

Dates for your Diary

Sunday June 13

10.30 am Staunton-on-Wye - Eucharist (CW)
10.30am Weobley - Eucharist (CW)
5.30pm Zoom Evening Prayer (BCP)

Annual Parish Church Meetings

Please note the relevant APCM date for your diary.

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

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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 6 2021

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small

Recently some environmental issues came to my notice in a rather direct way. At home I have had pot plants pillaged by grey squirrels, while in the chancel of Weobley church we have been listening to the squawking of a family of jackdaws roosting in a ceiling cavity. They seem to be singing most loudly with the hymns! And then there are the bees who have built a hive somewhere in the roof....buzz, buzz.

More crucially, our coexistence with nature is crucial to our survival. The first chapters of Genesis remind us clearly that God made all of creation as an expression of his generosity and goodness. Unfortunately, we live with daily reminders that our human economic activities, in the form of pollution and climate change, are threatening the fabric, diversity and balance of God's good creation.

2021 will be a crucial year for action on the climate crisis, with politicians gathering to pledge action at the G7 conference in June in Cornwall and the COP26 gathering in Glasgow in November. Tear Fund, a Christian development agency, is promoting an event called 'Prayer in the Park', which encourages people to pray for the environment and for the forthcoming climate crisis conferences. I would encourage you to use this as a prayer resource over the next weeks. You can find this at:

<https://www.tearfund.org/stories/2021/05/prayer-in-the-park>

Rev'd Phil

Bible Readings for this Sunday

Genesis 3.8 -15
Corinthians 4.13 - 5.1
Mark 3.20 - end
Also: Psalm 130

Sunday 6 June

**9.00 am Norton Canon
Holy Communion (BCP)**
**10.30 am Letton
Holy Communion (BCP)**
**10.30 am Weobley
Morning Praise**
**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 Weobley, the Parish Church Council and all the church community.

Those who arrange flowers in our churches.

In the Diocese of Hereford:

Those who serve on the Diocesan Synod and all the other Diocesan Boards and Committees.

Pontesbury Deanery

The Wider Community

The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma).

The Collect

First Sunday after Trinity

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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 6 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

BROXWOOD COURT GARDENS



This impressive 29 acre garden with yew hedges, rhododendrons and gentle walks will be open again this year on Sunday 6th June 11.00am - 5.30pm. (Postcode HR6 9JJ) Weobley Church will be providing teas to raise much needed funds. Donations of cakes, large and small will be most welcome and volunteers to help on the day. Further details from Jane Pace 01544 340696 or Pat Millington 01544 319 330.



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**