

28th May & 4th June 2023

TWO WEEK EDITION

# People & Steeple

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



## Church Services:

**Sunday 28th May** 9.00am Sarnesfield Eucharist CW, 10.30am

Staunton on Wye Service of the Word, 10.30am Weobley Eucharist CW

**Sunday 4th June** 9.00am Norton Canon BCP Communion, 10.30am Letton Eucharist CW,  
10.30am Weobley Morning Praise

**Sunday 11th June** 9.00am Sarnesfield Café Church, 10.30am Staunton on Wye CW Eucharist,  
10.30am Weobley CW Eucharist

## 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 Monday-Thursday

## Finance Officer,

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## Pentecost



The theologian Martyn Lloyd-Jones said, “If it were possible to put the Holy Spirit into a textbook of pharmacology I would put him under the stimulants, for that is where He belongs.” Our reading from Acts chapter 2 shows a powerful stimulant at work, as the disciples are crowned with tongues of fire and speak in multiple languages. However, it’s also true that the stimulation of the Holy Spirit can only be experienced insofar as we invite this Spirit into our lives by stilling the noisiness of our thoughts and activities and entering into times of silence; through discerning where the Spirit is present in our current circumstances, and through our worship together. In all of this, we are challenged to set aside our preconceptions and become open to hear the surprising, even startling voice of the Spirit, as described by the poet William Blake:

Unless the eye catch fire, God will not be seen.

Unless the ear catch fire, God will not be heard.

Unless the tongue catch fire, God will not be named.

Unless the heart catch fire, God will not be loved.

Unless the mind catch fire, God will not be known.

Rev'd Philip

God, who as at this time **Pentecost 28th May**  
 taught the hearts of your faithful people  
 by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:  
 grant us by the same Spirit  
 to have a right judgement in all things  
 and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;  
 through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,  
 who is alive and reigns with you  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Readings:** Acts 2. 1-21,  
 Psalm 104. 26-36, 37b,  
 & 1 Corinthians 12. 3b-13

**Gospel Reading:**  
 John 20. 19-23

John 7:37-9.

Almighty and everlasting God **Trinity Sunday 4th June**  
 you have given us your servants grace,  
 by the confession of a true faith,  
 to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity  
 and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:  
 keep us steadfast in this faith,  
 that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;  
 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:** Isaiah 40.  
 12-17, 27-end. Psalm 8 &  
 2 Corinthians 13.11-end

**Gospel Reading:**  
 Matthew 28. 16-end

### Prayer Focus

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

**Our Church**—The Parish of Weobley, The Parish Church Council and all the Church Community—The Parish of Letton, The Parish Church Council and all the Church Community—Pray for Hereford (City & Rural) Deanery—Pray for Kington & Weobley Deanery—Pray for safety in travel for the Hereford delegation (including Philip) travelling to the **Kirchentag conference**, that it will be a time for all delegates to have their faith widened and deepened, and for sharing across national boundaries.

**Our Nation**—Give thanks for the birth of the Church in the gifting of the Holy Spirit on the first Christian Day of **Pentecost**. Pray that the same infectious joy and delight in the love of Christ may be visible in every church today—Sunday is also **World Hunger Day** Pray for those who will end this day hungry, and that we may work together across nations to end world poverty and hunger—This is also **Children's Gardening Week** pray for all that encourages children to spend time outside - being amongst nature can significantly improve mental and physical wellbeing in people of all ages.—Monday is **Oak Apple Day** which celebrates the restoration of King Charles II to the throne: pray for our present King as the month of his coronation draws towards its close—In **half term week**, pray for children and families, including those children who may be neglected or at risk, and families struggling under the pressure of financial uncertainty—Pray for the **national Kirchentag** (church conference) of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, taking place in Nuremberg: for all who will be attending, from across Germany and beyond, including the party from our own Diocese, and for all who will be speaking, mounting displays, leading worship etc—**Trinity Sunday** reflects on the dynamic interplay of love that unites Father, Son and Holy Spirit: pray that this sense of mutual belonging may be active and visible within every church today, inspiring us in mission and service—**SANDS awareness month** throughout June raises awareness of the impact of neonatal death and stillbirth. Pray for all who have experienced the devastating loss of a child at or soon after birth, and those who counsel and support them.

**Our World-** Pray for all in our world whose lives and livelihoods have been impacted by natural disasters, severe weather and the changes caused by global warming—Pray for those caught in situations where the impact of natural disaster and climate change have been worsened by political unrest, ethnic or cultural divisions and corruption.- Pray for the churches of Europe, including **the German Church and our friends in Nuremberg**, as they respond to the crisis in Ukraine, and to the continuing needs of the many refugees taking shelter among us as the war in their homeland continues, particularly as they cope with separation from loved ones and worry for their safety.

## Dates for your Diary

**28th May 3.30pm** CTIW Pentecost Walk Leaving Weobley Parish Church at 3.30pm arriving for tea at the Methodist Chapel at 4.45pm

**31st May 9.00am** Morning Prayer Weobley Parish Church

**4th June 12.00pm** Letton A Special Lunch to Farewell Derys Maddox

**7th June 9.00am** Morning Prayer Weobley Parish Church

**10th & 11th June OPEN WEEKEND 10.30am—4.30pm** St Marys Church Sarnesfield

**11th June 2.30pm-5.00pm** Broxwood Open Gardens HR6 9JJ Weobley Church serving Teas

**13th June 10.30am—12pm** **Second Tuesday Coffee** Morning, Weobley Parish Church

**14th June 9.00am** Morning Prayer Weobley Parish Church

**18th June From 2.00pm** Weobley Summer Fete By Weobley Parish Church HR4 8SD

**19th June 7.00pm** Bishops Visitation Service Weobley Parish Church

**20th June 7.00pm** JBC Meeting Weobley Parish Church

**21st June 9.00am** Morning Prayer Weobley Parish Church

**7.00pm** Benefice Treasurers meeting, Weobley Church

**JUNE**  
**18th**  
 from **2.00pm**

**WEOBLEY**  
**SUMMER**  
**FETE**  
 By the **PARISH CHURCH**  
 Weobley  
 HR4 8SD

Music  
 Teas  
 Games  
 Stalls  
 Animals and all the  
 Fun of the fair

