

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

Church Services:

Sunday 20th October 10.30am Byford Harvest Festival, 10.30am Weobley BCP Communion, 3.00pm Letton Crafty Family Harvest Service & tea

Sunday 27th October 10.30am Weobley Eucharist CW, 11.00am Sarnesfield Harvest Festival

Tuesday 29th October 7.00pm Letton Guinea Service with guest preacher Mike Kneen

Saturday 2nd November 3.00pm Weobley, All Souls Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance

Sunday 3rd November 9.00am Norton Canon BCP Communion, 10.30am Weobley All Saints Morning Praise, 3.30pm Monnington-on-Wye All Souls service

Our final dwelling place

Over the first two Saturdays in October I have been involved in volunteer clean-up days at Staunton and Weobley churchyards (see Staunton photo below). It was wonderful to see a dedicated group come along and tidy up these areas. I am also mindful there are other volunteers who quietly and regularly mow, weed, hack and trim in the other 5 churches of our benefice. For all of this unsung (and unpaid) labour of love I am deeply grateful.

Our churchyards are much visited. They are special places of memory: a quiet place in which to remember, to grieve and to be thankful. They are also refuges for birds and wildlife, with a diverse array of wildflowers growing in designated no-mow areas. Some visitors will speak of a churchyard as 'a final resting place' but for those of Christian faith, the greenery and peace of a churchyard is reminder of that place of eternal rest and intimate spiritual relationship that awaits:

The writer of Psalm 90 reminds us:

Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God...

The years of our life are seventy,
or even by reason of strength eighty;
yet their span is but toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away...
So teach us to number our days
that we may get a heart of wisdom.

Rev'd Philip



**Our next edition of People & Steeple will cover Sunday 3rd & 10th November.
Deadline for this 2 week edition will be Wednesday 30th October at 12 noon.**



Scam Emails

We have been aware of scam emails being sent out asking for a bank transfer payment to be made.

Please always check the senders email address to see if it is genuine, if you are not sure please telephone the sender.

The Twenty First Sunday after Trinity 20th October

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord,
to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that they may be cleansed from all their sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
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.

Reading: Isaiah 53. 4-end
or Proverbs 3, 5-10

Gospel reading:
Mark 10:35-45 or
Matthew 6: 19-33

The Last Sunday after Trinity 27th October

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9
or Proverbs 3, 5-10

Gospel reading:
Mark 10:46-end or
Matthew 6: 19-33

Prayer Focus

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

Please continue to pray for the family and friends of Bill Pritchard. There will be a memorial service for Bill at Weobley Parish church on Friday 8th November at 2.00pm.

Our Church—Please pray for the Parish of **Staunton-on-Wye**, the Parish Church Council and all the church community—Please pray for the Parish of **Monnington-on-Wye**, the Parish Church Council and all the church community—Please pray for **Telford Severn Gorge** Deanery—Pray for the **All Souls'** tide services, and for the pastoral support we offer within and from our churches to those who are bereaved.

Our Nation—Sunday is **World Osteoporosis Day**, Pray for greater awareness, as many people with this condition are not treated for the disease itself, only its effect, and so that those at risk may make changes to their lifestyle to reduce its impact—Pray for all who live with speech defects of various kinds, especially children, and for advice and support for young people themselves, for parents and for teachers and other school staff—In this last week of "**British Summer Time**", pray for those who will struggle with the shorter days and longer nights - those who are elderly and housebound, those who have been recently bereaved, or find themselves for some other reason suddenly alone, and the many who simply find themselves at a low emotional ebb at this time of the year.

Prayer Focus continued....

W/C 28th Oct -In the week of Hallowe'en, pray for the witness we can offer as churches by speaking of light at this dark time of the year, Pray also for the safety of children taking part in Trick or Treat and similar activities and pray also for those who are drawn into harmful and dangerous occult practices—November is kept as **COPD Awareness Month** - a dedicated time to raise awareness about Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, and its impact on individuals, families and communities. Pray for all who live with this condition, and for the help and support they need—Pray for local museums, and for all that helps tell the story of our local communities and their past—Pray for the maintenance of this service at a time of cuts in expenditure, and for all who research local history. Pray for **family caregivers**, and for all who by the care for older or disabled family members to retain independence.

Our World—Small boats account for some 85% of detected irregular migrants to the UK, but other means of entry, such as hard-sided lorries, much used by organised gangs, may simply be harder to detect. Many who enter by this means may be destined for some form of modern slavery. Pray for successful action against gangs, and more accessible access to the process of seeking asylum—Please continue to pray for peace, safety, strength, hope and healing for Isreal, Gaza and Lebanon as the conflict continues.

Dates for your Diary

28th Oct 9.30am—12.30pm
Harvest Holiday Club
Weobley Parish Church

7.00pm JBC Meeting

29th Oct 7.00pm Guinea Service
With Guest Preacher
Mike Kneen, Letton

2nd Nov 3.00pm All Souls Service
Weobley Parish Church

3rd Nov 3.30pm All Souls Service
Monnington-on-Wye

4th Nov 9.30am Weobley PCC Meeting

10th Nov Remembrance Sunday
10.45am Parade From Broad Street,
to Weobley to War Memorial

10.55am Act of Remembrance
at the War Memorial

11.00am Remembrance Service
Weobley Parish Church

10.30am CW Eucharist with prayers
of remembrance)
Staunton-on-Wye

12th Nov 10.30am-12.00pm
Coffee Morning
Weobley Parish Church



HARVEST FESTIVALS

20th October
10.30am Byford
3.00pm Letton
Family Crafty Service & Tea

27th October
11.00am Sarnesfield

This year we will be collecting donations towards Water Aid.



HARVEST HOLIDAY CLUB

MON 28TH & TUES 29TH OCTOBER 2024

Fun & Creative Activities for Kids 5 to 12 years

£2.00 per child per day or £5.00 per Family

9:30am - 12:30pm
Weobley Parish Church

TO REGISTER
Please Contact Sam Phillips
on
07507 794779
admin@weobleyandstaunton.org

ACTIVITIES:

- Stories from the Bible
- Lego
- Songs
- Autumn Crafts
- Outdoor Fun
- Games & Activities
- Snack Provided

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

FOR MORE INFO:
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What's On!

GUINEA SERVICE

**TUESDAY 29TH OCTOBER
7.00PM**

An annual tradition that has been revived is the Guinea Service, at which a guest speaker is invited to give a sermon and the congregation votes to decide whether the preacher has earned the Guinea.

**ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
LETTON**

All are welcome to join us from around the Benefice!

**Guest
Preacher**

Rev'd Prebendary
Mike Kneen



All Souls Remembrance & Thanksgiving Service

A chance to gather and remember those we have loved & lost with reflections, readings and music

Saturday 2nd November 3.00pm
Weobley Parish Church

Sunday 3rd November 3.30pm
Monnington on Wye



Remembrance Sunday

10th November 2024

10.45am

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Weobley to War Memorial

10.55am

Act of Remembrance at
the War Memorial

11.00am

Remembrance Service
Weobley Parish Church



COFFEE MORNING



TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

10.30 AM - 12.00 PM

Tea *Coffee *Cakes *Biscuits
Friendly Chat

WEOBLEY PARISH CHURCH

2nd Tuesday of every month



What's On!



Hymn Singing Festival

Cymanfa Ganu

Conductor PAUL SWEETING

Organist LIZ LAWRENCE

SATURDAY

16TH NOVEMBER 2024

3:00 - 5:00 PM



Join us for our 'Welsh-inspired' festival of favourite hymns, chosen from across our benefice.



Refreshments available at the interval
for a donation

WEOBLEY PARISH CHURCH