

NEWS UPDATE—starting 2nd November

Dear Friends, dates for your diaries:

SATURDAY 22nd NOVEMBER — 10:30—12:00

Autumn Fayre at Lee Brockhurst Village Hall

29th NOVEMBER — 14th DECEMBER

Christmas Tree Festival in Church

SUNDAY 30th NOVEMBER — 11:15

Benefice Eucharist at St Peter's Lee Brockhurst

SATURDAY 6th DECEMBER — 14:30

An Afternoon of Music & Song featuring Local Artists

SUNDAY 14th DECEMBER — 14:30

Wreath Making Workshop in the Church Hall

Booking required: see posters

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.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.

For future services and events please go to our website <https://wemcofe.co.uk>

Services in the Benefice

Sunday 2nd November—ALL SAINTS DAY

WEM	08:00	Holy Eucharist
	09:45	Holy Eucharist
	16:00	All Souls Service
WESTON	09:30	Morning Prayer
LEE	11:15	Holy Eucharist

Thursday 6th and 13th November

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

Friday 7th November—Funeral Service

WEM	11:15	Pamela Ellen Hoskin RIP
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Sunday 9th Nov—REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

WEM	08:00	Holy Eucharist
	09:15	Holy Eucharist
	10:55	Act of Remembrance and the Civic Service
WESTON	10:50	Remembrance Service
LEE	10:55	at WEM

Tuesday 11th Nov—ARMISTICE DAY

WEM	10:50	at the War Memorial
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Tuesday 11th November—Funeral Service

WEM	12:30	Michael Shaun Hughes RIP
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Thank you, Rob Ballantyne, celebrating his twin sister Dorothy's birthday (and his!) with the flowers today.

Sybil

Sybil Farmer, PCC Lay Chair
SS Peter & Paul's Church, Wem

St Peter & St Paul's, Wem
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
Sunday 2nd November 2025

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
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: DANIEL 7:1-3, 15-18

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ²I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

¹⁵ As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷'As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever—for ever and ever.'

2nd READING: EPHESIANS 1:11-end

¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 6:20-31

²⁰ Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:

'Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ 'Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

'Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴ 'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵ 'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. 'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶ 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. ²⁷ 'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer Diary For The Week Beginning Sunday 2nd November 2025 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY (4th Sunday before Advent)

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

2 Cor. 1: 3-4

Today

Pray for the Lord's blessing on the All Souls Service, that it might bring comfort to those who have lost loved ones.

Monday 3rd November

Pray for our Rector, John, and all those who take responsibility in the Church, that they may have the inspiration and encouragement of the Holy Spirit.

Tuesday 4th November

Pray for those in food poverty that they may receive the love and help that they need. Pray for all those who operate the Food Bank and the Food Hub that they may be blessed in this work.

Wednesday 5th November

Pray for God's protection over the Fireworks event taking place in Wem tonight.

Thursday 6th November

Pray for the Lord's blessing on the choir and the organist that they may they lead worship pleasing to Him.

Friday 7th November

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 8th November

Pray for opportunities to speak about your faith in conversation with friends and family. Pray that their hearts may be open to receive the Gospel message.