

NEWS UPDATE—starting 14th September

Dear Friends, dates for your diaries:

SATURDAY 27th 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 2nd 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 5th 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**

LEADING INTERCESSIONS

Having a variety of people to lead us in prayer during our services enriches our worship together. Unfortunately, the team has recently become very depleted. Help and support is at hand to get you started if you would like to serve in this way. It's not as hard as you might think!

Please contact Katharine Murray on 07812 905076
or k.m.murray50@gmail.com
or catch her after the service.

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 14th September—HOLY CROSS DAY

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

Thursday 18th September

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

Sunday 21st September—St MATTHEW

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

Thursday 25th September

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

*Thank you to Rob & Margaret Haarhoff
for sponsoring the flowers today in
memory of Pat Haarhoff*



*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

HOLY CROSS DAY

Sunday 14th September 2025

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, who in the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace:

grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

1st READING: NUMBERS 21:4-9

⁴ From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' ⁶Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents

from us.' So Moses prayed for the people.
⁸And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

2nd READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11

⁶ Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of
death—
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the
earth,

¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 3:13-17

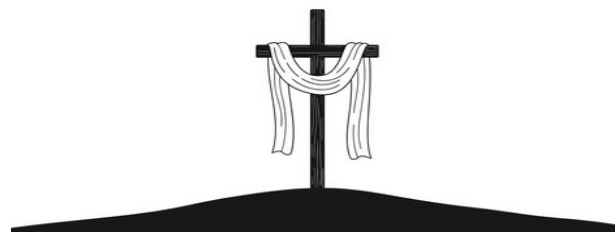
¹³ No one has ascended into heaven
except the one who descended from
heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as
Moses lifted up the serpent in the
wilderness, so must the Son of Man be
lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him
may have eternal life.

¹⁶ 'For God so loved the world that he
gave his only Son, so that everyone who
believes in him may not perish but may
have eternal life.

¹⁷ 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into
the world to condemn the world, but in
order that the world might be saved
through him.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Faithful God, whose Son bore our sins in
his body on the tree and gave us this
sacrament to show forth his death until he
comes: give us grace to glory in the cross
of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our
salvation, our life and our hope, who
reigns as Lord, now and for ever.



Prayer Diary For The Week Beginning Sunday 14th September 2025

HOLY CROSS DAY

Paul said, "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Pray also for me, that whenever I speak words may be given me, so that I fearlessly may make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly as I should." Eph. 6: 18-20

Today

Pray that God will give us the words to speak clearly about our faith in conversation with friends, family and neighbours.

Monday 15th September

Pray for the Monday Prayer Group that they may grow deeper in love and unity and pray under the direction of the Holy Spirit.

Tuesday 16th September

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

Wednesday 17th 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 18th 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.

Friday 19th September

Pray for the leaders of the Youth Club, Scouts and Guides that they will be good role models for the young people and provide them with positive social activities.

Saturday 20th September

Pray for the Lord's protection over all the weekend social activities, for building good friendships and community spirit.