

## NEWS UPDATE—starting 29<sup>th</sup> March

Dear Friends, dates for your diaries:

### THE LENT COURSE

The Lent Course will finish on Tuesday 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/>

### SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> APRIL—CHURCH FLOWERS

From 10:00 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.

### FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL

19:00

3-in-1 with Alistair McGowan

Tickets: £15 (under-18s free) from Kim: 07970 357553 or Wendy: 07828 282996

Pay cash at door or buy on-line (Booking Fee £1).

A link can be found on the April page of our website [www.wemcofe.co.uk/b\\_apr.html](http://www.wemcofe.co.uk/b_apr.html) or scan



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## SERVICES

Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> March—PALM SUNDAY		
WEM	08:00	Holy Eucharist
WESTON	11:00	COMBINED BENEFICE SERVICE
30 <sup>th</sup> March—Monday in Holy Week		
WEM	19:00	Holy Eucharist
31 <sup>st</sup> March—Tuesday in Holy Week		
WEM	10:30	Holy Eucharist
1 <sup>st</sup> April—Wednesday in Holy Week		
WEM	10:30	Holy Eucharist
2 <sup>nd</sup> April—MAUNDY THURSDAY		
WEM	19:00	Eucharist of the Last Supper
3rd April—GOOD FRIDAY		
WEM	09:30	Intercession and Reception of the Sacrament
WEM	14:00	Meditation on the Last Hour
LEE	14:00	
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> April—EASTER DAY		
WEM	08:00	Easter Eucharist
WEM	09:45	Easter Eucharist
WESTON	09:30	Easter Eucharist
LEE	11:15	Easter Eucharist
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> April—Funeral Service		
WEM	11:30	Nellie Green RIP



*St Peter & St Paul's, Wem*

PALM SUNDAY

*Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026*

### LITURGY OF THE PALMS

MATTHEW 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.'

<sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, <sup>5</sup> 'Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

<sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' <sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

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**THE LITURGY OF THE PASSION**

**THE COLLECT**

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross:

grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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: ISAIAH 50:4-9a**

<sup>4</sup> The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup> The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards.

<sup>6</sup> I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

<sup>8</sup> he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9</sup> It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

**2nd READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11**

<sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

<sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup> he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**THE GOSPEL OF THE PASSION  
ACCORDING TO MATTHEW**

**THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.

**Prayer Diary For  
Sunday 29th March 2026**

**PALM SUNDAY**

*Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Mark 11:9-10*

**Today**

Pray for a spiritual awakening among the people of Wem. Pray that they may have a desire to know more about the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus.

**Monday 30th March—Holy Week**

Pray for children and young people on holiday from school, that it may be a time of rest and refreshment filled with positive activities.

**Tuesday 31st March—Holy Week**

Pray for those with addictions that they may receive the help they need to be released from them.

Pray that they know Jesus' saving grace.

**Wednesday 1st April—Holy Week**

Pray for the sick that they may be healed and know restoration to good health. May they receive practical love and support from us.

**Thursday 2nd April—Maundy Thursday**

Pray that all Christian believers may reflect on the events of the Last Supper and all that it means for us when we take communion.

**Friday 3rd April—Good Friday**

Pray that this day may be a day of reflection that will bring new insight and understanding as to the significance of what Jesus has done for us on the cross.

**Saturday 4th April—Easter Saturday**

Pray for the Lord's blessing on the joyful task of decorating the Church for Easter Sunday. Thank the Lord for the team of gifted flower arrangers.