2nd October 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:

2nd October 10.30am Weobley Morning Praise, 11.00am Letton Crafty Harvest Family Festival, 4.00pm Norton Canon Harvest Festival
9th October 10.30am Staunton on Wye Eucharist CW, 3.00pm Churches Together in Weobley Harvest Festival at Hopelands Hall

Rector of the Weobley and Staunton Group:
Rev Philip Harvey, 01544 318147rector@weobleyandstaunton.org (Friday is the Rector's Day off)
Benefice Administrator,
Sam Phillips, 07507 794779 admin@weobleyandstaunton.org 9.30am-2.30pm Mon, Tue, Wed and Fri
Finance Officer,
Shirley Tully 07552 758476 finance@weobleyandstaunton.org Monday – Friday 10am-2pm

Generous hearts, generous hands

Blessed are you, God of Israel, for ever and ever,

for yours is the greatness, the power,

the glory, the splendour and the majesty.

For all things come from you,

and of your own have we given you.

From 1 Chronicles 29

These verses from Chronicles are sometimes used by a priest when receiving the collection in a service of worship. They remind us, in this season of harvest-tide, that everything we offer to God is provided first by God's generous hands.

It can be very easy to find reasons to stop being generous when confronted with news about rising prices, inflation and looming economic crises. But generosity of heart is not dependent on economic forecasts or our shifting perceptions of how well off we are in comparison to times past. The foundation of Christian generosity is the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ. We practice generosity because we have received the unlimited mercy of God.

The week between 25th September and 2nd October has been designated as 'Generosity Week' by the Church of England. A prayer has been written for this and I commend it to you.

God of grace, ever creating and restoring,

you breathe life into all things

and embrace us with an everlasting love;

help us to grow in wonder and awe,

to embody a spirit of gratitude,

and to dream generous dreams;

that, in gathering what we have,

we may graciously offer ourselves

to accomplish what you will,

in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Rev'd Philip

Update on Weobley Nave Floor

The tiles have now arrived and it's anticipated that the builders will be back on site mid-October, finishing the work by end of November. Hopefully just in time for Advent season and Christmas!

16th Sunday after Trinity Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers
of your people who call upon you; and grant that they
may both perceive and know what
things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power
faithfully to fulfil them;
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. Amen

Readings: Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4,
2 Timothy 1.1-14

Gospel Reading: Luke 17.5-10, Psalm 37.1-9

Harvest Reading: Psalm 104: 10-15 ,
John 6: 28-35.

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 Don Maddox who sadly passed away this weekend.

We thank God for the Life of Peter Watson who passed away last Thursday and pray for his family and friends during this time. A memorial service will be confirmed at a later date.

Please pray for the family and friends of Nick Pennington who passed away last week.

Pray for Andrew Jackson and Wendy Day who are to be married at Sarnesfield on the 1st October.

The Parish of Weobley, the Parish Church Council and all the Church Community.

The staff Rev Philip Harvey, Rev Susan Verwey, Rev Mike Kneen, Rev Charles Overton, Henry Verwey, Paul Francis ,John Thewlis, Shirley Tully and Samantha Phillips.

In the Diocese of Hereford:

Ludlow Deanery.

The Dean, Chapter and congregation of Hereford Cathedral.

In the Wider Community - The Anglican Church of Canada - Most Revd Linda Nicholls, Metropolitan.

Thank you to our many Weobley churchyard volunteers!

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 (16th, 18th and 19th). 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 www.weobleyandstaunton.org 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'.

Dates for your Diary For this October

1st & 2nd Oct	**11.00am-4.00pm** Norton Canon Scarecrow Competition
2nd Oct	**11.00am** Letton Crafty Harvest Festival & Ploughmans Lunch
	4.00pm Norton Canon Harvest Festival
5th Oct	**11.00am** Staunton Village Hub Harvest Celebration Service Staunton Village Hall
7th Oct	**12.30pm** Sarnesfield Church Soup and Sweet Lunch at Norton Canon Village Hall
9th Oct	**3.00pm** Weobley Churches Together Harvest Festival at Hopelands Hall

What's On!

Second Tuesday Coffee Morning
Weobley Village Hall
Tuesday 11th October

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.

St Mary's
Sarnesfield

Soup & Sweet Lunch

Friday 7th October

12.30pm

at Norton Canon Village Hall

2 courses plus coffee £10.00

To book please telephone Roger Marshall on 07771 933808 or Email: rogermarshall@rogermarshall.bbmax.co.uk