this new page.