

18th September 2022

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News and contacts for the Weobley & Staunton Benefice
Weobley, Letton, Sarnesfield, Norton Canon, Staunton-on-Wye,
Byford, and Monnington-on-Wye



Church Services:

18th September 10.30am Letton Service of the Word, 10.30am Weobley Holy Communion BCP
25th September 9am Sarnesfield Service of the Word, 10.30am Staunton Eucharist CW,
10.30am Weobley Eucharist CW, 3.30pm Monnington Harvest Festival

Rector of the Weobley and Staunton Group:

Rev Philip Harvey, 01544 318147 rector@weobleyandstaunton.org (Friday is the Rector's Day off)

Benefice Administrator,

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Finance Officer,

Shirley Tully 07552 758476 finance@weobleyandstaunton.org Monday – Friday 10am-2pm

The Readings

Amos 8.4-7 , 1 Timothy 2.1-7 , Luke 16.1-13, Psalm 113

Our Old Testament reading sets out starkly God's concern for economic justice for all and for the right and humane treatment of the poor. Do read it for yourself, with its warning to those who are "... buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals... !"

Meanwhile, we have been mourning our late Queen and remembering her life of service. The writer to Timothy insists that we offer "supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings" for everyone, and especially for those in high office "so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity." This is appropriate at this time with a new King and a new Prime Minister. It is a tradition above the rough and tumble of politics that we pray for these: they need our prayers at this time!

Finally we have the strange passage from St Luke's Gospel. Can Jesus really be commending the actions of the "dishonest manager" of the estate? Much has been written on this, but the consensus seems to be that the Manager has shown an appropriate single-minded shrewdness in making use of finance. Perhaps we are to be as single-minded as him in solving problems in our world using every means at our disposal!

Tonight, at our Group Commemoration Service, we give thanks for our late Queen's faithful service, and pray for King Charles, following that advice from the first letter to Timothy.

Mike Kneen

Rural Dean of Kington and Weobley

Benefice Service of Commemoration for the Queen



A special service of commemoration, giving thanks for the life and reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will be held at the church of St John the Baptist, Byford

Sunday 18th September at 6pm

All are welcome to attend

14th Sunday after Trinity Collect

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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.

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Gospel Reading: Luke 16.1-13, Psalm 113

Prayer Focus

If you know anyone for whom we could offer prayers, please inform the Clergy Team or Admin.

Please pray for healing for Gill Jonas in Weobley.

The Parish of Staunton, the Churchwarden Iola Russell, the Parish Church Council and all the church community.

Bell Ringers

In the Diocese of Hereford:

Clun Forest Deanery.

Bishop Richard of Hereford, Derek, Archdeacon of Hereford: Fiona, Archdeacon of Ludlow.

In the Wider Community - Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil (The Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil) - Most Revd Naudal Alves Gomes, Presiding Bishop .

The Royal Family, the New Prime Minister and Cabinet

Dates for your Diary For this September

18th Sept 6pm Service of
Commemoration for
the Queen. Byford Church

21st Sept 9am Morning Prayer,
Weobley Church

24th Sept 10am –2pm Weobley Church,
Churchyard Clean Up Day

24th Sept 11.00am – 3.00pm
Byford Beet Yard Sale

25th Sept 3.30pm Monnington on Wye
Harvest Festival

What's On!



Volunteers Needed at Weobley

For a couple of hours each month to help keep our church clean. Please email Carole carolepage@hotmail.co.uk or Telephone 01544 318051. Thank You!



Byford Beet Yard Sale
Saturday 24th September
11.00am - 3.00pm.

Old Farmyard, Byford HR4 7LD

Collectables * Pictures * Accessories * Kitchenware
* Books * Refreshments

Entry by donation. Kids Free
To book a table Telephone 07786 981247



Weobley Churchyard

Volunteers Needed!

Saturday 24th September 10.00am – 2.00pm

We will be pruning low branches, cutting back hedges and tidying areas around the boundary walls. Please bring gloves and equipment.

Lunch will be provided

Contact John Hatton

Email: hattonjag@gmail.com



St Nicholas Church Norton Canon Annual Scarecrow Competition

Saturday 1st October & Sunday 2nd October
11am-4pm each day

Refreshments, maps, under 12s letter hunt and voting forms are available from Nells Catering Trailer in the field next to the church. Prize giving will be on Sunday 2nd October at 4pm during the Village Harvest Festival Service at St Nicholas Church at 4pm.

A prayer on the death of Her Majesty the Queen

Gracious God, we give thanks for the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth, for her faith and her dedication to duty. Bless our nation as we mourn her death and may her example continue to inspire us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



A Prayer for the new King

Everlasting God, we pray for our new King. Bless his reign and the life of our nation. Help us to work together so that truth and justice, harmony and fairness flourish among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord . Amen

