

25th September 2022

# People & Steeple

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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:

25th September 9am Sarnesfield Service of the Word, 10.30am Staunton Eucharist CW,  
10.30am Weobley Eucharist CW, 3.30pm Monnington Harvest Festival  
2nd October 10.30am Weobley Morning Praise, 11.00am Letton Crafty Harvest Family Festival,  
4.00pm Norton Canon Harvest Festival

## Rector of the Weobley and Staunton Group:

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

## Benefice Administrator,

Sam Phillips, 07507 794779 [admin@weobleyandstaunton.org](mailto:admin@weobleyandstaunton.org) 9.30am-2.30pm Mon, Tue, Wed and Fri

## Finance Officer,

Shirley Tully 07552 758476 [finance@weobleyandstaunton.org](mailto:finance@weobleyandstaunton.org) Monday – Friday 10am-2pm

## History in the Making

It's been a tumultuous, solemn and memorable few weeks since the death of the Queen. Many people queued for hours to walk to Buckingham Palace or file past the Queen's coffin in Westminster Hall. When asked by reporters 'Why have you come out today?' many answered that it was about 'being part of history'. It's an intriguing answer. Because when we think about it carefully, we are constantly part of history and constantly contributing to its direction and flow through the choices we make.

This Sunday we are observing Climate Sunday, an initiative of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland. It's a time for us to come together and repent of the exploitation and mismanagement that have led to an environmental crisis threatening land, oceans, flora, fauna and human livelihoods, and to pray for timely responses and solutions. It can feel daunting, even overwhelming. But in view of the exemplary service of the Queen, it's worth pausing and considering her advice:

*We sometimes think the world's problems are so big that we can do little to help. On our own, we cannot end wars or wipe out injustice, but the cumulative impact of thousands of small acts of goodness can be bigger than we imagine.*

Our gospel text from Luke, relating the story of the rich man and the beggar at his gates, reminds us that we do have the capacity to engage in small acts of goodness that can make a difference to the lives of others most affected by climate change. Currently in East Africa there are 18 million people desperately short of food, following four successive seasons of failed rains. It's an unprecedented and long-term humanitarian disaster that is under-reported in the media. If you would like to respond to this crisis, then please consider donating to the 'Around the Bounds' charity walk that Charles Overton and I will be undertaking in mid-October on behalf of the TEAR Fund East Africa Unger Crisis Appeal and the Benefice. Please see further details in this edition of *People and Steeple* and on our website.

God bless, Rev'd Philip



## Monnington-on-Wye Churchyard Clean Up

A busy few hours spent in the churchyard at Monnington last Saturday with a good result.

Many hands make light work.

Thank you to all involved.

## 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, **Readings:** Amos 6.1a,4-7 ,1 Timothy 6.6-19 who is alive and reigns with you, **Gospel Reading:** Luke 16.19-31, Psalm 146 in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, Amen

## 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 and pray for Peter Watson and his family in Weobley.

The Parish of Monnington, the Churchwarden Ray Phillips and all the church community.

Those to contribute to People & Steeple and other Media.

### In the Diocese of Hereford:

Conover Deanery.

Our Rural Dean Mike Kneen and all those who serve on the Kington and Weobley Deanery Synod.

**In the Wider Community** - The Anglican Church of Burundi - The Most Revd Sixbert Macumi, Archbishop.

### Around the Bounds Charity Walk

Rev'd Philip and Rev'd Charles are walking 42 kilometres around the boundaries of the seven parishes of the Weobley and Staunton Benefice over 3 days in October (16<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>). We are supporting two charities:

TEAR Fund in East Africa, assisting rural communities devastated by three years of drought, and for the upkeep of our seven churches and churchyards. If you would like to sponsor Philip and Charles, you can donate via our website or make bank transfers to: Weobley Group of Parishes: Sort Code 30 94 99 Account 00135029 Reference – 'Bounds Walk' If you would prefer to write a cheque then please make this out to Weobley Group of Parishes and send to The Vicarage, Church Rd, Weobley, Herefordshire, HR4 8SD. Or you can make a cash donation at one of our services of worship, marking the envelope with 'Bounds Walk'.



### 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


## Dates for your Diary For this September

<b>21<sup>st</sup> Sept</b>	<b>9am</b> Morning Prayer, Weobley Church	<b>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct</b>	<b>11.00am-4.00pm</b> Norton Canon Scarecrow Competition
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>10am –2pm</b> Weobley Church, Churchyard Clean Up Day	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Oct</b>	<b>11.00am</b> Letton Crafty Harvest Festival
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>11.00am – 3.00pm</b> Byford Beet Yard Sale	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>12.30pm</b> Norton Canon Soup and Sweet Lunch
<b>25<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>3.30pm</b> Monnington on Wye Harvest Festival	<b>9<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>3.00pm</b> Churches Together Harvest Festival at Hopelands Hall

## What's On!

**Volunteers Needed at Weobley**

For a couple of hours each month to help keep our church clean. Please email Carole: carolpage@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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.