

NEWS UPDATE—starting 15th February
Dear Friends, dates for your diaries:

SATURDAY 28th FEBRUARY — 10:00-12:00

Coffee Morning in the Church Hall

THE LENT COURSE

The Lent Course will run on Tuesdays 24 Feb & 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 March. A light lunch will be served at 12:00 followed by the course. Please add your name to list at back of church to assist with catering arrangements



PLANNED GIVING

Are you able to help our church funds by planned giving. We use our church funds to pay our parish's payment to the diocese (£4000 per month), insurance, energy and maintenance bills so we need in the order of £90,000 per annum to cover our costs.

If you would like to set up a monthly standing order please ask Sybil, David or Caroline for a form or if you would like a weekly envelope, please let Caroline or me know. If you are able to gift aid your contribution, we are able to reclaim 25% from HMRC

ROTAS

I will shortly be preparing the rota of people to read lessons, lead intercessions, welcome people to our 09:45 service and to serve coffee after that service. If you can help with any of these tasks, please speak to me or let me know your availability by returning a completed availability form (from the back of church) by 22nd February

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

To view our February services please go to our website: <https://wemcofe.co.uk>

Services in the Benefice

Sunday 15 th February—Sunday before Lent		
WEM	08:00 09:45	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist
WESTON	09:30	Holy Eucharist
LEE	11:15	Holy Eucharist
Wednesday 18 th February—ASH WEDNESDAY		
WEM	19:00	Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
Thursday 19 th February		
WEM	09:30 19:30	Holy Eucharist Choir Singing Practice
Friday 20 th February—Funeral Service		
WEM	14:00	Madeline Joyce Meakin RIP
Sunday 22 nd February—LENT 1		
WEM	08:00 09:45	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist
WESTON	11:00	Morning Prayer
LEE	11:15	Holy Eucharist
Thursday 26 th February		
WEM	09:30 19:30	Holy Eucharist Choir Singing Practice
Wednesday 4 th March—Funeral Service		
WEM	12:45	Deanna Helen Turner RIP

Sybil

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

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SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT
Sunday 15th February 2026

THE COLLECT

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

1st READING: EXODUS 24:12-end

¹² The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'

¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in

the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

2nd READING: 2 PETER 1:16-end

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, ‘This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’ ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹ So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up

a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, ‘Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!’ ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, ‘Get up and do not be afraid.’ ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, ‘Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.’

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table reflect
his life in word and deed, that all the world
may know his power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Prayer Diary For
Sunday 15th February 2026**

SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Romans 12:12-13

Today

Let us pray for children and facilitate them hearing about Jesus in every way that we can.

Monday 16th February

Let us pray for one another and care for one another’s needs.

Tuesday 17th February

Pray for the sick that Lord will touch them with his healing power and restore them to good health.

Wednesday 18th February—ASH WEDNESDAY

As the season of Lent begins, let us humble ourselves before God in prayer that we may draw nearer to God and know his guidance in all that we do and say.

Thursday 19th February

Pray for opportunities to speak about what Jesus has done for us on the cross. Pray for our families and neighbours that their hearts may be open to the gospel message.

Friday 20th February

Pray for the Food Bank and the Food Hub that they will be supported with the resources that they need in order to help families in food poverty.

Saturday 21st February

Pray for dysfunctional families that the love of Jesus may bring reconciliation and healing to them.