

Coming Shortly



ARMISTICE DAY - 11th NOVEMBER 2020

Members of the Weobley Branch of the Royal British Legion will assemble at the War Memorial in the South Churchyard at 10.50 am on Wednesday 11th November to observe The Silence at 11.00 in Remembrance of those who gave 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.

Sadly, attendance must be minimal and everyone 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 need to be ready for the Lord's return', see <http://bit.ly/nov8article>

Staunton & Weobley Group ministry & team

Lockdown 2.0

As we now know, Lockdown 2.0 will run until December 2nd - and not a day longer we hope - and the government has instructed that communal worship in church is prohibited once again. Our churches will however be open as they were in the Spring for private worship and in order to meet the demand for Sunday services the group will be hosting two services each Sunday.

If you are visiting your local church for private prayer, do please follow the health security protocols in place.

Sunday Services 15th November

10.30 am - Group Service (on Zoom)

**5.30 pm - Group Evening Prayer (BCP)
(On Zoom)**

Copy for next week no later than Wednesday to: admin@weobleyandstaunton.co.uk

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Staunton-on-Wye, Byford, Monnington, Letton

Sunday 8th November 2020

In the coming weeks in this country and in the United States, we all face a time when how to live together with profound disagreements will be severely tested once again. In America, the winning President will need to deal with a losing candidate with whom they have profoundly disagreed, often in the most bitter terms. Bishop Nick Baines quoted Abraham Lincoln: "I don't like that man. I must get to know him better." And most importantly, Jesus tells us to love our enemies.

We face challenges over profound disagreements here; in the continuing aftermath of Brexit and now in the presence of the virus management and second lockdown. Our Archbishops have publicly disagreed with the government over the banning of worship in church, but will accept that a law which is intended to protect the vulnerable will be obeyed. This weekend marks Remembrance Sunday when we remember how disagreement if not tempered with love and compassion can lead to the deaths of millions and we honour those who have lost their lives in wars, with the hope that better attention will be paid to good disagreement. Jesus says: love one another as I have loved you'. One way to help us in this might be to follow the Archbishops' suggestion of the spiritual discipline of fasting each Thursday.

Rev'd Guy Wilkinson

Theme

Christ's return will bring justice, and judgement

Amos 5:18-24

The Day of the Lord will be judgement on insincere worshippers.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

When the Lord comes He will bring back with Him His own who have passed away.

Matthew 25:1-13

The unprepared bridesmaids teach us to be ready for Christ's return when we least expect it.

Also read: Psalm 70

Sunday 8th November

**10.30 am Remembrance Sunday
Zoom Service (BCP)**

**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

Ian Robinson
Doreen Watson

We pray for those that have lost loved ones this week:

Hilary Robinson
Peter Watson, both his family and also Doreen's children and granddaughter in their bereavement.

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 Monnington, the Churchwarden Ray Phillips and all the church community.

Those who clean our churches

In the Diocese of Hereford:

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

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The Wider Church

Pray for the Church in the Province of the West Indies.

The Collect

3rd Sunday before Advent

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; 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

Remembrance Sunday Service at 10.30 am
(BCP) with Rev'd John Thewlis

Evening Prayer (BCP) on Zoom at 5.30 pm

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

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

News



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 8th NOVEMBER 2020

We Will Remember Them

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 but under the latest lockdown regulations the numbers of those participating are to be kept to a minimum and where possible represent and/or lay wreaths for more than one organisation.

While members of the public are legally permitted to stop and watch the event as spectators they are, in the light of the surge in Covid-19 infections, discouraged from attending, being mindful of the risk that such events pose.

When members of the public decide to attend, they must only attend with their own household or those in their support bubble, or one other person (children under school age, who are with their parents, will not count towards the limit on 2 people meeting outside). It is vital that they strictly observe social distancing rules and spread as far as possible throughout the churchyard.

The service will be conducted as last year by the Reverend Martin Loveless, a retired Royal Air Force Chaplain.

People attending this Service, which will of course include The Silence, are asked to assemble in the South Churchyard **no later than 10.45 am** to ensure that everyone is properly socially distanced. Details are as follows:

- 1055 Opening Prayers by the Reverend Martin Loveless.
Laying of Wreaths.
- 1100 The Silence – Last Post and Reveille.
- 1102 Act of Commitment/The Lord's Prayer
Blessing/National Anthem (no singing)
- 1115 Disperse

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.