

Coming Shortly



HARVEST FESTIVAL DATES

Weobley -Churches Together In 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 'Understanding' article explores this week's theme: *The invitation we must respond to* <http://bit.ly/articleforoct11>

Staunton & Weobley Group ministry & team

Weekday Services

There are currently no weekday services

Sunday Services 18th October

10.30 am Weobley Parish Church

Harvest Festival - Churches Together in Weobley

10.30 am Letton

Matins

5.30 pm - Zoom Evening Prayer (BCP)

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For more news, see also www.weobleyandstaunton.co.uk or Facebook

People & Steeple

News and contacts for the Weobley & Staunton Group of Parishes

Weobley, Sarnesfield, Norton Canon,
Staunton-on-Wye, Byford, Monnington, Letton

Sunday 11th October 2020

Theme

We are invited to enter God's realm

OT: [Isaiah 25:1-9](#) — Praise to the Lord, who will invite all people and nations to the great celebration of His dominion.

NT letter: [Philippians 4:1-9](#) — Kingdom principles focus on what is good, and emphasise prayer with thanksgiving to the God of peace, the way to heal a church dispute.

NT gospel: [Matthew 22:1-14](#) — The banquet spurned by those initially invited is attended by a full house of unlikely guests.

And also read: [Psalm 23](#)

Bishop Richard puts out each week a video message to the diocese and these are well worth watching and taking to heart. Each message is quite short – perhaps a maximum of ten minutes, but watching and listening to him is a good way to get to know our bishop. In the past, before the arrival of electronic communications, the bishop was for most people often a remote figure however much he (usually) tried to get out and about. Now that can change and we can play our part by tuning in. His latest message is on the diocesan website here:

<https://tinyurl.com/yxpkemk3>

I appreciate that not everyone is online, but perhaps those who are can share with those who are not – taking care of course about virus safety. Bishop Richard will be in Weobley on 21st October to take part in the interviews for a new vicar of the Weobley and Staunton benefices. Each of our parishes is represented on the interview panel and we should be praying now for the two candidates and for the interviewing panel that they will all be guided by God's will in this appointment. Prayer support is very important.

Rev Guy Wilkinson

Sunday 11th October

10.30 am Weobley Parish Church
Eucharist CW

10.30 am Staunton-on-Wye
Eucharist

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

Ian and Hilary Robinson (Weobley)

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 Sarnesfield, the Churchwardens Hilary Havard and Viv Leech, and all the church community.

Our Church Secretaries

In the Diocese of Hereford:

Diocesan officers and those who work in the Diocesan Offices.

Ledbury Deanery

The Wider Church

Pray for the Church of the Province of Uganda.

The Collect

18th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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 11th October

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

St. John the Baptist Church, Letton

As with so many organisations we have been unable to carry on our usual fundraising activities this year. Letton Church have few reserves and rely on our annual fund raising to be financially viable, and therefore exist. We have, however, had our raffle tickets printed and collected good prizes. These tickets are now for sale, £1 a ticket, £5 a book, available from members of the PCC. As we are not able to have a Christmas Fair or summer teas in the church this year we have made arrangements with Luke and Byron at the Swan Inn, Letton to hold the raffle between 3pm and 5pm on Saturday, 28th November, 2020. You are invited to attend (lockdown permitting)- masks and social distancing- sitting at tables. If you are able to support us by buying even one ticket we can arrange to deliver tickets (suitably protected) and collect cash, cheque, or even better, money can be transferred to the church account by BACS, Letton Parochial Church Council Sort Code:20-39-64 Acc. No.10572802 Please contact one of the people below if you wish to support Letton Church and maybe win one of our many prizes. Jane Bryan bryanj940@aol.com Derys Maddox 07553 848785 Nora Matthews 01544 327745 Tracy Wilding tracylettonchurch@yahoo.com



Pet Service at Byford

We had a lovely service in the churchyard led by Chris Rhodes, there were 14 humans and a variety of very well behaved dogs. The sun shone and at the end we lit candles and remembered our beloved pets who have shared our lives and given us so much love over the years.

Sue Hubbard



Harvest Festival at Norton Canon

A lovely Harvest Festival last Sunday with a good turn out and an excellent Service. Thanks to Peter Houghton for Conducting the service and for the superb playing of the organ by Gary Higginson.

Kim Hendricksen