

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

## Church Services:

**Sunday 6th October** 9.00am Norton Canon Holy Communion BCP,  
11.00am CTiW Family Harvest Festival with lunch afterwards,  
3.30pm Monnington-on-Wye Harvest Festival

**Sunday 13th October** 10.30am Weobley Eucharist CW,  
10.30am Staunton-on-Wye Harvest Festival,

3.00pm Norton Canon Harvest Festival Café Service at Norton Canon Village Hall

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

## An Attitude of Gratitude

While on holiday, I found myself grumbling about a few days of rainy weather. However, my complaint led me to recall the times that I lived in desert environments, in Australia and the Middle East, when I used to lament the lack of green in the landscape. There's a well-used saying in the UK that 'You don't get a green country without rain'. As we celebrate Harvest season, we are also called to give thanks for the blessings that come with rain!

I once heard a story related by an Australian who was working in a dry, remote part of Africa. She was asked by the women of the village about how far Australian women walked to fetch their water from a well. When she replied that most Australian women had access to piped, clean running water, both hot and cold, one of the ladies exclaimed 'How happy must be the people of your country!'

This anecdote caused me to reflect on how much we take for granted; how we often overlook the simple provisions of everyday sustenance. Perhaps it also illustrates our deeper need to cultivate a spirit of thankfulness. Are we thankful for the material blessings of food, shelter and warmth? And are we grateful for the support of others around us? In the letter to the Ephesians Paul says 'I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers'. May this Harvest season be a time of heartfelt thanksgiving and may the joyful fruits of this spirit of gratitude be evident in our lives and churches.

**Rev'd Philip**

## Harvest Collection for Water Aid

PCC members across the benefice were consulted about supporting a charity with our harvest collections, and the decision was made to make donations to Water Aid, a charity working in developing nations to provide access to clean water and drainage. More information can be obtained at [www.wateraid.org/uk](http://www.wateraid.org/uk)

**Our next edition of People & Steeple will cover Sunday 20th & 27th October.  
Deadline for this 2 week edition will be Wednesday 16th October at 12 noon.**

Our Faith in Fostering initiative encourages those from faith communities to contact us to explore how you could change the life of a local child or young person.

Care, kindness and compassion are found in religious and fostering communities. If you're from a faith community, your values and experience could make you a great foster carer.



Need more information:



01432 383240



fostering@herefordshire.gov.uk

[www.herefordshire.gov.uk/fostering](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/fostering)

Come and hear from those who have fostered, ask questions and hear from the county fostering team.

**Faith in Fostering Monday, October 7th · 6pm - 8pm**

**Hereford Diocese Office The Great Hall The Palace HEREFORD HR4 9BN**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/faith-fostering-tickets-1013641698607>

O God, for as much as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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.

**The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity 6th October**

**Reading:** Genesis 2. 18-24

Psalm 8

**Gospel reading:**

Mark 10. 2-16

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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.

**The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity 13th October**

**Reading:** Amos 5. 6-7,

10-15 & Psalm 90. 12-end

**Gospel reading:**

Mark 10. 17-31

### *Prayer Focus*

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

Please pray for the family and friends of Bill Pritchard of Hyatt Farm Sarnesfield, who has passed away. There will be a memorial service for Bill at Weobley Parish church, date to be advised.

**Our Church**—Please pray for the **Parish of Norton Canon**, the Parish Church Council and all the church community—Please pray for the **Parish of Byford**, the Parish Church Council and all the church community—Please pray for **Pontesbury Deanery**—Pray for our outreach and ministry with children, young people and families, and for all that sustains and resources this work. Pray too for our church schools, and for the continued development of effective and fruitful links, between church, community and school.

### Prayer Focus continued....

**Our Nation**—Sunday is also **World Cerebral Palsy Day**, drawing our attention to the 17 million or so people worldwide who live with this condition, Pray for those who struggle to find the support and resourcing they need—Wednesday is **Dyslexia Awareness Day**, Pray for all who live with this condition, and for understanding—**Baby Loss Awareness Week** begins on Wednesday. Pray for all who go through the experience of losing a child, and that they may receive the care, support and affirmation they need in their bereavement—Pray for all who need **mental health services** and support, and for all who work in this area of health care. Pray for the protection of adequate mental health funding at a time of change and challenge in the NHS. Week commencing 13th October—Wednesday is **World Food Day**. Over 800 million people in today's world go hungry, and more than double that number lack food security. Pray we may share more equally, give special help to the neediest, and cut down on food waste. This is followed on Thursday by the **Day for the Eradication of Poverty**, another UN-sponsored day. People living in poverty face discrimination, lose control over their own lives, and often face being parted from their families. They may feel ashamed of their situation, and also fearful. Pray for programs to provide lasting relief and genuine empowerment, so that those living in poverty may be able to rebuild their lives, and hope again.

**Our World**—Hundreds of people have been killed, thousands are injured, and tens of thousands of people have been displaced across Lebanon as conflict continues to spread between **Israel and Hezbollah**. Pray for peace and an end to this conflict and for all the humanitarian workers trying to provide aid throughout the areas affected.

## Dates for your Diary

**5th Oct** 9.30am-12.30pm  
Staunton-on-Wye  
Churchyard Cleanup

**7th Oct** 2.30pm Letton  
PCC Meeting

7.00pm Staunton-on-Wye  
PCC Meeting

**8th Oct** 10.30am-12.00pm  
Coffee Morning  
Weobley Parish Church

**10th Oct** 3.00pm Sarnesfield  
PCC Meeting

**12th Oct** 9.30am-1.00pm  
Weobley Parish Church  
Churchyard Cleanup

12.30pm-2.30pm  
Soup & Sweet Lunch  
Sarnesfield Parish Church

**28th Oct** 9.30am—12.30pm  
**29th Oct** Harvest Holiday Club  
Weobley Parish Church

*Please see all Harvest Festivals throughout the benefice below*

7.00pm JBC Meeting



**£2.00 per month** **100 CLUB** Staunton-on-Wye Parish Church

The 100 Club was started in 2014 to raise much needed funds to pay for repairs to maintain the condition of the Church. With the help of the grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund and considerable fund raising, that work is now complete but, as with any old building, maintenance will always be necessary to maintain its condition.

Each month you could win a cash prize of **£25** First Draw This November

Draws are made at either a Church coffee morning or Church service each month and we offer an extra prize at Christmas.

If you would like to join our 100 club please contact: **Di Powell on 07824 646649**

Must be **16+** **PLAY - WIN - CARE**

Existing members will be sent a renewal form in due course  
Thank you for all your support



## HARVEST FESTIVALS

**6th October 2024**  
11.00am Churches Together in Weobley  
Family Harvest Festival followed by Lunch  
3.30pm Monnington-on-Wye

**13th October 2024**  
10.30am Staunton-on-Wye  
3.00pm Cafe Service at  
Norton Canon Village Hall

**20th October 2024**  
10.30am Byford  
3.00pm Letton Family Crafty Service & Tea

**27th October 2024**  
11.00am Sarnesfield

This year we will be collecting donations towards Water Aid.



# What's On!



## CTiW HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday 6th October  
11.00am


WEOBLEY PARISH CHURCH  
Followed by a delicious Lunch for a  
donation to 

If you would like to book a Lunch please  
contact Wendy Hereford email:  
wendykhereford@gmail.com or sign up list  
in Weobley Parish Church

Let us celebrate together



## Coffee Morning



TUESDAY 8TH OCTOBER  
10.30 AM - 12.00 PM

Tea \*Coffee \*Cakes \*Biscuits  
Friendly Chat

WEOBLEY PARISH  
CHURCH

## Churchyard Cleanup



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Saturday 12th October 2024  
9.30am - 1.00pm

We will be pruning low branches, cutting back hedges and tidying areas around the boundary walls. Please bring gloves and equipment.  
Soup lunch will be provided with Tea & Coffee



Weobley Parish Church

Please contact Sam Phillips  
admin@weobleyandstaunton.org



ENJOY OUR INFORMAL CAFE STYLE FAMILY

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER  
3.00PM

Norton Canon Village Hall

TEA - COFFEE - CAKE

THIS YEAR WE WILL BE COLLECTING  
DONATIONS TOWARD WATERAID AND  
NON-PERISHABLE GOODS FOR THE  
FOODBANK 

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, NORTON CANON



# What's On!

## Soup & Sweet Lunch

& a Good Raffle

only  
£10.00

# Saturday

## 12th October 2024

12.30pm-2.30pm

**Norton Canon  
Village Hall**

**To reserve a place:**

Please contact: Roger Marshall

Tel 01544 318795 or

email: [rogermarshall@bbmax.co.uk](mailto:rogermarshall@bbmax.co.uk)

All proceeds to Sarnesfield Church

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WEOBLEY

## QUIET DAY at Llangasty

LED BY REV SHEILA MACINALLY

**Monday 21st October 2024**

**10.00am - 4.30pm**

Join us for a day of reflection and contemplation at the Llangasty Retreat Centre, near Llangorse, Brecon

The day will consist of Worship and three sessions considering the Christian perspective on *Death, Resurrection and Eternal Life*,

If you would like to join us, please contact:  
John Simons on 01544 318493 or email:  
[johnsimons500@gmail.com](mailto:johnsimons500@gmail.com)

Cost. £35.00. Includes Lunch, coffee and afternoon tea. Excludes travel. Cash or cheques payable to Weobley Methodist Church

## 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  
LETON**

All are welcome to join us from around the Benefice!

**Guest  
Preacher**

Rev'd Prebendary  
Mike Kneen





# What's On!

## UKRAINIAN CULTURAL

SATURDAY OCTOBER 19TH | AT 7.00PM CONCERT

KINNERSLEY ST. JAMES CHURCH, HR3 6QF

Adults  
£12.50  
Youth  
£5.50

ONLINE  
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co.uk  
(Price includes  
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FEATURING: ALLA MIHAI & KOZACHATA, (8-10 "KOSSACK KIDS"),  
HEREFORD'S VERY OWN YOUTH THEATRE GROUP AND THEIR PRINCIPAL  
A LIVELY EVENING OF MUSIC, THEATRE AND INSIGHTS INTO  
AN EVACUEE'S JOURNEY TO HEREFORDSHIRE

All profits allocated to UKRAINIAN SUPPORT ORGANISATIONS  
in the Diocese of Hereford



Parking at church car park or at Kinnersley Castle | Information: 07789 647025

# HARVEST HOLIDAY CLUB

MON 28TH & TUES 29TH OCTOBER 2024

9:30am - 12:30pm

Weobley Parish Church

Fun & Creative  
Activities for Kids  
5 to 12 years

£2.00 per child  
per day  
or £5.00 per Family

## 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: 07963 198949 lucycmann@gmail.com