

Sat 2 August

Pray for the lonely and bereaved that they may be included in social activities and the gatherings of friends.

NEWS UPDATE—starting 13th July

Dear Friends, dates for your diaries:

Sunday 3rd August

12:00—17:00 WESTON SHOW

'Learning to Pray Together' meetings will take place at 2pm on Tuesdays 5th, 19th, 26th August in Wem church.

If you would like to take part, please contact Sue McLeod 07951-901339

Sunday 10th August

18:30 Taize Service at Wem Methodist Church

Worship in the Taize style includes readings of scripture, meditative songs, which are sung several times and times

Do you like singing? If so please join with 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 please speak to Denise.

Sybil

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

Services in the Benefice

Sunday 27 th JULY TRINITY 6		
WEM	08:00 09:45 17:00	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist Prayer and Praise
WESTON	09:30	Holy Eucharist
LEE	11:15	Morning Prayer
Thursday 31 st July		
WEM	09:30 19:30	Holy Eucharist Choir Singing Practice
Sunday 3rd AUGUST —TRINITY 7		
WEM	08:00 09:45	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist
LEE	11:15	Holy Eucharist
Thursday 7th August		
WEM	09:30 19:30	Holy Eucharist Choir Singing Practice



Come and join us for coffee and biscuits in the hall
after the 9:45 service.
ALL WELCOME!



**Our Church website is on line again ;
the full URL is
<https://wemcofe.co.uk>**

St Peter & St Paul's, Wem
5th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
Sunday 20th July 2025

THE COLLECT

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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: GENESIS 18:20-32

20Then the LORD said, 'How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! 21I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.' 22 So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. 23Then Abraham came near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? 24Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? 25Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' 26And the LORD said, 'If I find at

Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.’ 27Abraham answered, ‘Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. 28Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?’ And he said, ‘I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.’ 29Again he spoke to him, ‘Suppose forty are found there.’ He answered, ‘For the sake of forty I will not do it.’ 30Then he said, ‘Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.’ He answered, ‘I will not do it, if I find thirty there.’ 31He said, ‘Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.’ He answered, ‘For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.’ 32Then he said, ‘Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.’ He answered, ‘For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.’

2nd READING: COLOSSIANS 2:6-15

6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, 7rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. 8 See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. 9For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, 10and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. 11In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; 12when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. 13And when you were dead in **trespasses** and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made

you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, 14erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. 15He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 11:1-13

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.’ 2He said to them, ‘When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. 3 Give us each day our daily bread. 4 And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.’ 5 And he said to them, ‘Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, “Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; 6for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.” 7And he answers from within, “Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.” 8I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. 9 ‘So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. 10For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. 11Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? 12Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? 13If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!’

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

LOCAL PRAYER DIARY WEEK BEGINNING 27 JULY

Anna never left the temple but worshipped night and day, fasting and praying.
Luke 2:37

Sun 27 July

Pray that we turn our wakeful times at night into times of prayer, making the most of the time.

Pray for the Lord’s blessing on the Praise and Prayer at 5pm

Mon 28 July

Pray that God would equip us to become workers to the harvest field of Wem and the surrounding villages.

Tues 29 July

Pray for those families in food poverty that they may know God’s care and provision for them. Pray that those with plenty may give generously.

Wed 30 July

Pray for a spiritual awakening among the children and young people in Wem. Pray for the Holiday Bible Club taking place in August that it may be well attended.

Thurs 31 July

Pray for those who lead the worship using their skill in music that they may know the inspiration and help of the Holy Spirit.

Fri 1 August

Pray for the children and young people during the school holidays, that it may be a time of refreshment and positive social activities. Pray for their protection from all negative influences.