

NEWS UPDATE—starting 19th APRIL

Dear Friends, dates for your diaries:

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 SPRING FAYRE & COFFEE MORNING

Coffee Morning in the Church Hall, please bring a friend along for a coffee and a Chat, We are hosting tables for the Royal British Legion and Lucy with Usbourne books.

SATURDAY 20th JUNE

19:00—Piano Recital by Martin Roscoe.

Tickets £12 will be available

from Kim 07970 357553

or Wendy 07828 282996

or you can book online using the link of the Website June Diary Page

https://www.wemcofe.co.uk/b_jun.html

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 (£4k+ per month), insurance, energy and maintenance bills; we need in the order of £90K per annum to cover our costs. At the start of this financial year can I ask you to consider revising your contribution as inevitably our costs increase year on year.

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

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

Services in the Benefice

Sunday 19th April—EASTER 3

WEM	08:00	Holy Eucharist
WEM	09:45	Holy Eucharist
WESTON	09:30	Morning Prayer
LEE	11:15	Holy Eucharist

Wednesday 22nd April—Funeral Service

WESTON	14:00	Arthur John Fox RIP
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Thursday 23rd April

WEM	09:30	Holy Eucharist
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Sunday 26th April—EASTER 4

WEM	08:00	Holy Eucharist
	09:45	Holy Eucharist
WESTON	11:00	Holy Eucharist
LEE	11:15	Morning Prayer

Tuesday 28th April—Funeral Service

WEM	13:30	Jeffery Eric Maund RIP
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Thursday 30th April

WEM	09:30	Holy Eucharist
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ROTAS

I will shortly be preparing the May/June 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 Sybil or let me know your availability by returning a completed availability form (from the back of church) by 25th April

Sybil

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



THE COLLECT

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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: ACTS 2:14a, 36-41

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

³⁶Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' ³⁸Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

2nd READING: 1 PETER 1:17-23

¹⁷If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold,

¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

²² Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 24:13-35

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' ¹⁹He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had

indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' ²⁵Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Prayer Diary For Sunday 19th April 2026

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

*If you remain in me and my words remain in you,
ask whatever you wish and it will be done for
you. This is to my Father's glory,
that you bear much fruit,
showing yourselves to be my disciples.*

John 15:7-8

Today

Pray for that our faith may be deepened so that we may see these words of Jesus fulfilled among us. May we have boldness and confidence to ask Him.

Monday—20th April

Pray for the young people who attend the Youth Club, that they may benefit greatly from positive social activities. Pray for wisdom and strength for the leaders.

Tuesday—21st 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—22nd April

Pray for shops and businesses in Wem that they may be well supported and that new and useful shops may open on the High Street.

Thursday—23rd April

Pray for the AGM - PCM this evening that it may be well attended and that there will be a great willingness among congregants to fill vacant roles.

Friday—24th 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—25th April

Pray for the Spring Fayre and the Coffee Morning taking place in the Church Hall that it may be a time of making friends and having good fellowship.