

Dates for your Diary

Sunday May 23rd

9.00am Sarnesfield - Holy Communion CW
10.30am Staunton-on-Wye, Eucharist, CW
10.30 am Weobley - Holy Communion BCP
5.00 pm Byford, Evening Prayer
5.30 pm Zoom Evening Prayer BCP

Annual Parish Church Meetings

Please note the relevant APCM date for your diary.

Norton Canon - Tuesday 25th May, 7pm
Byford – Wednesday 26th May, 10.30am
Staunton – Monday 7th June, 7pm
Monnington – Wednesday 9th June, 10.00am
Sarnesfield – Thursday 10th June, 6pm
Weobley – Sunday 13th June, 11.45 am (after morning service)
Letton - Thursday 17th June 6.30pm

The Living Word is a Bible study on the set readings www.thelivingword.uk. A linked article tells the story that comes from this week's theme: 'Keeping a true course', see <http://bit.ly/May16article>

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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

May 16 2021

Message received?

Over the past weeks we have been challenged by a software gremlin that interfered with the emails sent from our church address. Some messages got through but many would bounce back as 'undeliverable'. After several days of frustration, Emma discovered a solution to the problem (thank you Emma!)

During this period I wasn't sure who had received my intended messages and who hadn't, or what kind of confusion this was causing. Sometimes it's like this when we speak with each other. We think we've sent a clear message, but there's a significant delay before it gets through, or it's not received in the way we intended, or doesn't get through at all. Human communication is incredibly tricky.

The Bible encourages us to self-reflect on our communication, first by considering how well we listen, and second, by reflecting on the style of our communication and carefully considering the needs of our listeners. Here are two verses that are worth pondering:

"If one gives an answer before he hears, it is his folly and shame" Proverbs 18:13. *"Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person"* Colossians 4:6.

Rev'd Philip

Joy and confidence is God's reward for upholding His truth

OT: Psalm 1

In life's choices the good way is always God's way.

NT gospel: John 17:6-19

Jesus prays for disciples to hold on to their unity against the deceptions of the enemy.

NT narrative: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Witness to the truth of Jesus' resurrection is a priority.

NT letter: 1 John 5:6-13

Believing the three witnesses to the truth of who Jesus gives us assurance of eternal life

Sunday 16 May

10.30 am Letton

Matins

10.30 am Weobley

Eucharist (CW)

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.

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 Byford, the Churchwardens Sue Hubbard and Maggie Denaro, the Parish Church Council and all the church community.

Our Church Secretaries.

In the Diocese of Hereford:

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

Clun Forest Deanery

The Wider Community

The Anglican Church of Korea

The Collect

7th Sunday of Easter

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, 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

**16 May online (Zoom) Evening Prayer
(BCP) at 5.30 pm**

The Zoom link is

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/
8150195366?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8150195366?)

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

A little slice of Normal

As we move cautiously out of lockdown there are positive signs that the life of the church is returning to some kind of normality. Across the Group we are organising open gardens, afternoon teas, open days, and of course the Weobley Fete in June to help raise funds to support our parish churches who have seen their financial resources depleted during the lockdowns. Do please watch out for more information week by week.

News

Together in Weobley

Sunday May 23rd Pentecost Walk



Meet at 3pm outside Weobley Church porch followed around 4.30 pm by a 'bring and share' tea which will be held in church grounds if fine - alternatively it will be held in church if it is wet. Please join us for an enjoyable walk around the village - enquiries to Jo Ware on 318296.

In one another's prayers

At a time when our group of parishes is working to bring our communities closer together - both in and out of church - a new initiative from the Kington & Weobley Deanery strikes a chord I feel. The Deanery leadership Team (DLT) has been giving thought and energy to a 'Deanery Prayer Initiative' which would allow us to explore the experience and companionship that exists among the five benefices, 27 parishes and 31 church buildings in the Deanery.

In essence, it is proposed that one day each week should be a dedicated parish prayer day and one church in the deanery would host and lead this event which might be an hour or so and at which prayers for our parishes can be shared and heard for all our wider congregation.

A planning group is being formed already and working with the DLT they will be seeking someone in each parish to be the focal point for the parish and the host a prayer service when it is that parish's turn to be 'the parish of the week'. This is an early 'call-to-arms' but if members of our congregations feel this is a role they might like to take on, then they should speak with the secretary or churchwardens of their parish church to find out more about the initiative and how they can become involved.

Roger Marshall