

## NEWS UPDATE—starting 7<sup>th</sup> September

*Dear Friends, dates for your diaries:*

### SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

**Ride and Stride** for Shropshire Historic Churches Trust. Helen Hornsby & Rob Haarhoff will be riding this year. Please sponsor them by adding your name to sponsorship forms which can be found at back of church.

### KEY REGISTER REVISION

In addition, we would like to revise our Key Register so if you have any church keys please call into church between 10:00 and 16:00 so that we can update the key register.

### SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

10:00 - 12:00 Coffee Morning in the Church Hall. Donations of raffle prizes and homemade cakes are always welcome. Please speak to Elaine if you would like to help.

### THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER

10:30 - 12:00 Flower arrangers will be decorating the church for Harvest, if you would like to help with this please speak to Sybil.  
(01939 232568 or 07944 673953)

### SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

14:30 **Piano Duet Recital** - Nigel Clayton & Imma Setiadi will entertain with a selection of music arranged for 4 hands at 1 piano. Refreshments will be served in the church hall during the interval  
**Tickets £12—from Elaine 07969 511590  
or Wendy 07828 262996**

### DO YOU LIKE SINGING?

If so, please join the 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 7<sup>th</sup> September—TRINITY 12

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

### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September

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

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September—HOLY CROSS DAY

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

### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September

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

*Thank you to Sarah Newell for  
sponsoring the flowers today in memory  
of Malcom and Yvonne Raynor*



*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*  
*12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY*  
*Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025*

### THE COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve:  
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,  
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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: DEUTRONOMY 30:15-end

<sup>15</sup> See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> READING: PHILEMON 1-21

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, <sup>2</sup>to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house:

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God <sup>5</sup>because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. <sup>7</sup>I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

<sup>8</sup> For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, <sup>9</sup>yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. <sup>10</sup>I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. <sup>12</sup>I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. <sup>13</sup>I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; <sup>14</sup>but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. <sup>15</sup>Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup> So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand:

I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

## THE GOSPEL: LUKE 14:25-33

<sup>25</sup> Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup>saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of all mercy, in this Eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Prayer Diary For The Week Beginning Sunday 7th September 2025 12th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Jesus said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."  
*Matt. 9:37-38*

### Today

Pray that God would raise up workers to the harvest field of Wem and the surrounding villages. Pray that we may be willing to be those workers.

### Monday 8th September

Pray for the Lord's blessing on the Church's ministry in the schools. May the children and young people have their hearts opened to Jesus' gospel message.

### Tuesday 9th September

Pray for the Food Bank and the Food Hub that they may have sufficient resources to help those families in food poverty.

### Wednesday 10th September

Pray for teachers, schoolchildren and students as they begin the new school year. Pray especially for those beginning infant school or High School that they may feel welcomed and settle in well.

### Thursday 11th September

Pray for the societies and clubs in Wem that they may be places for building friendships as well as opportunities to speak about our faith in conversation

### Friday 12th September

Pray for those with addictions that they may receive the help and healing that they need to overcome and be restored to good health.

### Saturday 13th September

Pray for those who are housebound that they may not be forgotten, but receive regular visits and calls. May they have plenty of social stimulation.