

Dates for your Diary

Sunday June 20

9.00 am Norton Canon - Holy Communion (CW)
10.30 am Letton- Matins
10.30am Weobley - Holy Communion (BCP)
5.30pm Zoom Evening Prayer (BCP)

Annual Parish Church Meetings

Please note the relevant APCM date for your diary.
Weobley – Sunday, June 13, 11.45am (after morning service)
Sarnesfield - 16th June 6pm at Sarnesfield Court
Letton - Thursday, June 17, 6.30pm

Forthoming Events

2.00pm June 26th - Weobley Church Fete
3.30pm July 11th - Monnington-on-Wye, sung Evensong with Holy Trinity Choir
Letton Summer Teas - more information to follow shortly.

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: 'Understanding the kingdom of God', see <http://bit.ly/June13article>.

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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

June 13 2021

Surprised by a fast-growing parable (Mark 4: 26-34)

Jesus liked to startle his listeners by merging unusual combinations of images. Today's parable from Mark is focused on seeds as living illustrations of the Kingdom of God, particularly the mustard seed. Where Jesus lived, mustard was prolific: it was a common weed, popping up almost anywhere. It was not easily eradicated and could appear in the middle of a well-manicured garden or olive grove.

Why did Jesus choose this image? It seems the reign of God will ignore established boundaries and conventions. Like a fast-replicating plant, it will get into everything. It will bring life and colour to desolate places. Its growth will not depend on our cleverness or marketing strategies or even our moral virtue. It will resist our manipulations. It might not be what we expected, but it will grow, quite mysteriously, into the greatest of all plants, just like the kingdom of God. The question we are left with is whether we can discern where and how this kingdom is growing around us, and are we open to its messy advance?

Rev'd Phil

The heart-changing work of the hidden realm of the Spirit

OT: 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13
After God rejects Saul as king He instructs Samuel to go to Bethlehem to anoint a successor

NT letter: 2 Corinthians 5:6-17
Knowing Christ's love motivates us to live His kingdom.

NT gospel: Mark 4:26-34
Jesus teaches on the hidden growth of the kingdom; like a tiny seed it has enormous capacity to grow and extend
Also: Psalm 20

Sunday 13 June

10.30 am Staunton-on-Wye

Eucharist (CW)

10.30am Weobley

Eucharist (CW)

5.30pm 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 Letton, the Churchwarden, Derys Maddox, the Parish Church Council and all the church community.

Those who clean in our churches.

In the Diocese of Hereford:

Bishop Richard of Hereford, Derek, Archdeacon of Hereford and Fiona, Archdeacon of Ludlow.

Telford Severn Gorge Deanery

The Wider Community

The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).

The Collect

Second Sunday after Trinity

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, 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

**June 13 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



The Weobley Church Fete Unmasked

In the spirit of getting our lives back to normal the Church Fete is planned to happen on the 26th of June. This is the first Saturday after all restrictions are planned to be removed which we know is subject to change, but at the time of writing 'Thunderbirds are Go!' The fun will be in and around the church include the 'St. John's Brass Band', our own 'Alive and Pickin', classic car rides, a chance to go up the fantastic

tower....see the bells, see the uncannily accurate clock and see the view! The Rev Philip Harvey, our friendly new vicar, and his wife Penelope will be hosting teas in the vicarage garden. All the usual favourites including the compulsive 'Ladder Game' and the hysterical 'Human Fruit Machine' will be there.

Come along from 2pm, celebrate life, and let's feel human again!

As we start preparing for the stalls we would appreciate any donations of the following:

**Bottles * Cakes * White Elephants * Books and DVDs * Plants * Preserves
And lastly an appeal to come and bring everyone you know! Thank you**

BROXWOOD COURT OPEN GARDENS



We had a lovely and very successful day at Broxwood Court Gardens last Sunday.

Thank you to all those that hosted, attended donated and helped out at the event. The money raised will help towards the cost of the repair work needed on the Nave floor at Weobley Church. The next fundraiser for Weobley is of course the Church Fete on 26th June.



We also have Summer Teas at Letton and Evening Song at Monnington-on -Wye to look forward to along with other fundraisers to be announced shortly.