

# People & Steeple

Sunday July 25th

News and contacts for the Weobley & Staunton Group of Parishes

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

## Easing of C19 Restrictions and Caring for Each Other

There was a flurry of documents arriving in my email last weekend, just before the Monday 19th July 'Stage 4 Roadmap out of lockdown' came into operation. The outcome of all this advice from on high was that parish churches were, to a large extent, left to decide for themselves how to continue to operate safely, given the current context of rising transmissions of the virus.

Helpfully, the House of Bishops produced this guidance: "Vaccination cannot be the sole means of containing the spread of the virus: hand and respiratory hygiene, social distancing, face-coverings and good ventilation are also important factors in lessening the spread of the disease. While these are not mandatory after 19th July, they are still important public health mitigations and ought to be recognised as such when planning public worship and other church activities." This statement was linked to the principle of care for the vulnerable within our community described in 1 Corinthians 12: 12-17.

In practical terms this means continued precautions and restrictions in place during our worship services: good ventilation, hand sanitising, mask wearing and precautions around the preparation, receiving and distribution of communion. On a brighter note, we will be able to once again sing inside our church buildings (with masks) and we will also be able to enjoy a tea or coffee together after the service. One more step along the road we go!

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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## Zoom Evensong Services Discontinued

Due to dwindling attendance over the past months, there will be no Evensong services offered via Zoom in our benefice. A live evening service is offered on the last Sunday of the month at Byford Church and there will be filmed services available on our church Facebook site periodically.

## Collect – 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## Readings:

**Jeremiah 45.1-5 or  
Acts 11.27-12.2  
Psalm 126  
Acts 11.27 -12.2 or 2  
Corinthians 4.7-15  
Matthew 20.20-28**

## Dates for your Diary

### Forthcoming Events



### 24<sup>th</sup> July 2pm Weobley Fete

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.



## The Big Holiday Club @ Weobley Church 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:carolepage@hotmail.co.uk) -please register before 25<sup>th</sup> July.

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## PRAYER FOCUS

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

### For healing:

Rob Page

Anne Lawrence

### For comfort in bereavement:

The family and friends of the late Eileen Betty Children, whose funeral service is 29<sup>th</sup> July, 1.45pm at Norton Canon Church.

### As they prepare for their forthcoming wedding:

Rhiannon Kearns and Sam Matchette

Gareth Evans and Dana Camm

### In our Group of Parishes:

The Parish of Weobley, the Parish Church Council and all the church community.

The staff, Rev'd Philip Harvey, Rev'd Mike Kneen, Rev'd Susan Verwey, Rev'd Charles Overton, Rev'd John Thewlis, Rev'd Chris Rhodes and Henry Verwey.

### In the Diocese of Hereford:

Our Rural Dean, Guy Wilkinson and all those that serve on the Kington and Weobley Deanery.

### The Wider Community

The Scottish Episcopal Church

July 25<sup>th</sup>

August 1st

9.00 am Sarnesfield, Service of the Word  
10.30 am Staunton-on-Wye, Eucharist (CW)  
10.30 am Weobley, Eucharist (CW)  
5pm Byford, Iona Evening Service

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