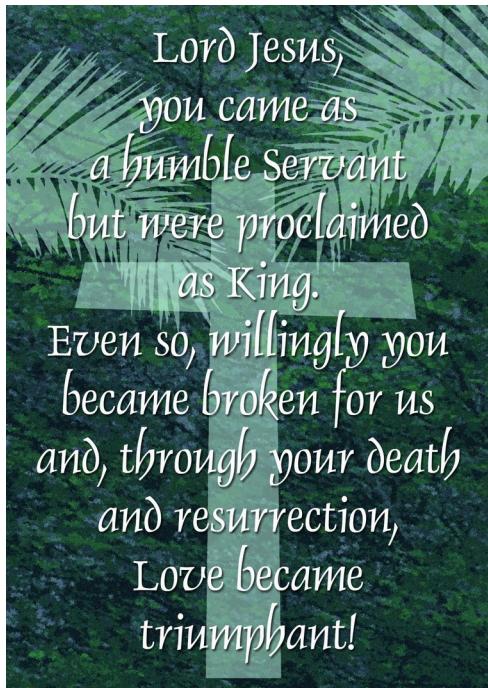


Parish Magazine for
Wem, Lee Brockhurst and Weston-under-Redcastle

April 2022



After a short break we are delighted to be able to send out an electronic version of the parish magazine. During the Vacancy information is coming together from a number of different sources and we have tried our best to have everything correct. If we have missed anything, particularly with reference to "From the Registers" in each parish, we sincerely apologise and if you email pamedgmond@hotmail.com we will correct that in the next magazine.

The war in Ukraine is moving fast and threatening millions of people's lives. Many of us feel overwhelmed by the scale and complexity of the threat. The following is from the Church of England -(<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/praying-peace-world>)

Intercession for Ukraine

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the leaders of the nations,
that you will guide them in the ways of freedom, justice and truth.
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

We pray for those who bear arms on behalf of the nation,
that they may have discipline and discernment,
courage and compassion.
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

We pray for our enemies, and those who wish us harm,
that you will turn the hearts of all to kindness and friendship.
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

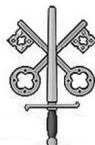
We pray for the wounded and the captive,
the grieving and the homeless,
that in all their trials they may know your love and support.
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Most holy God and Father,
hear our prayers for all who strive for peace
and all who fight for justice.

Help us, who today remember the cost of war,
to work for a better tomorrow;
and, as we commend to you lives lost in terror and conflict,
bring us all, in the end, to the peace of your presence;
through Christ our Lord.

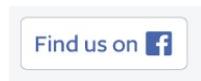
Amen.

St Peter & St Paul's, Wem
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From the Registers of St Peter and St Paul's Wem

Holy Baptism

5 September 2021 Olivia Louise Weller
12 September 2021 Dellah Rosina Peate
12 September 2021 Ottolie Eliza Peate
12 September 2021 Jack Owen David Harvey
12 September 2021 Grace Amelia Harvey

7 November 2021 Isabel Elizabeth Smith
21 November 2021 Lucy-Louise Mary Faber

18 December 2021 Maisie Heather Jones
18 December 2021 Robert Stephen Jones

6 February 2022 Ada Gwenan Lisa Withey
20 February 2022 Harry David Fairclough
27 February 2022 Verity Rena Slinn

**“One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who
is above all and through all and in all.”**

At Rest

6 September 2021 William Donald Edwards
23 September 2021 Reginald Donald Smith

23 October 2021 John Huxley (Interment of Ashes)

3 November 2021 Joyce Knowles
16 November 2021 Joyce Knowles (Interment of Ashes)

2 December 2021 Irene Blaney
6 December 2021 Nancy Roberts

17 December 2021 David Reginald Jackson
21 December 2021 Helen Heath

10 January 2022 Elizabeth Wheatly
21 January 2022 Katrina Claire Lear
31 January 2022 Herbert Brian Watkins (Interment of Ashes)

10 February 2022 GSH Riley (Aberystwyth)
14 February 2022 Elizabeth Wheatly (Interment of Ashes)
16 February 2022 Graham John Beddoes

**“Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord and may
light perpetual shine upon them.”**

Book of Remembrance for April

1 st	Edward Henry Jones BEM	13 th	Alexander Howard Pickford
1 st	Sarah Ann 'Nancy' Cliff	14 th	Nathaniel Walter Arrowsmith
2 nd	Cissie Laura Shaw	14 th	Martha Jane Kynaston
2 nd	Ethel May Wilden	15 th	Frank Edward Kynaston
3 rd	Michael Ronald Elson Dean	15 th	Hugh Stanley Robinson, Priest
5 th	Michael Anthony MacEhill	15 th	Richard Paul Dodd
5 th	Thomas Arthur Ashley	15 th	Mark Anthony Winter
5 th	Mike Tipping	17 th	Dennis Tomlinson
7 th	John Edward Johnson	19 th	Philip John Wilden
8 th	Richard William Birch	20 th	Betty Victoria Gwendolen Frances Mayhew
9 th	Ida Mary Brown	24 th	William Edgar Bacon
9 th	Peter Broadhurst	24 th	Nellie Elizabeth Davies
9 th	Ernest Ford Watson Mayhew	24 th	Arthur Bryan Thompson
10 th	Henry James 'Harry' Heffer	24 th	Jessel Elizabeth Jones
10 th	Margaret Jones	25 th	Graham Anthony Hazelwood Atkins, Priest
11 th	Peter Stephen Robinson	26 th	Nigel Elmore
11 th	John Richard Jones Parry	28 th	Marjorie Florence Arrowsmith
12 th	Thomas Carrick Penman		
12 th	David Douglas Price, Priest		

In future editions we hope to have the usual rotas for St Peter & St Paul's.

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From the Registers of St Luke's Weston-Under-Redcastle

Holy Baptism

3rd October 2021 Luna Gilly-Pip Ndagire Kimbug
9th January 2022 Maximillian Evan Arthur Griffiths

"One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all."

Holy Matrimony

26th September 2021 Louisa Jane Grocott and Michael Andrew Shaw
23rd October 2021 Margaret Palmer and Robert Russell Haarhoff
18th December 2021 Hayley Alice Forrester and Ashley John
Warburton Chesters

At Rest

5th November 2021 Valerie Davies Fisher
Funeral Service and interment in the churchyard

**“Rest eternal grant unto her O Lord and may
light perpetual shine upon her.”**

SUNDAYS IN APRIL

ACROSS THE BENEFICE

DATE		WEM	WESTON	LEE
3 April	Passion Sunday	8.00 am 9.45 am		Joint Benefice at Wem
10 April	Palm Sunday	8.00 am 9.45 am	9.30 am	11.15 am
14 April	Maundy Thursday	7.30 pm		
15 April	Good Friday			2.00 pm
17 April	Easter Day	8.00 am 9.45 am	9.30 am	11.15 am
24 April	Easter 2	8.00 am 9.45 am	11.00 am	With Weston
1 May	Easter 3	8.00 am 9.45 am		Joint Benefice at Wem

Please remember that you are welcome to join services at any of our three churches in the Benefice. We are grateful to our retired clergy and laity for all their work during the Vacancy – sometimes changes may need to be made to the details above.

Any queries about searches in the Whitchurch Road Cemetery
or elsewhere

Please contact Mr Tom Edwards of 1 Eckford Park,
Wem, SY4 5HL or on 01939 233932

UKRAINE APPEAL

A big 'Thank You' to all who supported the "Drop in, Drop Off" Coffee Morning in the newly refurbished Lee Brockhurst Village Hall on the 12th of March. Approximately £1,000 worth of goods were donated, these were packed up and delivered to the collection point next day and are hopefully now in use where they are needed in Ukraine.

A total of £1,007 was raised, £107 by direct payment and cheque to DEF the remaining £900 in cash, this was used to purchase urgent medical items, as requested. These were sourced, picked up and delivered to the collection point on Thursday 17th, thank you David, and again hopefully are now where needed.

Applause must also go the people of Weston who took up the cause and raised over £1,000 for the appeal. What generous and caring folk we have in our villages.

Finally thanks must go to the ladies who dropped off cakes on the day and special thanks to the LBBs who batch-baked before the event and who worked all day on the day, a great team effort.

Romans 12:13 Contribute to the needs of God's people and practice hospitality.

Georgina Farley

Holy Days in the April Church Calendar

- 1st Frederick Denison Maurice, Priest, Teacher, 1872
- 9th Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lutheran Pastor, Martyr, 1945
- 10th William Law, Priest, Spiritual Writer, 1761
- 10th William of Ockham, Friar, Teacher of the Faith, 1347
- 11th George Augustus Selwyn, First Bishop of New Zealand, 1878
- 16th Isabella Gilmore, Deaconess, 1923
- 19th Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1012
- 21st Anselm, Abbot, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1109
- 23rd George, Martyr, Patron of England, c304
- 24th Mellitus, Bishop of London, 624
- 25th Mark the Evangelist
- 27th Christina Rossetti, Poet, 1894
- 28th Peter Chanel, Missionary in the South Pacific, Martyr, 1841
- 29th Catherine of Siena, Teacher of the Faith, 1380
- 30th Pandita Mary Ramabai, Translator of the Scriptures, 1922

Everyday Blessings by Aled Jones

Cathy would like to share the following with everyone as it will speak to many going through the storms of life. These are the words written for 24 November:-

And once the storm is over, you won't remember how you made it through, how you managed to survive. You won't even be sure, in fact, whether the storm is really over. But one thing is certain. When you come out of the storm, you won't be the same person who walked in. That's what this storm's all about.

HARUKI MURAKAMI

Hugh of Grenoble, fighting corruption and building hospitals

Murky crimes committed by various church leaders, local shops in trouble, roads needing repair, and hospitals in a sorry state.... wanting to retire, but the law said no... it seems that Hugh of Grenoble was dealing with 21st century problems in the 11th century.

Born at Chateauneuf in 1052 as the son of a knight, Hugh attended the cathedral school of Valence and became a canon. He was talented and learned, good looking - and yet bashful. Hugh's parents' contacts and his privileged schooling earned him a good job early on - as secretary to the Bishop of Die, who was also a papal legate. In 1080 Hugh was taken along to the Synod of Avignon, where the deplorable state of the diocese of Grenoble was reviewed. It was afflicted with widespread simony and usury, and clerical promiscuity was rampant.

Hugh was outraged at what he heard - and was soon in a position to do something about it. He was made Bishop of Grenoble by Pope Gregory VII and went on to fight the excesses and sins of the clergy with notable success. He became virtual co-founder of the Carthusian order. The common people soon came to love him, for as well as reforming their churches and restoring their cathedral, he built a bridge, a marketplace and three hospitals for them.

In later years Hugh wanted to retire, but like many people today, was not able to do so: in his case the Pope would not let him. During the last few weeks of his life Hugh went back to basics: he seemed to forget everything but the Lord's Prayer and the Psalms. He was greatly loved, and so canonised only two years after his death in 1134.

Dates for your Diary

In anticipation of a return to a more normal time, Lee Brockhurst have a number of dates in the diary. You are all welcome to join in any or indeed all of these services and events.

15 April - Good Friday Service led by Rev Rob Haarhoff, starting at 2pm to finish at the time Jesus died

7 May - Plant Sale at Meadow View Court, Wem

26 June - Patronal Festival - if the weather is kind we hope to have an open air simple service followed by a 'take and share' meal

16 July - Strawberry Tea at Brockhurst Farm

25 September - Harvest Festival

26 September - Harvest Supper and Auction - at our newly-refurbished Village Hall

19 November - Autumn Fayre in the Village Hall

18 December - Carol Service starting at 3 pm

Details to follow.

Patient Trust

Above all, trust in the slow work of God.
We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay.
We should like to skip the intermediate stages.
We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new.

And yet it is the law of all progress
that it is made by passing through some stages of instability—
and that it may take a very long time.

And so I think it is with you;
your ideas mature gradually—let them grow,
let them shape themselves, without undue haste.
Don't try to force them on,
as though you could be today what time
(that is to say, grace and circumstances acting on your own good will)
will make of you tomorrow.

Only God could say what this new spirit
gradually forming within you will be.
Give Our Lord the benefit of believing
that his hand is leading you,
and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself
in suspense and incomplete.

—Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, SJ
excerpted from Hearts on Fire

Ruth Empson says: I totally love this poem and it grounds me greatly when I need it - I hope others find this too

The Ven John Barton considers the most famous of all Handel's works.

Handel's Messiah

The original idea was not Handel's, but his collaborator's, Charles Jennens, a passionate Christian who wanted to demonstrate that Jesus really was the 'Christ', or Messiah. This was being denied by Deists in the 18th Century, who believed God created the world and then stayed distant from it.

Jennens combed the Old Testament for texts which anticipated God's continuing activity in the world, with the expectation of greater things to come: *Comfort ye my people; Every valley shall be exalted; And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed ...* and so on. Then there were poignant passages anticipating suffering, with deep significance for Christians: *Behold the Lamb of God; He was despised; Surely He hath borne our griefs.*

Throughout the work, there is the strong sense that God is both omnipotent and also intimately involved with the human race: *How beautiful are the feet; the kingdom of this world is become the Kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ.* The Hallelujah Chorus, the best known of the work, concludes the second part of 'Messiah', before the focus shifts mainly to the New Testament and Christ's resurrection and triumph: *The trumpet shall sound; Death where is thy sting; and finally, Worthy is the Lamb.*

Handel composed the music in 24 days, writing across the final manuscript, "To the glory of God". As he finished the Hallelujah Chorus, he said, "I did think I did see all Heaven before me, and the great God Himself."

The work caused a stir by being presented in concert halls, rather than churches where some felt sacred works belonged. The first performance was in Dublin in 1742 and raised funds for charities. One of the soloists was Susanna Cibber, a woman of questionable reputation, whose rendering of "He was despised" so moved the Revd Patrick Delaney, that he cried out, "Woman, for this be all thy sins forgiven thee".

German-born Handel, who became a British subject and whose finances were sometimes precarious, didn't always get on with the wealthy Jennens, but the two men shared a single mission. The oratorio 'Messiah' is the result.

Lee Brockhurst WI

Love is in the air at Lee Brockhurst W.I.! '**To Love and To Cherish**' is the theme of our main monthly meeting on 19th April, when popular speaker **Kath Reynolds** will be telling us about **wedding dresses** through the twentieth century and members will be displaying mementos of their own weddings. The monthly competition, '**a home-made wedding favour**', promises to be entertaining!

If you love chocolate, then the **Easter chocolate-making workshop** on Saturday **9th April** will be very much to your taste. Our chocoholics will be creating half Easter eggs and assorted fillings, plus topped chocolate slabs or oversized buttons. All those calories for only £12.50!

Our big event in April is our **Spring Fair** fundraiser on Saturday **23rd April from 12 noon to 3pm**. For many months, W.I. members have been making, baking, and propagating, to stock our **craft, cake, and plant** stalls with quality items. So **do come along** for a lovely afternoon: enjoy **delicious refreshments** and maybe treat yourself to something beautiful on one of the **artisan stalls** who will be there. (Entry is free.)

Our various clubs are thriving (and there are suggestions for even more!):

- At their meeting on **5th April**, our 'What's The Point' crafters will be learning **stumpwork embroidery**, which raises stitched figures from the surface of the work to create a 3D effect such as you see on Tudor costumes. Despite being complete novices, all are looking forward to learning a new skill.
- On **25th April**, our Brockhurst **Bookworms** will be reviewing 'Nine Folds Make a Paper Swan' – with the growth in numbers all meetings have moved from members' sitting rooms to the village hall (which is the location of all our meetings unless otherwise specified).
- The lovely Spring weather has tempted our '**Summer Strollers**' out of hibernation and the first walk will be on **Tuesday 26th April** at 7.15 pm from Preston Brockhurst. Contact Rachel for more details (07909 982609
[/rachel56bailey@outlook.com](mailto:rachel56bailey@outlook.com)).

Finally, both during and since the lockdowns, our Institute has grown substantially. We are loving the lively happy atmosphere of our enlarged WI family and send a very warm welcome to Pauline, Chris, Theresa, Lynne, Annette, Janet, Diane, Sue, Claire, Dawn, Rose and Wendy, our lovely new members! If you would like further information, please contact our friendly secretary Julie for more details – she will be very happy to help you. Her contact details are; 01939 200237 or jiwoolfenden@gmail.com.

All in the month of April

It was:

150 years ago, on 2nd April 1872 that Samuel Morse died. This American artist and inventor helped develop commercial single-wire telegraph systems and co-developed Morse code.

125 years ago, on 3rd April 1897 that Johannes Brahms, German composer, piano virtuoso and conductor, died.

90 years ago, on 23rd April 1932 that the Royal Shakespeare Theatre opened in Stratford-upon-Avon, replacing the one that burnt down in 1926.

75 years ago, on 1st April 1947 that the school leaving age in the UK was raised to 15.

65 years ago, on 24th April 1957 that the first episode of the British astronomy series *The Sky at Night* was broadcast on BBC TV. It became the world's longest-running TV series with the same presenter (Patrick Moore) until his death in December 2012. The series then continued with new presenters.

50 years ago, on 11th April 1972 that the first episode of the radio comedy panel game show 'I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue' was broadcast on BBC Radio 4. It is still running.

40 years ago, on 2nd April 1982, that the Falklands War began when Argentina invaded the Falkland Islands. A British victory, although Argentina continues to claim sovereignty over the islands.

30 years ago, from 5th April 1992 to Feb 1996 that the Siege of Sarajevo took place, during the Bosnian War.

Also 30 years ago, on 27th April 1992 that Betty Boothroyd became the first female Speaker of the House of Commons.

25 years ago, on 13th April 1997 that the American golfer Tiger Woods, aged 21, became the youngest player to win the US Masters championship, and the first African American to win.

Thinking of St George's Day

The English are not very spiritual people, so they invented cricket to give them some idea of eternity. – George Bernard Shaw

England, with all thy faults, I love thee still – my country! And, while yet a nook is left where English minds and manners may be found, shall be constrained to love thee. – William Cowper

And Good Friday

On Good Friday, the most sacred day of the year, when God's justice and mercy are intertwined, I take heart for myself and the whole human race by meditating on this text: "There is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people". [1 Timothy 2:5] – Archbishop John Sentamu

The next issue is scheduled to be prepared on **Thursday 21 April** and will be available in an electronic version. If you are not currently on our email list and wish to be please contact the address below.

Items for the magazine can be left in the drawer at the back of the church in Wem (by 9 am Thursday) or sent to: **pamedgmond@hotmail.com**





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