

NEWS UPDATE—starting 17th MAY

Dear Friends, dates for your diaries:

THURSDAY 28th MAY

15:00 Social Planning Group meet at Kim's home. If you have any suggestions or social events please speak to Kim 07970 357553 or Sybil 07944673953; if you wish to join us at Kim's home, please let her know

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 are available from Kim 07970 357553 or Wendy 07828 282996 or you can book online using the link on the Website June Diary Page

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

Our friends at Wem Methodist Church are celebrating their centenary with a Coffee Morning on **Saturday 6th June 10:00 - 12:00** and a special service on **Sunday 7th June at 11:00**

The **May Benefice Magazine** has been published; if you would like to receive a copy, please add you email address to the form at back of church.

Services in the Benefice

Sunday 17th May—EASTER 7

WEM	08:00	Holy Eucharist
10:00—BENEFICE EUCHARIST at ST PETER & ST PAUL, WEM <i>Celebrant: Bishop Sarah</i>		
Wednesday 20 th May—Funeral Service		
WEM	11:00	Michael John Baker RIP
Thursday 21st May		
WEM	09:30	Holy Eucharist
Sunday 24 th May—PENTECOST		
WEM	08:00	Holy Eucharist
	09:45	Holy Eucharist
	15:00	Holy Baptism
WESTON	09:30	Holy Eucharist
LEE	11:15	Morning Prayer
Thursday 28 th May		
WEM	09:30	Holy Eucharist
	19:30	Choir Singing Practice
Tuesday 2 nd June—Funeral Service		
WEM	12:00	John Kenneth Peel RIP

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

ALL WELCOME!



Sybil

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



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

St Peter & St Paul's, Wem
7th SUNDAY OF EASTER
Sunday 17th May 2026

THE COLLECT

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:

we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

1st READING: ACTS 1:6-14

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' ⁷ He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they

were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

2nd READING: 1 PETER 4:12-14, 5:6-11

4 ¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

5 ⁶ Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 17:1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may

glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶ 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Prayer Diary For
Sunday 17th May 2026**

7th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said, " Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you." Luke 6:27-28

Today

Pray for the Lord's blessing on the Benefice Service today and that we may offer worship pleasing to God.

Monday—18th May

Pray for the Youth Club leaders that they may provide positive social activities for the young people and be effective role models.

Tuesday—19th May

Pray for those anxious about the constant rises in the cost of living.
May they seek God's peace and provision.

Wednesday—20th May

Pray for the young people preparing for and writing exams currently. Pray that they may be able to focus and be free from anxiety.

Thursday—21st May

Pray for the Lords blessing on the clubs and societies that they may be places to make friends as well as providing positive activities.

Friday—22nd May

Pray for the lonely that their need for social stimulation and friendship may be met. Pray especially for the housebound that they will not be forgotten but receive regular visitors.

Saturday—23rd May

Pray for the Lord's blessing on children and young people as they begin their half term break. Pray for protection over them from all negative influences.