

Coming Shortly



HARVEST FESTIVAL DATES

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: 'Revitalisation — God's kingdom vs our controll' <http://bit.ly/oct4article>

Staunton & Weobley Group ministry & team

Weekday Services

There are currently no weekday services

Sunday Services 11th October

10.30 am Weobley Parish Church

Eucharist (CW)

10.30 am Staunton-on-Wye

Eucharist

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 4th October 2020

Are you, like me, hoping that a new Rector will be successfully chosen and appointed when the interviews for Sean's replacement finally take place two and a half weeks from now?

I am reminded of a Vicar who was moving on and had a farewell party on his last Sunday. In the corner was an old lady in floods of tears. He went to comfort her, "Now, now Mrs Smith, please don't take on so. I'm sure your new vicar will be a far better Vicar than me." At this Mrs Smith sobbed even more vigorously.... "Oh no, reverend, that's exactly what the previous four Vicars all said when they left, and they were all wrong".

Pray for the PCC and those appointed to be parish representatives, that we do get the new Vicar who is God's choice for this parish, and please be sure to work with him or her helpfully and cooperatively so that the people of our seven parishes do clearly hear the message of Jesus which is the Gospel with power to save.

Charles Overton

Theme

Getting the focus on God's kingdom
OT reading: [Isaiah 5:1-7](#) — The vineyard the Lord prepared that failed to produce the right kind of fruit.

NT letter reading: [Philippians 3:4-13](#)
— Paul is a model Jew, not that it counts for anything. It's all about his relationship with Jesus.

NT gospel reading: [Matthew 21:33-46](#)
— The vineyard story about the tenants from hell who assaulted the owner's agents.

And also read: [Psalm 80:7-16](#)

Sunday 4th October

10.30 am Weobley Parish Church
Morning Praise non-Eucharist

10.30 am Letton
Eucharist

11.00 am Norton Canon
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

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.

Church Treasurers

In the Diocese of Hereford:

The Dean, Chapter and congregation of Hereford Cathedral.

Kington & Weobley Deanery

The Wider Church

Pray for the Anglican Church of Tanzania.

The Collect

17th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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 4th 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



Our New Vicar

As Charles Overton references in his excellent column, we are soon to hold the interviews for a new incumbent for the Group. As we know all too well they were cancelled in March and now in October - on the 20th and 21st - we will be able to 'go round again' as it were. The candidates have patiently waited for this day and we should pray for them both and all those involved in the process with the hope that there is a marriage of minds and that they feel called to our rural benefice.

On the 20th they will be visiting all our seven churches and schools and getting just a bit of a feel for the rural setting that is the Weobley & Staunton Benefice and then on the 21st the more formal interviewing process takes place and each parish is represented on the interviewing panel. May they all be blessed with two fine days.

Group Benefice Council

Your Group Benefice Council meets again on Wednesday 7th and among the items on the agenda are continued discussions about PCC management and whether an overarching Joint Council might lend greater cohesion to the day-to-day management of our group and our parishes. The consultation is led by the Deanery Leadership Team and all PCC have engaged wholeheartedly in a series of meetings both online and face-to-face.

Also important to the PCCs is the new requirement for PCC members to have a Church of England Basic Safeguarding Awareness Certificate - CO is it's known in shorthand - and this new development is on the agenda also. While it is now a requirement for PCC members to complete this course - which can be done online in about one hour - it is open also to all members of a church congregation who might be involved in any of voluntary support roles that churches are so good at generating! If you feel you might be interested in learning a little more about this new course and so getting a better understanding of how we all play a part in safeguarding in all avenues of our daily lives then your parish secretary would be the person to speak to.