

Coming Shortly



SEPTEMBER HARVEST FESTIVAL DATES

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. '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 27th September

9.00 am Sarnesfield

Service of the Word

10.30 am Weobley Parish Church

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30 am Staunton-on-Wye

Harvest Festival

4.00 pm Byford

Pet Blessing

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 20th September 2020

Michaelmas falls *next* week, but I'm going to jump the gun. It's when university term starts, when I was ordained and when my new ministries have begun. The ASB gave us a proper preface in an ancient form: "... through Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom the angels praise, the dominations adore, the powers fear thy majesty; the heavens and the heavenly virtues together sing thy praise with exultation; therefore we pray that our voices may be heard with theirs, evermore praising thee and saying ..."

Protestant Christians don't speak of angels in the way that mediaevals did. We're cautious about the intercession of saints and the help of angels: we don't want to bypass God or refuse direct access to him through the Blood of the Lamb.

We need not be quite so cautious. Angels are agents who obey the will of God, without him they are nothing. We mention angels every time the Great Prayer begins—how could they be irrelevant? They are leaders in the art of worship. We need their example and all the help God wills that they should give us. Roll on Tuesday 29 September!

John Thewlis

Theme

God's grace is perplexing to us at times

OT: [Jonah 3:10-4:11](#) — Jonah is angered by the Lord's priority of saving souls, even Israel's enemies

NT letter: [Philippians 1:21-30](#) — Paul knows that whether he is released or executed, his life is with the Lord

NT gospel: [Matthew 20:1-16](#) — Jesus teaches God's grace in the story of the vineyard owner who gave late starters he hired the same wage as others who had worked a full day

And also read: [Psalm 148:1-8](#)

Services Sunday 20th September

10.30 am Weobley Parish Church

Eucharist (CW)

10.30 am Letton

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

*In the blessing of their marriage
Evan and Sarah*

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 Monnington, the Churchwarden Ray Phillips and all the church community.

Those who tend our graveyards.

In the Diocese of Hereford:

Bishop Richard of Hereford and Derek, Archdeacon of Hereford.

Bromyard 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 of South Sudan.

The Collect

15th Sunday after Trinity

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 20th 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.

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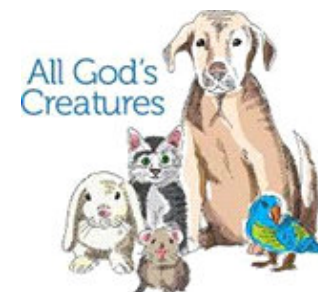
The easiest way to click on the Zoom link is via the website page.

News

Staunton-on-Wye - Fundraising in time of restrictions

Staunton Church is unable at present to put on its normal coffee mornings and other fundraising that involve numbers of people meeting. However, some very innovative parishioners have been devising other ways of raising funds.

Mary is making delicious home-made pizzas to order. Trevor has been selling splendid fruit, vegetables and plants all season. Barbara, Wendy and Stephanie have done a 10 mile sponsored walk. We thank all of these people for their kind efforts, and we would welcome other people to join in with ideas energy to keep the fundraising going. *Susan Verwey*



PET BLESSING AT BYFORD

We are holding our Pet Blessing Service on

September 27th at 4pm
Everyone and their pets welcome.