

## NEWS UPDATE—starting 17<sup>th</sup> August

*Dear Friends, dates for your diaries:*

### TUESDAYS 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

### SATURDAY 30th AUGUST

**10:00 -12:00** Coffee Morning in the Church Hall. We would be grateful for donations of homemade cakes and raffle prizes.

Please speak to Elaine if you would like to help.

### SUNDAY 31st AUGUST

**11:00** Benefice Eucharist at St Luke's, Weston under Redcastle.

### SATURDAY 13th SEPTEMBER

**Ride and Stride** for Shropshire Historic Churches Trust. Helen Hornsby will be participating this year. Please sponsor her by adding your name to her sponsorship form which can be found at back of church (For more information about Ride and Stride please see the article in the July/August Magazine)

### 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 24<sup>th</sup> August)

### DO YOU LIKE SINGING?

If so please join with choir on Thursday evenings to enjoy a good sing with no obligation to be in the choir for services. If, however, you would like to join the choir please speak to Denise

## Services in the Benefice

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August—TRINITY 9

WEM	08:00 09:45	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist
WESTON	09:30	Holy Eucharist
LEE	11:15	Holy Eucharist

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August

WEM	09:30 19:30	Holy Eucharist Choir Singing Practice
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### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August—TRINITY 10

WEM	08:00 09:45	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist
WESTON	11:00	Holy Eucharist
LEE	11:15	Holy Eucharist

### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August

WEM	09:30 19:30	Holy Eucharist Choir Singing Practice
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*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>

*St Peter & St Paul's, Wem*  
*9th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY*  
*Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2025*

### THE COLLECT

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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.

### 1<sup>st</sup> READING: JEREMIAH 23:23-29

<sup>23</sup> Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? <sup>24</sup>Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' <sup>26</sup>How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? <sup>27</sup>They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. <sup>29</sup>Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

### 2<sup>nd</sup> READING: HEBREWS 11:29—12:2

<sup>29</sup> By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians

attempted to do so they were drowned.<sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days.<sup>31</sup> By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

<sup>32</sup> And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—<sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions,<sup>34</sup> quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.<sup>35</sup> Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection.<sup>36</sup> Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment.<sup>37</sup> They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—<sup>38</sup> of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

<sup>39</sup> Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised,<sup>40</sup> since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.

**12** Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,<sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its

shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

#### THE GOSPEL: LUKE 12:49-56

<sup>49</sup> Jesus said, 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup> I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed!

<sup>51</sup> Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division!

<sup>52</sup> From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup> they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

<sup>54</sup> He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. <sup>55</sup> And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. <sup>56</sup> You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

#### THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God:

in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Prayer Diary For The Week Beginning Sunday 17th August 2025 9th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

*I call on you, my God, for you will answer me;  
turn your ear to me for you will hear my prayer.  
Show me the wonders of your great love, you  
who save by your right hand those who take  
refuge in you from their foes. Psalm 17: 6-7*

#### Today

Let us thank God for his faithfulness in answering prayer and his protection.

Let us learn to pray according to his will.

#### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August

Pray for opportunities to talk about our faith in conversation with others. Pray for our friends and families that God will open their hearts to his gospel message.

#### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August

Pray for the Food Bank and the Food Hub that they may have all the resources they need to provide for those in food poverty.

#### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August

Pray for those who are housebound that they may receive frequent friendship and encouragement through calls and visits from family and friends.

#### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August

Pray for the choir and organist that they may lead worship pleasing to God.

#### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August

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

#### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

Pray for children and young people that Jesus may be revealed directly to them through dreams and visions.