

NEWS UPDATE—starting 26th APRIL

Dear Friends, dates for your diaries:

THURSDAY 14th MAY

19:00—Deanery Eucharist
at St Alkmund's Church, Whitchurch.

SUNDAY 17th MAY

10:00—Benefice Eucharist - Celebrant the Rt
Rev Sarah Bullock Bishop of Shrewsbury

SATURDAY 30th MAY

10:00-12:00—Coffee Morning
in the Church Hall. Please bring a friend along
for a coffee and a Chat.

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

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 26th April

The online **MAY BENEFICE MAGAZINE**
will be published shortly. If you would like to
receive a copy please add you email address to
the form at back of church



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

ALL WELCOME!



Services in the Benefice

Sunday 26 th April—EASTER 4		
WEM	08:00	Holy Eucharist
	09:45	Holy Eucharist
WESTON	11:00	Holy Eucharist
LEE	11:15	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 28 th April—Funeral Service		
WEM	13:30	Jeffery Eric Maund RIP
Thursday 30 th April		
WEM	09:30	Holy Eucharist
Sunday 3 rd May—EASTER 4		
WEM	08:00	Holy Eucharist
WEM	09:45	Holy Eucharist
WESTON	09:30	Morning Prayer
LEE	11:15	Holy Eucharist
Wednesday 6 th May—Funeral Service		
EMSTREY CREM	14:45	Elizabeth May Williams RIP
Thursday 7 th May		
WEM	09:30	Holy Eucharist
Friday 8 th May—Victory in Europe Day Service on the Church Lawn		
WEM	15:00	VE Day Service

Sybil

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

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



THE COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is
the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him, from the death
of sin to the life of righteousness, that we
may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

1st READING: ACTS 2:42-end

⁴²They devoted themselves to the
apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the
breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because
many wonders and signs were being done
by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were
together and had all things in common;

⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and
goods and distribute the proceeds to all,
as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they
spent much time together in the temple,
they broke bread at home and ate their
food with glad and generous hearts,

⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of
all the people. And day by day the Lord

added to their number those who were being saved.

2nd READING: 1 PETER 2:19-end

¹⁹For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²² 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' ²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 10:1-10

Jesus said, 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the

gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷ So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Prayer Diary For
Sunday 26th April 2026**

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. Acts 2:42-43

Today

Pray that we may learn to pray together as they did in the early Church and see signs and wonders happen among us.

Monday—27th 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—28th 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—29th 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—30th April

Pray for the Lord's blessing on the ministry of the Church in St. Peter's School. Pray for our Rector, John, that he may have the inspiration of the Holy Spirit as he leads assemblies.

Friday—1st May

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—2nd May

Pray for a spiritual awakening among children and young people that many may become strong disciples of Jesus.