

Dates for your Diary

Sunday May 30

10.30am Weobley - Group Eucharist (Common Worship)
5.30pm Zoom Evening Prayer BCP

Annual Parish Church Meetings

Please note the relevant APCM date for your diary.

Norton Canon - Tuesday, May 25, 7.00pm

Byford – Wednesday, May 26, 10.30am

Staunton – Monday, June 7, 7.00pm

Monnington – Wednesday, June 9, 10.00am

Sarnesfield – Thursday, June 10, 6.00pm

Weobley – Sunday, June 13, 11.45am (after morning service)

Letton - Thursday, June 17, 6.30pm

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: 'How to speak life into dry bones', see <http://bit.ly/May23article>

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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 23 2021 - Pentecost

A new heart and a new spirit

At Pentecost we recall that moment in Jerusalem when the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples and the prophecy of Ezekiel was fulfilled: "A new heart I will give you, and put a new spirit within you."

Our openness to the influence and activity of the Holy Spirit is one that can be influenced by our lifestyle, choices and attitudes. The process of becoming more aware of the Spirit's leading in our lives is often termed 'spiritual formation'. This is a process involving both head and heart. It involves a capacity for reasoned reflection but also compassion. The writer Henri Nouwen observes that "when the word of God remains a subject of analysis and discussion and does not descend into the heart, it can easily become an instrument of destruction instead of a guide to love...when only our mind 'sees' and our heart remains blind, we remain spiritually ignorant."*

Pentecost provides a good opportunity for us to reflect on what it means, in the words of the Morning Prayer book, to pray with "one heart and mind", for the renewing work of the Spirit in our lives and communities.

Revd Philip

**From Henri Nouwen Spiritual Formation SPCK, London: 2011.*

Theme: Revival Spirit

Ezekiel 37:1-14 — The dry bones restored to life depict God's hope for all who seek Him for renewal.

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 — Jesus teaches what to expect when He goes and the Spirit of Truth and Advocate comes.

Acts 2:1-21 — The Holy Spirit is poured out on the gathering, and now every believer can know His presence.

Sunday 23 May

9.00 am Sarnesfield
Holy Communion (CW)

10.30am Staunton-on-Wye
Eucharist (CW)

10.30 am Weobley
Holy Communion (BCP)

5.00pm Byford
Evening Prayer

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 healing:

Robert Page for complete healing following his recent surgery.

In their forthcoming marriage:

Andrew Kinghorn and Eleanor Hereford as they prepare for their wedding on May 29 in Weobley. We wish them every happiness.

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 Staunton-on-Wye, the Churchwarden Ian Wood, the Parish Church Council and all the church community.

Our PCC members.

In the Diocese of Hereford:

The Chapter and congregation of Hereford Cathedral.

Condover Deanery

The Wider Community

The Anglican Church of Melanesia

The Collect

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:

grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, 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**

**May 23 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.*

News

Churches Together in Weobley

Sunday, May 23 Pentecost Walk



Meet at 3.00pm outside Weobley Church porch for an enjoyable walk around the village followed at around 4.30pm by a 'bring and share' tea which will be held in church grounds if fine or in the church if it is wet.

Please join us – enquiries to Jo Ware, 01544 318296.

Opportunities to serve your brothers and sisters in Christ

We are currently in the season of parish annual meetings (see dates of meetings on back page) and there are various positions on parish councils becoming available. If you would like to stand for a position, please talk to your churchwarden, PCC secretary or the rector.

In Weobley, we are in need of a new Treasurer (as Jane Pace will be stepping down in the summer) and a Churchwarden (a position not currently filled). As the song says, "We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow travellers on the road, we are here to help each other, walk the mile and bear the load."

