

Letton Church Raffle



The Swan Inn at Letton invites you to a Zoom meeting to draw Letton Church Raffle on November 28th at 3pm. Please find the log in details below. **THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE CHURCH RAFFLE** Prize winners will be notified. Good Luck!

Meeting ID: 784 6757 7868 Passcode: zdBMu3A

The Living Word is a Bible study on the set readings www.thelivingword.uk. A linked 'Explaining' article explores this week's theme: 'Explaining... How we experience God', see <https://bit.ly/Nov22article>

Staunton & Weobley Group ministry & team

Sunday Services 29th November

10.30 am Advent Sunday
Zoom Service BCP

5.30 pm -Evening Prayer (BCP)
Zoom Service

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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 22nd November 2020

This Sunday is the last in the Church Year before we start a new one with the season of Advent next Sunday. Christ the King is a comparative newcomer to the festivals celebrated in the western church. It was introduced by Roman Catholics in 1925 and adopted fully by Anglicans only with the introduction of Common Worship in 2000.

It reminds us of the core Christian confession 'Jesus Christ is Lord' and of the hope offered in Psalm 2 where, in the middle of confusion, fear and turmoil, God declares that He has set His king in place as the One who rules, and will eventually bring in His perfect kingdom of justice and peace. The 12 months since we last celebrated this feast have undeniably produced a 'shaking of the foundations' of much that we took for granted, so it is good to remind ourselves that 'The Lord is King' and to enter into the spirit of the coming Advent by watching and waiting for that time when He will be acknowledged as King by one and all. We are encouraged in Daily Prayer for this season between All Saints' Day and Advent to wait by praying that we may live as citizens of heaven and intercede that all sovereigns and political leaders imitate the righteous rule of Christ, the King who wore a crown of thorns.

In any position of authority that any of us hold, let us exercise it in the same way that Jesus does.

Rev'd Peter Houghton

Theme

Theme: Knowing about God must grow into experiencing God

OT: [Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24](#)

The scattered exiles will find their land again with a divine leader whose rule brings justice

NT letter: [Ephesians 1:15-23](#)

How coming to faith in Jesus begins a process of growing confidence and empowerment

NT gospel: [Matthew 25:31-46](#)

At the end time Jesus teaches there will be a separation and a judgment.

And also: [Psalm 95:1-7a, Psalm 10](#)

Sunday 22nd November

**10.30 am Zoom Service (BCP)
Holy Communion**

**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

Those that have recently passed

David White and all those whose lives he touched.

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.

Those who act as Vergers.

In the Diocese of Hereford:

Diocesan officers and those who work in the Diocesan Offices.

Ludlow Deanery.

The Wider Church

Pray for the of Church of Bermuda (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury).

The Collect

Christ the King Sunday next before Advent

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; 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

Christ the King Sunday next before Advent
Holy Communion at 10.30 am
(BCP) with Peter Houghton

Evening Prayer (BCP) on Zoom at 5.30 pm with
Guy Wilkison

Links for both services can be found below:

<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

News

Ian Robinson

Hilary Robinson thanks everybody for their prayers and kind thoughts over the last few weeks. She writes: 'Ian passed away peacefully at home as he desired. His ashes have been buried in his family grave in Retford, Nottinghamshire. We had the 1662 Prayer Book Funeral service at the graveside "without amendment or emendation" just as he wished. Eight of us were there including our two grandchildren. Any donations will be given to Hereford Open Door. Thank you'. *Hilary*



Our New Rector

As you'll know, our search for a new rector for our group of parishes was unsuccessful just a few weeks ago when we interviewed but found ourselves unable to offer the post. Since then we've been very busy consulting with the parish PCCs and of course both our Deanery and the Diocesan office in Hereford.

And in short, advertising has begun again and with blessings we hope to be able to interview good candidates at the beginning of January - the 5th and 6th of January to be precise. The role advertised has changed just a bit in that it our Rector will be working one day a week as an Assistant Archdeacon with Archdeacon Derek Chedzey in Hereford. We are hopeful that this will give the post greater prominence and will allow us to attract more and perhaps younger and more dynamic candidates as well as find ourselves more closely allied to the Diocese on a regular basis.

In adopting this approach, we were supported by the comforting knowledge that our current clergy team have offered their continuing support in delivering ministry and pastoral care among our parishes, both during this on-going interregnum and, most comforting, after a new incumbent joins us in Weobley. With the break for Lockdown One our plans were somewhat stalled but we're ever hopeful that 2021 will be a positive year for change and renewal and let's hope and pray that begins with the 'right person' called to our benefice. *Roger Marshall*