

People & Steeple

Sunday July 11th

News and contacts for the Weobley & Staunton Group of Parishes

Weobley, Sarnesfield, Norton Canon, Staunton-on-Wye, Byford, Monnington, Letton

Qualifications for Membership': Ephesians 1: 3-14

Grouch Marx once quipped that he could never join a club that would allow someone like him as a member. The subtext of this joke is that one can never be good enough. This is a surprisingly common assumption that prevents people from entering a church. If the church is perceived as full of people who think that they've 'made the grade' (morally speaking), then there appears to be 'qualifications for membership' and the church may appear to be unwelcoming. Theologically speaking, the truth is the exact opposite of this perception. The church consists of people who know full well their shortcomings, but who've discovered the unbounded generosity of a merciful God.

Paul's letter to the Ephesians is addressed to a motley crew of Gentiles and Jews who have been graciously adopted into one new family, and who, as they rub shoulders together, discover what it means to be "God's own people." This week, try reading this passage from Ephesians aloud to yourself. Then pray for the people in our churches, our life together as a worshipping community, and those yet to realise the wonder of adoption into God's diverse and inclusive family.

Rev Philip

The Worship Services Survey can be found at this link, and is open until 14th July:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/7YZNVM2>

If you would like a paper copy of the questions, then please contact me or our Benefice secretary, Emma Noble.

Weobley and Staunton Group of Parishes Online Services

A recording of the Evening Song at Monnington-on-Wye will be available to watch later in the week on Facebook and our website.

www.weobleyandstaunton.co.uk

Facebook: Weobley and Staunton Group of Parishes

Collect – 6th Sunday after Trinity

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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.

Readings:

Amos – 7.7-15, Ephesians 1.3 -14, Mark 6.14 -29

Psalms 85.8 – end

Dates for your Diary

Forthcoming Events

July 10th 10.00 am- 12.00
Letton Church - Coffee and Croissants.

3.30pm July 11th -
Monnington-on-Wye, sung
Evensong with Holy Trinity
Choir.

24th Weobley Fete 2pm

25th July, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and
29th August -2-4 pm Letton
Summer Teas

All events are subject to change



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.

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The Living Word Link:

www.thelivingword.uk

PRAYER FOCUS

If you know of anyone who is unwell, or if you would like us to pray for anyone whatever the reason, please inform the clergy team/ Administrator

For healing:

Mai Jones

(Norton Canon)

Ian and Iona Wood

(Staunton-on-Wye)

As they prepare for their forthcoming wedding:

Alex Wright and Rose Gregory-Pearson

Rhiannon Kearns and Sam Matchette

Gareth Evans and Dana Camm

In our Group of Parishes:

The Parish of Staunton-on-Wye, the Churchwardens Ian and Iona Wood, the Parish Church Council and all the church community.

Bell Ringers

In the Diocese of Hereford:

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

Kington & Weobley Deanery

The Wider Community

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

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July 18th

10.30 am Staunton-on-Wye, Eucharist CW
10.30 am Weobley, Eucharist CW
3.30 pm Monnington-on-Wye, Evening Song (outdoors with provisions for bad weather in place)

9.00 am Norton Canon, Holy Communion (CW)
10.30 am Letton, Service of the Word
10.30 am Weobley, Holy Communion (BCP)
5.30 pm Zoom Evening Prayer (BCP)