

NEWS UPDATE—starting 8th March

Dear Friends, dates for your diaries:

THE LENT COURSE

The Lent Course will continue on **Tuesdays 17, 24, 31 March**. A light lunch will be served at **12:00** followed by a discussion on our reflections 'Draw Near; Life giving habits for Lent', Please download the Everyday Faith App from <https://www.churchofengland.org/> or pick up a Booklet from the back of Church.

SATURDAY 21st MARCH

11:30-13:00—Community Lunch in the Church Hall. To book please contact Claire Glover 07917 854280 or email claireglover728@gmail.com

SATURDAY 28th MARCH

10:00-12:00 Coffee morning in the Church Hall. If you would like help with serving coffee or looking after the raffle on this occasion please speak to Sybil.

SUNDAY 29th MARCH—PALM SUNDAY

11:00—Benefice Eucharist
at St Luke's, Weston-under-Redcastle

SATURDAY 4th APRIL—CHURCH FLOWERS

From 10:00 am we will be decorating the church for Easter; if you would like to help please speak to Sybil or just come along on the Saturday morning.

PLEASE NOTE: HOLY WEEK SERVICES ARE ON THE INSERT. Feel free to take the insert with you after the service.



Services in the Benefice

Sunday 15 th March—LENT 4 MOTHERING SUNDAY		
WEM	08:00	Holy Eucharist
	09:45	Holy Eucharist
WESTON	09:30	Holy Eucharist
LEE	11:15	Holy Eucharist
Thursday 19 th March		
WEM	09:30	Holy Eucharist
	19:30	Choir Singing Practice
Sunday 22 nd March—LENT 5		
WEM	08:00	Holy Eucharist
	09:45	Holy Eucharist
WESTON	11:00	Holy Eucharist
LEE	11:15	Morning Prayer
Thursday 26 th March		
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

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



St Peter & St Paul's, Wem

MOTHERING SUNDAY

Sunday 15th March 2026

THE COLLECT

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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: 1 SAMUEL 1:20-end

²⁰In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.'

²¹The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. ²²But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' ²³Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what

seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the Lord establish his word.’ So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. ²⁴When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. ²⁵Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. ²⁶And she said, ‘Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. ²⁷For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. ²⁸Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.’

2nd READING: COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

¹² As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the

word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 2:33-35

³³ And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

MOTHERING SUNDAY

Honour your father and mother so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

Exodus 20:12

Today

Pray for all children that they may indeed honour their parents. Pray especially for good mother and child relationships in families.

Monday 16th March

Pray for young people, that curiosity about Jesus will be awakened in them.
Pray that Jesus will reveal himself directly to them through dreams and visions.

Tuesday 17th March

Pray for the Lord’s blessing on the Lent lunch/course that we may draw nearer to one another as well as grow in the love and knowledge of God.

Wednesday 18th March

Pray for the Lord’s blessing on the clubs and societies in Wem that they may be places to make good friendships.

Thursday 19th March

Pray for the Lord’s blessing on the choir and the organist as they practise today, that they may lead worship pleasing to Him.

Friday 20th March

Pray for opportunities to speak about your faith in conversation with others. Pray that the Holy Spirit will enable you to speak clearly.

Saturday 21st March

Pray for the Lord’s blessing on the Community Lunch taking place in the Church Hall today. Pray that it may be a time for building good friendships.