

Dates for your Diary

Sunday June 27

9.00 am Sarnesfield , Service of the Word.
10.30 am Staunton-on-Wye, Eucharist (CW)
10.30am Weobley - Eucharist (CW) Patronal Festival
5.00pm Byford - Patronal Service and Blessing of the bells.
5.30pm Zoom Evening Prayer (BCP)

Forthcoming Events

10.30am 2nd July St Thomas Catholic Church - World Day of Prayer Service
10.00 am- 12.00 pm July 10th, Letton Church - Coffee and Croissants
3.30pm July 11th - Monnington-on-Wye, sung Evensong with Holy Trinity Choir
2-4 pm 25th July, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th August -Letton Summer Teas
All events are subject to change in line with Covid restrictions as appropriate.

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: 'Help! Learning to trust God in sticky situations, see <http://bit.ly/June20article>

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Weobley, Sarnesfield, Norton Canon,

Staunton-on-Wye, Byford, Monnington, Letton

June 20 2021

Calm in the midst of the storm

Like everybody, I was disappointed after Monday evening's announcement that social distancing restrictions would continue for another four weeks. It has meant the postponement of various events (including the Weobley church fete, now scheduled for 24th July) and it seems that a return to our normal lifestyle is 'on hold.'

It's a bit like waiting for an end to a rainstorm that seems to be going on hour after hour. Two of the readings set for this Sunday explore this image of a storm. In the book of Job (chapter 38) we hear God addressing Job from a whirlwind, reminding Job that he lives in a world that he cannot control and in which he is not the centre. In the gospel reading from Mark chapter 4, the disciples are panicked by a storm whilst in their little fishing boat on a lake. The storm ends after Jesus commands it to *Be silent! Be still!* Jesus then asks his disciples *Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?* His questions draw a painful contrast between the anxious disciples, who respond to the storm with despair, and Jesus' calm and commanding presence.

These two readings show how adversity often functions as a kind of "thin space," where we not only encounter our own vulnerability but also come face-to-face with the living God. The world we inhabit is full of things that are beyond our control. Thankfully, the one who stills the waters with a word has also joined us in the boat.

Rev'd Phil

Learning to rely on God's providence in life

OT: 1 Samuel 17: 32-49

Teenager David trusts in God being with him, and goes out to slay a giant armoured warrior.

NT letter: 2 Corinthians 6:13

For Paul and his companions, coming through severe difficulties proves God's providence and call.

NT gospel: Mark 4:35-41

With a sudden storm swamping the boat, Jesus commands wind and waves to be still, and teaches about trusting God's providence.

Also read: Psalm 9:9-20

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)

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 Sarnesfield. the Churchwardens Viv Leech and Hilary Havard, the Parish Church Council and all the church community.

Those who act as vergers

In the Diocese of Hereford:

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

Abbeydore Deanery

The Wider Community

The Church of North India (United).

The Collect

Third Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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**

**June 20 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

Weobley Summer Church Fete



With some confidence we can say....if nothing else changes, that the Weobley Church Summer Fete will now be on **Saturday July the 24th at 2pm**. It will be held in gardens around our imposing church and apart from the usual

attractions, (cakes, plants, games and delicious cream teas), there will be 'The St. John's Brass Band' Weobley's own 'Alive n Pickin' bluegrass band, displays of classic tractors and bicycles as well as classic car trips around the village and a rare chance to climb the fantastic Church Tower...see the bells, see the clock, see the view. Come and celebrate freedom.....we hope!

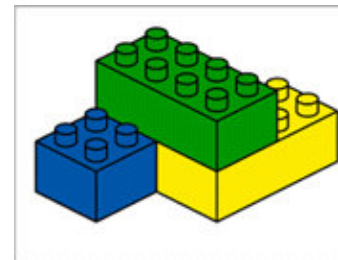
Coffee and Croissants

**St John the Baptist Church, Letton on
Saturday July 10th 10 am - 12 pm**



Craft activities for the children while you enjoy your coffee and croissant!

Cake and Produce Stall * Books * Bric-a-brac
All welcome - COVID restrictions may apply



**The Big Holiday Club
@ Weobley Church 28th and 29th July
9.30am - 12.30pm
For ages 7-11 years**

**Come along for games and lots of
Lego fun.**

**To register email: carolepage@hotmail.co.uk - please register
before 25th July.**