

NEWS UPDATE—starting 3rd August

Dear Friends, dates for your diaries:

SUNDAY 3rd AUGUST — TODAY

12:00—17:00 WESTON SHOW

TUESDAYS 5th, 19th, 26th AUGUST

'Learning to Pray Together' meetings will take place at 2pm on in Wem church.

If you would like to take part, please contact Sue McLeod 07951-901339

SUNDAY 10th AUGUST

18:30 Taize Service at Wem Methodist Church. *Worship in the Taize style includes readings of scripture, meditative songs, which are sung several times and times of silence—but no sermon!*

SATURDAY 30th AUGUST

10:00 -12:00 Coffee Morning in the Church Hall

SUNDAY 31st AUGUST

10:00 Benefice Eucharist at St Luke's, Weston under Redcastle

ROTAS FOR THE AUTUMN

Come the end of August I will be organising rotas for September and October so would be most grateful if you would let me know if you are available to welcome people to our service, read a lesson, make coffee after the service or lead intercessions. There are forms at back of church that can be completed and returned to me (by 24th August)

Services in the Benefice

Sunday 3 rd August—TRINITY 7		
WEM	08:00	Holy Eucharist
	09:45	Holy Eucharist
LEE	11:15	Holy Eucharist
Thursday 7 th August		
WEM	09:30	Holy Eucharist
	19:30	Choir Singing Practice
Sunday 10 th August—TRINITY 8		
WEM	08:00	Holy Eucharist
	09:45	Holy Eucharist
WESTON	09:30	Holy Eucharist
LEE	11:15	Holy Eucharist
Thursday 14 th August		
WEM	09:30	Holy Eucharist
	19:30	Choir Singing Practice



Come and join us for coffee and biscuits in the hall after the 9:45 service.
ALL WELCOME!



Sybil

Sybil Farmer, PCC Lay Chair
SS Peter & Paul's Church, Wem

OUR CHURCH WEBSITE IS BACK ON LINE!

The full URL is
<https://wemcofe.co.uk>
Thank you, Mike.



THE COLLECT

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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.

1st READING: ECCLESIASTES 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23

² Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹² I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. ¹⁴I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

¹⁸ I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me ¹⁹—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labours under the

sun,²¹ because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil.²² What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

2nd READING: COLOSSIANS 3:1-11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 12:13-21

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.’ ¹⁴But he said to him, ‘Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?’ ¹⁵And he said to them, ‘Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.’ ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?”’ ¹⁸Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”’ ²⁰But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?”’ ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Prayer Diary For The Week Beginning Sunday 3rd August 2025 7th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Three times a day Daniel got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.

Daniel 6:10

Today

Let us pray regularly and persevere with our prayers that we may know the joy of seeing them answered.

Monday 4th August

Pray that we might be built up in faith and grow deeper in prayer, love and unity.

Tuesday 5th August

Pray for those families in food poverty that they may know God’s care and provision for them.
Pray that those with plenty may give generously.

Wednesday 6th August

Pray for a spiritual awakening among the children and young people in Wem. Pray for the Holiday Bible Club taking place in August that it may be well attended.

Thursday 7th August

Pray for the Lord’s protection and blessing over the children during this holiday time that they may be protected from all destructive influences.

Friday 8th August

Pray for broken families that they may know the Lord’s reconciliation and healing.

Saturday 9th August

Pray for the lonely and bereaved that they may be included in social activities and the gatherings of friends.