

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

Church Services:

Sunday 19th May 9.00am Letton Eucharist CW, 10.30am Byford Eucharist CW,
10.30am Weobley BCP Communion

Sunday 26th May 9.00am Sarnesfield, Eucharist CW,
10.30am Weobley Eucharist CW (with prayer for healing)

Sunday 2nd June 9.00am Norton Canon, Eucharist CW, 10.30am Weobley, Morning Praise

Pentecost Sunday - the gift of the *Paraclete* (John 15)

In our gospel text for Pentecost Sunday (John 15) Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit as a replacement for his own presence among his disciples. John uses the Greek noun *Paraclete*, which links to a verb meaning "I call alongside." The Paraclete is the Spirit of Truth who accompanies us as helper, counsellor, advocate, and guide.

Jesus also describes the Paraclete as the Spirit of truth who will expose sin, righteousness, and judgment, leading Jesus' followers into all truth. The focus here is not doctrinal. Rather Jesus sends the Spirit of truth to help his followers live in the Way of Jesus.

The truth that the Spirit of truth teaches is relational, rather than abstract propositions. The Paraclete leads Jesus' followers in the way of all truth, as understood in the light Jesus' character. As we consider Jesus deeds and words, we are guided to fashion our lives according to these deeds and words. The litmus test of our being guided by the Spirit is whether our actions fulfil Jesus' command "that you love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:13).

Throughout history various people and factions have claimed to be guided by the Spirit of truth in their interpretation of Scripture but have then used Scripture as a weapon to persecute those who disagree with them, even advocating violence. Only those who do not know God as revealed in Jesus could conclude that killing people is offering worship to God.

By contrast, the Spirit of truth leads Jesus' followers in the way of Jesus, whose love for the world led him to lay down his life for it. The most compelling witness that any disciple can bear is to love others as Jesus did, in deed and in truth.

Rev'd Philip

Weobley Church Fete is Approaching!

It's time to 'Stiffen the sinews' and throw ourselves 'once more unto the breach' of the Church Fete on Sunday June 16th from 2pm. As in the past we will need Plants, Stylish and 'tidy' Ladies Clothes and 'Accessories', Quality Bric a Brac, Bottles for the Stall, Raffle Prizes, Books, DVDs, and mountains of Cakes!

Having had the fete inside the church so successfully for the last two years, the plan is to have the selling stalls and teas inside the church and all the games, classic vehicle displays, and entertaining 'petting' animals outside. If it rains we'll squeeze as many of these things into the church as practical.

This is one of our biggest fund raisers so let's roll up our sleeves, make 'loads' money and enjoy ourselves!

God, who as at this time
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.

Sunday 19th May Day of Pentecost

Reading: Acts 2, 1-21

Gospel reading:
John 15, 26-27; 16, 4b-15

Almighty and everlasting God,
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.

Sunday 26th May Trinity Sunday

Reading: Isaiah 6, 1-8

Gospel reading:
John 3, 1-17

Prayer Focus

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

Our Church— Please pray for the Parish of **Norton Canon**, the Parish Church Council and all the church community—Please pray for **Kington & Weobley Deanery**—Pray for the communications team in our diocese in their work and in the support they provide to the local church. Pray we may share the good news of our faith within our local area and beyond in a professional and persuasive way. Pray for the Deanery at a time of change and for Sean Semple on his move from Ross to become Bishop of Cyprus & The Gulf ; his enthronement in St Paul's Cathedral, Nicosia will take place on 22nd June.

Our Nation—Sunday is also **National Children's Day**: pray for all that ensures children have a healthy and safe childhood, and that their rights and freedoms are protected—**Helena's day**, on Tuesday, prompts prayer for all places of pilgrimage and devotion, and for all who lead pilgrimages, retreats and quiet days—**World Turtle Day** on Friday prompts prayer for all who are working to reduce the pollution of our oceans—Pray for the work of **skin clinics** and specialists, and in particular for their work with skin cancers. Pray for all who experience melanomas, basal cell carcinomas, and other forms of skin cancer—**Tuesday 28th May is World Hunger Day**, drawing attention to the immense numbers of people in our world who lack proper nutrition, and proposing sustainable ways of tackling the issue. Pray for all who lack the food they need, and especially for young families and nursing mothers—Wednesday commemorates **United Nations Peacekeepers**. Pray for all those in peacekeeping roles in our world today—Wednesday is also **Oak Apple Day**, remembering the restoration of the Stuart monarchy. Pray for the monarchy and the institutions of our nation today.

Our next edition of People & Steeple will cover Sunday 2nd & 9th June.

Deadline for this 2 week edition will be Wednesday 29th May at 12 noon.

Prayer Focus continued...

Our World—We pray for those who teach and learn foreign languages, especially as language studies are being cut in many schools. Learning a language is also to engage with a culture and tradition other than our own, and to expand both awareness and opportunity. Pray for all in our world whose lives and livelihoods have been impacted by disaster, both natural and of human origin. Severe weather events and other impacts of global warming continue to strike poor and marginal communities, as do the effects of war and civil disorder, political unrest and corruption. Pray for all involved in ensuring that both emergency relief and longer term help get to those most in need of it.

Dates for your Diary

18th May **10.00am**
Apple Blossom Fun Ride
Dairy House Farm,
Monnington-on-Wye

19th May **2.00pm-5.30pm**
Broxwood Court
Open Gardens

21st May **1.00pm**
Weobley PCC Meeting

3rd Jun **2.30pm**
Letton PCC Meeting

10th Jun **7.00pm**
JBC Meeting

11th Jun **10.30am-12.00pm**
Coffee Morning
Weobley Parish Church

12th Jun **6.00pm**
Monnington-on-Wye
PCC Meeting

16th Jun **2.00pm**
Weobley Fete
Weobley Parish Church

Auction of Promises

On 3rd May nearly 60 people attended our first benefice-wide fund raising event. We enjoyed delicious canapes thanks to Pru Lloyd and her team, live piano music and a very entertaining Auction conducted by Ronnie Wilkie.



All 50 of our donated lots were auctioned off and we are very thankful to all of our donors for their generosity, and also to our many bidders.

The event raised over £4000 for benefice funds. Special thanks to Roger Marshall and Sam Phillips for their organisation and hard work.

What's On!

APPLE BLOSSOM FUN RIDE Saturday 18th May

10 or 3 mile loops through stunning Wye Valley orchards and countryside

Dairy House Farm, Monnington-on-Wye HR4 7NG
what3words; skins.action.different

Adults £20

Under 16 £15

Cash payment preferred

Bacs by prior arrangement only

Under 16's must be
accompanied by an adult.

All riders must sign a disclaimer
before starting.



First Horses 10.00am

Last Horses 1.30pm

Entries on the day

Refreshments

For more details contact:

Clare 07989 743277

Proceeds to Monnington-on-Wye and Byford churches

BROXWOOD OPEN GARDENS



Weobley Church will be serving Tea & Cakes
between 2.00PM-5.30PM

SUNDAY 19TH MAY 2024

This raises much needed funds for Weobley Church
and we couldn't do it without cake donations

Any donated cakes can be dropped off after 12pm.

Broxwood Court HR6 9JJ

COFFEE MORNING

TUESDAY 11th JUNE 2024

10.30 AM - 12.00 PM

Tea *Coffee *Cakes *Biscuits
Friendly Chat

WEOBLEY PARISH CHURCH

2nd Tuesday of every month

What's On!

WEOBLEY SUMMER

16TH JUNE
from **2.00pm**

FETE

Teas Games Stalls
Music Animals

and all the Fun of the Fair



WEOBLEY PARISH CHURCH
WEOBLEY, HR4 8SD