

NEWS UPDATE—starting 23rd November

Dear Friends, dates for your diaries:

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 — 14:00

An Afternoon of Music & Song featuring Local Artists.

**Tickets £10 from Elaine 07969 511590
or Wendy 07828 262996**

SATURDAY 13th DECEMBER — 10:00-12:00

Christmas Fayre in the Church Hall

SUNDAY 14th DECEMBER — 17:00

Wreath Making Workshop in the Church Hall.

£25 - Book with Jackie 07376 568706

or call into Dashers Florals, High St Wem
with a £10 non-refundable deposit



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 23rd Nov—CHRIST THE KING

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

Thursday 27th November

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

Sunday 30th Nov—ADVENT SUNDAY

WEM	08:00	Holy Eucharist
	11:15	Benefice Service-at LEE
WESTON	11:15	Benefice Service-at LEE
LEE	11:15	BENEFICE SERVICE

Thursday 4th December

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



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

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

St Peter & St Paul's, Wem

CHRIST THE KING

Sunday 23rd November 2025

THE COLLECT

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ
ascended to the throne of heaven that he
might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and
in the bond of peace, and bring the whole
created order to worship at his feet; who is
alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

1st READING: JEREMIAH 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter
the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord.
²Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of
Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd
my people: It is you who have scattered my
flock, and have driven them away, and you
have not attended to them. So I will attend to
you for your evil doings, says the Lord. ³Then I
myself will gather the remnant of my flock out
of all the lands where I have driven them, and I
will bring them back to their fold, and they shall
be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up
shepherds over them who will shepherd them,
and they shall not fear any longer, or be
dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the
Lord.

⁵ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

2nd READING: COLOSSIANS 1:11-20

¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 23:33-43

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

³⁴Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?' ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' ⁴²Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' ⁴³He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer Diary For The Week Beginning Sunday 23rd November 2025

CHRIST THE KING

Another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense to offer, with the prayers of all God's people on the golden altar before the throne. The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of God's people, went up before God from the angel's hand.

Revelation 8:3-4

Today

Pray for the direction of the Holy Spirit in our worship and prayer that we may grow in obedience and in the love of God

Monday 24th November

Pray that we may grow deeper in prayer, love and unity and see God's transforming power at work in our midst.

Tuesday 25th November

Pray for the Food Bank and the Food Hub, that they may have all the resources that they need for those families who are in food poverty.

Wednesday 26th November

Pray for the Lord's blessing and protection on the hearts and minds of children as well as their physical bodies. May they have encounters with Jesus.

Thursday 27th November

Pray for the Lord's blessing on the ministry of our Rector, John, in St. Peter's School. May the children have open hearts to the gospel message.

Friday 28th November

Pray for the bereaved and lonely, that they may not be forgotten, but comforted and cared for.

Saturday 29th November

Pray for the Lord's blessing on the Christmas Festival in Wem. Pray that Jesus will be the focus as Carols are sung. Pray for opportunities to speak about your faith in conversation with others.