

Dates for your Diary

Sunday July 4

9.00 am Norton Canon, Holy Communion (BCP).
10.30 am Letton, Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am Weobley - Morning Praise
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 TBC
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: *A Story of Three Opposites*, see <http://bit.ly/June27article>

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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 27 2021

"Your faith has made you well"

Our gospel for this Sunday (Mark 5) relates the story of a woman suffering from a haemorrhage, who reaches out in a crowd, touches Jesus' cloak and falls at Jesus feet in trembling when he asks 'Who touched me?' It's an unusual model for pastoral care. Jesus does not seek out the woman. She's the one who takes the initiative, as a woman labelled socially unclean (due to constant bleeding), to do something forbidden by Jewish law: to touch a man.

This is not a passage that lends itself to easy interpretation. Some may say it provides evidence of miraculous healing through the power of faith. However, we know that not all who pray are healed. Others point to Jesus concern for the socially outcast. True, but it's the woman herself who seeks Jesus out in this story. For me, the significant moment is noted by Mark when he says that "trembling she fell before Jesus and told him the whole truth". It's often when people are desperate and losing hope that they seek out Jesus. Perhaps the point of entry for healing through faith is the courage to face the whole truth about ourselves, our limitations, and our utter dependence on a merciful God.

Rev Philip

Knowing and sharing God's grace

OT: 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27
David shows God's grace in honouring the good of his former persecutor.

NT letter: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 — Corinthians rich in gifts are urged to echo God's grace by being generous to others.

NT gospel: Mark 5:21-43 — Healing miracles highlight God's gracious favour to two very different people.

And also read: Psalm 130

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)

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 Norton Canon, the Churchwardens Kim Hendricksen and Hannah Carpenter, the Parish Church Council and all the church community.

Intercessors and Readers

In the Diocese of Hereford:

The Chapter and congregation of Hereford Cathedral.

Bromyard Deanery

The Wider Community

The Church of Pakistan (United).

The Collect

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord 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 27 online (Zoom) Evening Prayer
(BCP) at 5.30 pm

The Zoom link is

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8150195366?>

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

News

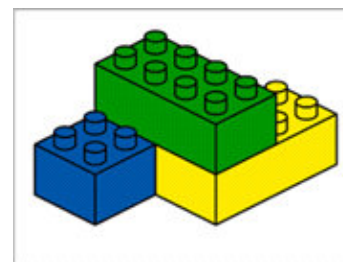
Coffee and Croissants

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.**

A new look People and Steeple

From July, *People and Steeple* will have a different layout, with some new devotional material. The weekly devotional (still based on lectionary readings) is titled 'Sunday Link': a resource published by the Redemptorist community. Rev Philip's reflection will appear each fortnight, rather than each week. We hope that you like the new layout and the new material. They say a change is (almost) as good as a holiday!