

Coming Shortly



ARMISTICE DAY - 11 NOVEMBER 2020

Members of the Weobley Branch of the Royal British Legion will assemble at the War Memorial in the South Churchyard at 1050 am on Wednesday 11 November to observe The Silence at 1100 in Remembrance of those who have given their lives in all theatres of conflict throughout the 20th Century to the present day, and to pray for the safe return of those members of the Armed Forces serving at present in areas of conflict and danger. Everyone is welcome to attend but must remain socially distanced throughout.

The Living Word is a Bible study on the set readings www.thelivingword.uk. A linked 'Explaining' article explores this week's theme: The review and renew of God, see <http://bit.ly/nov1article>

Staunton & Weobley Group ministry & team

Weekday Services

Monday 2nd November 5pm - All Souls' Service, Weobley Parish Church

Sunday Services 8th November

10.45 am Weobley Parish Church

Remembrance Day Service

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 1st November 2020

All Believers are Saints

In a recent sermon about Saint Francis, I quoted a story that is very apposite for today, All Saints Day.

A schoolboy attended a cathedral service with his parents and was amazed at the stained-glass windows above him. The east window took his eye as it was full of images of people. He was enthusiastic about the many colourful glass figures that the sun traced through the stained-glass windows onto the floor and he excitedly asked his mother what this and that meant. She whispered that this was 'such and such' a saint, and that was another.

Sometime later in a school assembly the area bishop seeking to give the children a challenge, asked if anybody knew what a saint was. He looked round not really expecting anything more than a name, perhaps St Peter or St Mary. The excited boy, raising his hand, said, "I do". ***"A saint is someone that the light shines through!"***

The bishop was dumbstruck for a moment, then a smile blossomed across his face. ***"You have preached my sermon young man! May we all become saints!"***

According to the Bible, all believers are saints... so, may the light shine through you this week.

Rev'd Charles Overton

Theme

Avoiding the hypocritical, applauding the authentic

OT: Micah 3:5-12

Without the will to change, devastation beckons.

NT letter: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

How to be good news and have the authenticity to talk about it.

NT gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

When it's done for show, it's done for man, not God.

And also read: Psalm 43

Sunday 1st November

10.30 am Weobley Parish Church

All Saints Morning Praise

10.30 am Letton

Holy Communion

11.00 am Norton Canon

Holy Communion

5.00 pm Monnington-on-Wye

All Souls Service

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

Doreen Watson

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 who arrange flowers in our churches.

In the Diocese of Hereford:

Bishop Richard of Hereford; Derek, Archdeacon of Hereford and Ludlow.

Bridgnorth Deanery

The Wider Church

Pray for the Church in Wales

The Collect

All Saints

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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.

All Souls

Eternal God, our maker and redeemer, grant us, with all the faithful departed, the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection that, in the last day, when you gather up all things in Christ, we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises; 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 1st November

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



All Souls' Day

The Benefice will be holding two services for All Souls' Day. The first will be this Sunday at Monnington-on-Wye at 5pm with Rev'd Susan Verwey. We will also be holding one on Monday, 2nd November at 5pm at Weobley Parish Church with Rev'd John Thewlis.

The services will be reflective and will commemorate our departed family and friends. Please use the contact list on page 4 to confirm with the appropriate member of the clergy team any names of those you wish to be remembered and read out at the service. People are very welcome to ask for a loved one to be remembered whether or not they are able to attend the service.



Remembrance Day Service

10.55 Opening Prayers, Rev'd Martin Loveless.

Laying of Wreaths.

11.00 The Silence – Last Post and Reveille.

**11.02 Act of Commitment/The Lord's Prayer
Blessing/National Anthem (no singing)**

11.15 Disperse

As initially announced in October, Remembrance Day parades to honour The Fallen will **not** go ahead this year because of the coronavirus pandemic. The focus of our remembrance in Weobley will still be the laying of wreaths and observing of The Silence at the War Memorial in the South Churchyard. As well as not being permitted to hold a parade, the numbers able to assemble within the Parish Church are strictly limited due to the rules governing social distancing. Therefore, the Remembrance Service this year will be outside the church in the South Churchyard, centred on the War Memorial. Social distancing must still apply, and people will have to be spread out in accordance with the latest government guidelines. There is specific Royal British Legion provision for this sort of commemoration with a slightly extended outdoor Order of Service with additional prayers and/or readings. There will be **no** singing. The service will be conducted as last year by the Rev'd Martin Loveless, a retired Royal Air Force Chaplain.

People are very welcome to attend this service, and are asked to assemble in the South Churchyard **no later than 10.45** to ensure that everyone is properly socially distanced.

In the event of wet weather, the service will go ahead as above.

For those who are unable to attend or feel uncomfortable about gathering in groups there will be a restricted Act of Remembrance broadcast from The Cenotaph but also, nationally, people are being urged to hold their own private tributes to those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom. Like the NHS 'Clap for Carers', people are being urged to stand on their doorsteps for a two-minute silence at 11.00am on Sunday 8th November. Those who wish to watch the annual Festival of Remembrance from the Albert Hall on the Saturday night will be pleased to know that the broadcast will go ahead but as a 'virtual' event limited to those participating, without a live audience.