

Coming Shortly



HARVEST FESTIVAL DATES

Staunton-on-Wye, 27th September 10.30 am
Norton Canon 4th October 11.00 am
Weobley 18th October 10.30 am
Sarnesfield 25th October 11.00 am
Byford 25th October 5.00 pm

The Living Word is a Bible study on the set readings www.thelivingword.uk. A linked article explores this week's theme: 'Understanding... how agreement and conflict play out in the kingdom of God', <http://bit.ly/ArticleSept27>

Staunton & Weobley Group ministry & team

Weekday Services

There are currently no weekday services

Sunday Services 4th October

10.30 am Weobley Parish Church

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30 am Letton

Eucharist

11.00 am Norton Canon

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 27th September 2020

Squirring in their seats

If you have ever watched or listened to programmes like Today, Question Time or Any Questions, you will be familiar with politicians who don't answer the questions they are asked because the true answer is too uncomfortable. You might react with amusement, frustration or despair or, like me, with a mixture of all three as they squirm and evade!

One of the things that is all too obvious as you read the Bible is that people haven't changed much! In our gospel reading today, the religious leaders would not answer the question Jesus asked.

Jesus' follow-up story is a lesson for us as regular churchgoers and committed Christians. Whether we like it or not, others view us as 'religious'. And it's so easy for us to slip into an attitude of ignoring, dismissing or despising any new thing that God is doing and wants us to help Him be part of as He works in His vineyard of the world.

Even if at first His call is not to our liking, let's be brave enough to change our mind. If we respond to His call with enthusiasm, let's be brave enough to follow through any promises we make.

After all, who really likes to squirm?

Peter Houghton

Theme

The disagreements that destroy fellowship

OT: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 — The returning exiles put the blame on God for their sinful state.

NT letter: Philippians 2:1-13 — The love that is humble and seeks the common mind, guards against divisive personal agenda.

NT gospel: Matthew 21:23-32 — The temple authorities argue with Jesus in the temple courts, as He teaches that recognising sin and turning from it is the way into the kingdom.

Sunday 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 Service

Evening Prayer (BCP)

CW: Common Worship, modern words

BCP: Book of Common Prayer

Prayer focus

For healing

Jan Griffiths (Weobley)
Pat Clayton

*For God's comfort in bereavement
Gwen Fuller (Weobley) and family.
Gwen sadly passed away recently at
the magnificent age of 100. Our
thoughts and prayers are with all
those who knew Gwen.*

***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 involved in fund-raising for our churches.

In the Diocese of Hereford:

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

Hereford Deanery (City and Rural)

The Wider Church

Pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan.

The Collect

16th Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 27th 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

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

News



We congratulate Louise and Adam Waygood on the recent christening of their daughter Paignton. The happy couple were celebrating their sixth wedding anniversary on the day of Paignton's baptism last Sunday. They had been married in Weobley Church six years ago and so it was a double celebration for them. Paignton's brothers were also christened in Weobley Church.



PET BLESSING AT BYFORD

We are holding our Pet Blessing Service on

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