

People & Steeple

Sunday August 1st

News and contacts for the Weobley & Staunton Group of Parishes

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

Reflecting on a 'fete-ful' day

As I released my £1 token to the human fruit machine at the church fete, I was wondering what I would get in return. The answer soon became clear. The giggles and sheer exuberance of the experience rewarded me with the equivalent of £100 worth of fun! As I observed people enjoying the church fete last Saturday it became apparent that the worth of running a community event is not calculable only in terms of funds raised. Perhaps it was the timing of this fete, coming after the long dark period of lockdown and Covid restrictions (and scary weather forecasts) that made it seem special. A verse from Psalm 30 came to mind: *weeping may last through the night, but joy comes with the morning*. There is no adequate monetary value we can assign to joy. But Christians have not always had a good press when it comes to modelling the quality of joy (medieval monastic orders ruling against laughter, and Puritans shutting down theatres and concerts). And yet Christians are called to be people of celebration, exhibiting a joy that is genuine and attractive to others. Thank you to all in our church and community who made this joyous day possible. I'm saving up my coins for the human fruit machine for next year!

Rev'd Philip

Messages for the Rector and Church Office in August

Rev Philip will be taking his summer holiday from 1st–14th August (inclusive) and will be out of email and phone contact during this time. The benefice secretary, Emma Noble will be away from 9th – 15th August. If you need to contact a member of the clergy in the second week of August, then please contact Susan Verwey:

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Our Weobley church and village fete was very well attended and supported last Saturday. Despite the gloomy forecasts, the weather was kind to us and we had a lot of fun! A huge

thank you to Alan Jones and his team for organising the event, and all those who supported on the day, raising £2930 plus £180 for Shelter Box.

Collect – 9th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church; open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the spirit in love and joy and peace; 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:

Exodus 16.2-4,9-15

Psalm 78.23-29

Ephesians 4.1-16

John 6.24-35

Dates for your Diary

Forthcoming Events

Summer Teas
at the
St. John the Baptist Church, Letton
Sundays 2pm- 4pm
Every week 25th July - 29th August
enjoy tea and cake in restful, quiet surroundings
All welcome.
Donations in aid of Letton Church Urgent (leaking) Roof Fund
Bric a brac, books etc
PARKING AVAILABLE

All events are subject to change in line with Covid restrictions as appropriate.

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what next?

The decision to maintain cuts to the UK foreign aid budget will have a devastating impact on people living in poverty. But there are still ways that we can pray, take action, and speak up for vulnerable communities. If you wish to know more, then follow this link provided by Tear Fund.

<https://www.tearfund.org/stories/2021/07/devastating-cuts-to-uk-aid-will-cost-lives?>

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PRAYER FOCUS

If you know anyone for whom we could offer prayers, please inform the clergy team or admin.

For comfort in bereavement:

The family and friends of the late Austin Powles whose funeral service is midday August 7th at Staunton-on-Wye Church.

As they prepare for their forthcoming wedding:

Rhiannon Kearns and Sam Matchette

In our Group of Parishes:

The Parish of Letton, Derys Maddox the Churchwarden, the Parish Church Council and all the church community.

The clergy who help in ministry.

In the Diocese of Hereford:

The Chapter and congregation of Hereford Cathedral.

Ledbury Deanery

The Wider Community

Church of the Province of South East Asia

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August 8th

9.00 am Norton Canon, Holy Communion BCP
10.30 am Letton, Holy Communion, BCP
10.30 am Weobley, Morning Praise

10.30 am Staunton-on-Wye, Eucharist CW
10.30 am Weobley, Eucharist CW