

## Coming Shortly



### SEPTEMBER HARVEST FESTIVAL DATES

Monnington-on-Wye, 13<sup>th</sup> September 3.30 pm

Letton, 20<sup>th</sup> September 10.30 am

Staunton-on-Wye, 27<sup>th</sup> 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. 'One thing that sets us apart', <http://bit.ly/sept13article>

## Staunton & Weobley Group ministry & team

### Weekday Services

There are currently no weekday services

### Sunday Services 20<sup>th</sup> September

#### 10.30 am Weobley Parish Church

##### Eucharist (CW)

#### 10.30 am Letton Church

#### Harvest Festival

#### 5.30 pm - Zoom 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 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020

"The window of my study looks out onto a churchyard and frames two trees and some gravestones, one for a former occupant of my house. The scene that I see reminds me that change is a permanent part of our lives even in normal times. We can wish that the summer would not give way to autumn, but the two trees will continue to change colour; we might wish not to die, but the headstone is there – William and Gertrude Murrell 1875-1955. Each season, each stage in our lives has its own beauty and blessing if we care to look for it – the new autumn clothing of the trees is a marvel to see; in our understanding of resurrection, death is not the end and there is more life ahead. As we face not only the familiar changing seasons of the year and of our lives, we also have to face the many new, unexpected and often unwelcome changes that swirl around us, whether of the pandemic, the structures of our society or the changing climate. Some we must simply endure with as much grace as we can find; other changes we must stand against. Behind all the change, familiar and unfamiliar there is the unchanging love of God."

Rev'd Guy Wilkinson

### Theme

How we show God's mercy to others

[Genesis 50:15-21 \(Psalm 103:1-7\)](#)

Joseph knows that his misfortune, intended by his brothers for harm, was used by God to save many lives

[Matthew 18:21-35](#)

The story of the unmerciful steward teaches that all unforgiveness is sin but also that we have the capacity of God to forgive

[Romans 14:1-12](#)

Those who are confident in faith and freedom need to give others a bit of leeway

### Services Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September

#### 10.30 am Weobley Parish Church

Eucharist (CW)

#### 10.30 am Staunton-on-Wye

Eucharist (CW)

#### 3.30 pm Monnington-on-Wye

Harvest Festival

#### 5.30 pm - Zoom Service

Evening Prayer (BCP)

CW: Common Worship, modern words

BCP: Book of Common Prayer

## Prayer focus

### *For healing*

Jan Griffiths (Weobley)

Pat Claytor

George and Tibb Richardson

***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-on-Wye, the Parish Church Council and all the church community.

Those involved in work with children and young people.

### *In the Diocese of Hereford:*

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

Abbeydore 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 Anglican Church of South America.

## The Collect

### 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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 13<sup>th</sup> September

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](http://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.**

#### Still free to worship

There was great relief - at the time of writing, we should probably say - that the Prime Minister has confirmed that places of worship can still hold more than six people despite the new restrictions on gatherings and re-assured church bodies that public worship can continue. So, see you in church!

## News

### Season of Creation

Creationtide, or the Season of Creation, is the period in the annual church calendar - from 1st September to 4th October - dedicated to God as creator and sustainer of all life.

Each year the church focuses on Creationtide and this year, in the run-up to the UN's global climate change talks scheduled for November (but now postponed until Nov' 2021) the Climate Sunday initiative has been launched. Coming together, churches of all faiths, are encouraged to hold a Sunday Climate Service or adapt the theme of a regular service in order to reflect upon the theological background to creation and pray for the well-being of actions designed to care for our precious climate.

To find out more about the Season of Creation do visit this website: <https://seasonofcreation.org/about/>



### September

LO! A ripe sheaf of many golden days  
gleaned by the year in Autumn's  
harvest ways,  
with here and there, blood-tinted as  
an ember,  
some crimson poppy of a late delight  
atoning in its splendour for the flight  
of Summer blooms and joys  
- This is September.

### Season of Harvest

The eagle-eyed among you will have noticed from the Group's service schedules that we are moving to season for Harvest Festival services. Monnington's will be first, this Sunday afternoon at 3.30pm, and Letton the week after. We will publish all the dates as we move forward, week-by-week.

For many, Spring is the favourite time of year. For many others though the Autumn is best of times when the colours of the woodlands, the agricultural land and the evening skies all change day-by-day. We thought you might enjoy the above poem by a Canadian poet Lucy Maud Montgomery. A simple yet hugely evocative reflection on the month we find ourselves in now.

### Season of Cake - but not just now!

In last week's *People & Steeple*, we advertised the Sarnesfield Ladies' Cake Stall on Friday 18th September. Sadly, the 'Ladies' have had to cancel the stall as it was felt that it might well contravene the Government's recently re-introduced restrictions on meetings of more than six people, whether indoors or outdoors. It's hoped that the cake stall scheduled for December will still go ahead but time and virus will tell. Despite this disappointment, the Ladies extend a heartfelt 'thank you' to all those who support by shopping at these cake stalls - and also to those who bake and make so generously.