

NEWS UPDATE—starting 5th APRIL

Dear Friends, dates for your diaries:

FRIDAY 10th 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
or scan



SATURDAY 18th APRIL

11:30 -13:00

Community Lunch in the Church Hall

THURSDAY 23rd APRIL

19:30—AGM & APCM

Please check you are on the electoral roll and
come to the meeting to vote for your
churchwardens and PCC members.

SATURDAY 25th APRIL

10:00—12:00

Coffee Morning in the Church Hall. Please bring
a friend along for a coffee and a Chat

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN.

HE IS RISEN INDEED!

ALLELUIA!



HAPPY EASTER



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

Services in the Benefice

Sunday 5 th April—EASTER DAY		
WEM	08:00	Easter Eucharist
WEM	09:45	Easter Eucharist
WESTON	09:30	Easter Eucharist
LEE	11:15	Easter Eucharist
Tuesday 7 th April—Funeral Service		
WEM	11:30	Nellie Green RIP
Thursday 9 th April		
WEM	09:30 19:30	NO SERVICE Choir Singing Practice
Sunday 12 th April—EASTER 2		
WEM	08:00 09:45	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist
WESTON	09:30	Holy Eucharist
LEE	11:15	Holy Eucharist
Thursday 16 th April		
WEM	09:30 19:30	Holy Eucharist Choir Singing Practice
Thursday 16 th April—Funeral Service		
WEM	12:00	Maureen Elaine Reeves RIP
Friday 17 th April—Funeral Service		
WEM	12:00	Margaret Ann Luce RIP
Thank you to Penny Naylor for Sponsoring Easter Flowers		

Sybil

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



THE COLLECT

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death to make
all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you
in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to
whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and
honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

1st READING: ACTS 10:34-43

³⁴ Peter began to speak to those who were there: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality,
³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and
does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know
the message he sent to the people of Israel,
preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.
³⁷That message spread throughout Judea,
beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John
announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth
with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went
about doing good and healing all who were
oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We
are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in
Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him
on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day
and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people
but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses,
and who ate and drank with him after he rose from
the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the
people and to testify that he is the one ordained by
God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the

prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

2nd READING: COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' ¹⁶Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Prayer Diary For
Sunday 5th April 2026**

EASTER DAY

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay."

Matthew 28:5

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 of Easter Week—6th April

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 of Easter Week—7th April

Pray for the Food Bank and the Food Hub that they may have all the resources that they need to supply those in food poverty.

Pray that those with plenty may give generously.

Wednesday of Easter Week—8th April

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 of Easter Week—9th April

Pray for the homeless in our area, that they may receive the practical help that they need. Pray that we may find ways to help.

Friday of Easter Week—10th April

Pray for opportunities to share our faith in conversation with others. Pray that the Holy Spirit will give us the right words and enable us to speak clearly

Saturday of Easter Week—11th April

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