

NEWS UPDATE—starting 5th October

Dear Friends, dates for your diaries:

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

SUNDAY 12th OCTOBER

12:00 Bring and Share Harvest Lunch

If you would like to join us for this lunch please add your name to the list at back of church.

SUNDAY 18th OCTOBER

11:30 - 13:30 Community Lunch in the Church Hall

23rd—25th OCTOBER

**Wem Art Society Annual Exhibition
in the Church Hall**

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 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 for services please speak to Denise.

Services in the Benefice

Sunday 5th October—TRINITY 16

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

Thursday 9th October

WEM	09:30 19:30	Holy Eucharist Choir Singing Practice
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Sunday 12th October—TRINITY 17

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

Thursday 16th October

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
16th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
Sunday 5th October 2025

THE COLLECT

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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: HABAKKUK 1:1-4, 2:1-4

1¹ The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

2² O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you 'Violence!' and you will not save? 3³ Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. 4⁴ So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous—therefore judgement comes forth perverted.

2¹ I will stand at my watch-post, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. 2² Then the Lord answered me and said:

Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. 3³ For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will

surely come, it will not delay. ⁴ Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

2nd READING: 2 TIMOTHY 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

² To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³ I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸ Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ For this

gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 17:5-10

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' ⁶ The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

⁷ 'Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"? ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!" '

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer Diary For The Week Beginning Sunday 5th October 2025

16th Sunday after Trinity

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:5-7

Today

Spend time in thanksgiving and prayer for all God's gifts to us and consider sharing what we have with those in need.

Monday 6th October

Pray for a spirit of generosity that we may provide plenty of food for the Food Hub and Food Bank to distribute among those in need in our area.

Tuesday 7th October

Pray for new and useful businesses to open in the empty shops in the High Street.

Wednesday 8th October

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.

Thursday 9th October

Pray for the Lord's blessing and protection on the schools in Wem. Pray that the teachers and children may know protection from seasonal illnesses

Friday 10th October

Pray for the Lord's blessing on all the clubs and societies in Wem and the surrounding villages. Pray that they may be places for building good friendships.

Saturday 11th October

Pray for opportunities to talk about your faith in conversation with others. Pray for a spiritual awakening among the people of this area