

Coming Shortly

Services in April

Morning

- Sunday 25th - 9.00 am, Service of the Word at Sarnesfield
- Sunday 25th - 10.30 am, Eucharist (CW) at Staunton-on-Wye
- Sunday 25th - 10.30 am Holy Communion, (BCP), Weobley Church

Evening

- Each Sunday evening throughout April and May we will be holding an online home Evening Prayer Service at 5.30pm via zoom.
- Sunday 25th - 5 pm, Evensong at Byford
- Monday 26th - 7pm, Byford, Installation Service for Rev'd Philip Harvey. *As coronavirus protocols will limit the number we will be able to host in-church for this service, we will be live-streaming the service to our Facebook page so that congregants of the seven parishes will be able to join with the service.*

www.weobleyandstaunton.co.uk

The Weobley and Staunton Group of Parishes Facebook Page
<https://www.facebook.com/weobleyandstaunton>

The Living Word is a Bible study on the set readings www.thelivingword.uk.
A linked article explores the message from this week's theme: 'Renewed and Restored', see <http://bit.ly/April18article>

Staunton & Weobley Group ministry & team

New Schedule for People & Steeple

In order to get People & Steeple distributed a bit sooner before each weekend, we've decided to ask for contributors to have their copy contributions to Emma by Tuesday evening (6pm) each week.

This is not a significant change but should allow us the scope to circulate and print if necessary, copies of our Pew Sheet and this should give our congregations better notice of the week's events. Thank you for your support with this change.

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Copy for next week no later than **Tuesday 6pm** to: admin@weobleyandstaunton.co.uk

People & Steeple

News and contacts for the Weobley & Staunton Group of Parishes

Weobley, Sarnesfield, Norton Canon,
Staunton-on-Wye, Byford, Monnington, Letton

Sunday April 18 2021

Good news about the new that is good

The new vicar said to an elderly member of the congregation. 'You must have seen a lot of changes'. 'Yes' was the reply ' and I've opposed every one of them!'

I also find my desire to keep things the same increasing as I get older. When something like the death of Prince Philip happens there's the realisation that 'things will never be the same again'. It is unsettling, to say the least.

Yet, should we be like that? Our faith is based on God who says 'Behold, I make all things new!', and on our risen Lord Jesus with His new life and promise of new life to all who believe. 'New' in these statements in the original language doesn't mean so much 'completely different from before', as 'a fresh but recognisable form of what is known', Jesus' resurrection body being a good example.

As Rev'd Harvey's coming ushers in a new phase in the long history of Weobley and Staunton Benefice, let us pray that through him and the rest of us, the new things that God wants and is able to do will be met with expectant hope and joyful moving forward rather than a digging in of heels.

Rev'd Peter Houghton

Restoration and renewal

OT: Zephaniah 3:14-20

A word of hope: the Lord has taken away the punishment and promised to be with us.

NT letter: 1 John 3:1-7

Believers have a new identity as children of God with the freedom to choose to live for Him.

NT gospel: Luke 24:36-49

Jesus encourages the disciples and reveals to them how what has happened is all in the Scriptures.

NT narrative: Acts 3:11-19

Peter says faith in the living, healing Jesus has healed the crippled man and calls hearers to repent.

Sunday April 18

10.30 am Letton

Holy Communion (BCP)

5.30 pm Home Zoom Service Evening Prayer (BCP)

BCP: Book of Common Prayer
CW: Common Worship

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 those who have recently passed

Bob Woodland (Weobley)

For comfort in bereavement

Bob's wife Connie, and all family and friends of Bob.

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 Weobley, the Parish Church Council and all the church community.

Those involved in work with children and young people in the Benefice.

In the Diocese of Hereford:

The Chapter and Congregation of Hereford Cathedral.

Ledbury Deanery

The Wider Community

The Church of Ireland.

The Collect

3rd Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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, in-church Holy Communion (BCP)
Service from Letton at 10.30 am.
(available to watch on Facebook shortly after)

Online (Zoom) Evening Prayer (BCP) at 5.30 pm

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The Weobley and Staunton Group of Parishes
YouTube channel

<https://youtube.com/channel/UCehMLgFS1arjc0mmY6L8TcA>

The Zoom link is

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81946640814>

The Service sheet is on the group website. Under the 'week by week' tab, click on Services.

News



Services resume in Weobley

Regular congregants and friends of St Peter and St Paul in Weobley will know that restoration works to the tiled floor area at the east end of the nave has meant that the church has had to be closed for the last few weeks.

And, as is often the way with MOTs, the update is one of less good news and then good news. The less good news is that the

works needed have proved greater than initially thought and so a second period of work and closure will need to be implemented in the summer.

That said, the good news is that the contractors have been able to put down another temporary floor and this means services at Weobley will be able to resume next weekend with a regular Sunday Service at 10.30am on the 25th April. It also means that a regular schedule of services can be held during May and also, most happily, a local wedding, somewhat disrupted hitherto by the covid protocols and lockdowns, can now go ahead. Let's hope it's blessed with wonderful spring sunshine!

Honouring our devoted servants



Here's a gentle reminder that It is still possible to submit nominations for the Order of St Ethelbert Award, bestowed each year to those in the Diocese of Hereford who have given long and distinguished service to the Diocese, often through their work for their parish. Our parishes are wonderfully served by men and women who give selflessly of their time and skills and to uphold the life and ministry of our communities.

The chance to celebrate their devotion to a parish or a benefice is always pleasing and this honour could be granted if we nominate candidates. Among those in our Deanery who have received this honour is our Lay Reader, Henry Verwey, from Staunton-on-Wye.

St Ethelbert, the Saxon saint of Hereford Cathedral, is an enduring link between the Cathedral and the parishes and nominations can be made up until May 31st. To find out more about the Award, and how to nominate, do visit the Diocesan website at:

https://www.hereford.anglican.org/order-of-st-ethelbert?mc_cid=95bea503fd&mc_eid=ffc93c1bd7