

NEWS UPDATE—starting 12th October

Dear Friends, dates for your diaries:

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.

SATURDAY 18th OCTOBER

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

23rd – 25th OCTOBER

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

SATURDAY 1st NOVEMBER

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

Thank you for donating books, bric a brac and jigsaws; these additional stalls are a good way of sharing/recycling pre-loved items. We are always grateful for raffle prizes and homemade cakes. Please join us for coffee and a chat.

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 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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Sunday 19th October—TRINITY 18

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

Thursday 23rd October

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Friday 24th October—Funeral Service

WEM	11:00	Adrian Trevor Gough RIP
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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>

**The latest Parish/Benefice Magazine can be found by
clicking on the above link and following the Homepage
links to the magazine.**

St Peter & St Paul's, Wem
17th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
Sunday 12th October 2025

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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: 2 KINGS 5:1-3, 7-15c

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.' ⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.'

⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.' ⁹So Naaman came

with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.' ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean"?' ¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

¹⁵ Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, 'Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.'

2nd READING: 2 TIMOTHY 2:8-15

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

¹¹The saying is sure:

*If we have died with him,
we will also live with him;*

¹² *if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he will also deny us;*
¹³ *if we are faithless, he remains faithful—
for he cannot deny himself.*

¹⁴ Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 17:11-19

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?' ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' ¹⁹Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer Diary For The Week Beginning Sunday 12th October 2025

17th Sunday after Trinity

*May the peoples praise you, O God;
may all the peoples praise you.
The land yields its harvest;
God, our God blesses us.*

Psalms 67:5-6

Today

Pray for God's blessing on the Bring and Share Harvest Lunch today.
May it be a time of thanksgiving and good fellowship.

Monday 13th 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 14th October

Pray for those who are housebound, that they may not be forgotten but receive visits from caring friends. Pray that they may know the love of Jesus.

Wednesday 15th 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 16th 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 17th October

Pray for a spiritual awakening among the young people of Wem and the surrounding villages. Pray that God will give them the urge to read their Bibles and that Jesus will be the hot topic for conversation.

Saturday 18th October

Pray for the Lord's blessing on the Community Lunch in the Church Hall today. May it be a time to build friendships and have social stimulation.