

## Coming Shortly

- Lent Bible Study, every Wednesday at 3.30 pm  
Meeting ID: 396 392 6721 Password: 948071
- 14<sup>th</sup> March 5.30 pm Bishop Richard, Evening Prayer Zoom Service

## Church Services for March and Easter Sunday

- Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March - Church Service Letton Church 10.30 am
- Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March - Church Service Byford Church 10.30 am
- Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March - Psalm Sunday Service, Staunton-on-Wye 10.30am

- **Easter Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April**  
9am Sarnesfield Church  
9am Norton Canon Church  
10.30 am Weobley Parish Church  
10.30 am Staunton-on-Wye Church  
10.30 am Byford Church  
10.30 am Letton Church  
5.30 pm Monnington-on-Wye



The Living Word is a Bible study on the set readings at [www.thelivingword.uk](http://www.thelivingword.uk).  
This week's linked article explores the theme message: 'Called to Respect God's Way', see <http://bit.ly/March7article>

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### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March

**10.30 am - Letton Church**

**Holy Communion CW**

**10.30 am - Zoom and live-stream**

Holy Communion (CW)

**5.30 pm Zoom Service**

Evening Prayer (BCP)

Copy for next week no later than Wednesday to: [admin@weobleyandstaunton.co.uk](mailto:admin@weobleyandstaunton.co.uk)

For more news, see also [www.weobleyandstaunton.co.uk](http://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 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Hybrid is becoming a word that is being increasingly used in wildly different contexts. I am in the process of planting various F1 hybrids in my seed trays; I have what's called a hybrid car which means that it uses electric battery power and petrol interchangeably; and I am now told that we need to become a hybrid church.

What seems to be meant by this is a church which is both a place where people meet physically, not only for prayer and worship, but also for a wide variety of other purposes by local communities just as they were in earlier days; but is also a place which enables people who are not in the building to engage in prayer and worship and other activities from wherever they are and at whatever times fit their personal schedules.

This is the blessing that the very many forms of electronic communication have given to us and which we are increasingly making use of: zoom, livestreaming, recording and much more. Each week People & Steeple informs us of both forms - physical and electronic - and each Sunday we have people joining in our morning or evening zoom service which is also available on the Weobley and Staunton Group of parishes Facebook page; and we have a physical service in one of the benefice parishes as well.

It will be wonderful to get back to human contact again in our churches as elsewhere, probably from Easter; but we shall be continuing to make increasing use of all the electronic means as well, as we become a truly hybrid church. Why not join us electronically!

Rev'd Guy Wilkinson



**Respecting God's Holiness**

**OT: Exodus 20:1-17**

God sets out Israel's relationships and responsibilities in the Ten Commandments.

**NT gospel: John 2:13-22**

Jesus confronts corrupt traders blocking the temple court of the Gentiles.

**NT letter: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

God's holy wisdom which appears foolish at first sight invites the power of God to save.

**Also read: Psalm 19**

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March

**10.30 am Monnington-on-Wye**

Holy Communion (BCP)  
Physical, recorded and posted to Facebook.

10.30 am Zoom Service  
Holy Communion live-stream to Facebook

**5.30 pm Zoom Service**

Evening Prayer (BCP)  
with #LiveLent discussion

BCP: Book of Common Prayer

## Prayer focus



***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.***

### ***For healing***

Desiree Potter (Sarnesfield)

### ***For those that have recently passed***

Alice Leech (Weobley)

### ***For God's comfort in bereavement***

Family of Alice Leech

### ***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 provide coffee and tea after services.

### ***In the Diocese of Hereford:***

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

Pontesbury Deanery

### ***The Wider Community***

Province de L'Église Anglicane

Du Congo

## The Collect

### Third Week of Lent

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 & Prayer



### **Weobley and Staunton Group of Parishes Online Services**

Physical Holy Communion (CW) Service from Monnington-on-Wye at 10.30 am (Live streamed and available to watch on You Tube shortly after)  
10.30 am Zoom Service

Zoom Evening Prayer at 5.30 pm with #LiveLent discussion.

As both Zoom Services are live-streamed your name and picture will also be seen. If you do not wish for this to be viewed we kindly ask that you turn your video/camera off and remove your name from view (or edit it to your preference).

[www.weobleyandstaunton.co.uk](http://www.weobleyandstaunton.co.uk)

The Weobley and Staunton Group of Parishes Facebook Page

The Weobley and Staunton Group of Parishes You Tube channel

The Zoom link is

<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.*

## News

### #LiveLent God's Story, Our Story

### How to get involved



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We continue our #LiveLent series of 'Conversations for Lent' after Evening Prayer this Sunday. At 5.30pm, and again without a Homily, we will be having an open discussion on the week's #LiveLent theme. Do feel free to ask questions and join in with the conversation. If you have not received the #LiveLent booklet the material can be viewed by downloading the App available online. More information can be found at: [www.churchofengland.org/resources/livelent-2021-church-resourcesgods-story-our-story](http://www.churchofengland.org/resources/livelent-2021-church-resourcesgods-story-our-story)

### Byford Bells



*L-R; bells in tower pre-restoration, on their way to Loughborough and safely back in their frame*

Byford's bells have finally returned home after a longer than anticipated absence due to the pandemic. They have been beautifully restored by Taylor's bellfoundry at Loughborough and fitted for stationary chiming. There are three bells: the tenor was cast by John Pennington of Monmouth in 1671 and the treble by Abel Rudhall of Gloucester in 1746. The oldest bell is the second which has no inscription or founder's mark to date it precisely. It was cast in the early 14<sup>th</sup> century and is listed as historically important by the Church Buildings Council. We hope that the bells will ring for the first time for a service on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

We could not have carried out the project without a generous grant of £2,000 from Allchurches Trust and the amazing fundraising and support of our parishioners and friends, including the noble volunteers who helped to dismantle the old frame and get the bells down from the tower. We still have some fundraising ideas in the pipeline, so watch this space!