

## NEWS UPDATE—starting 24<sup>th</sup> MAY

Dear Friends, dates for your diaries:

### THURSDAY 28<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> MAY

**10:00-12:00—Coffee Morning**

in the Church Hall.

Please bring a friend along for a coffee and a Chat.

### SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> 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](https://www.wemcofe.co.uk/b_jun.html)

We are invited by our friends at **Wem**

**Methodist Church** to join them

celebrating their centenary with a

**Coffee Morning on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

**10:00 - 12:00** and a special service on

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 24 <sup>th</sup> May—PENTECOST		
WEM	08:00	Holy Eucharist
	09:45	Holy Eucharist
	15:00	Holy Baptism
WESTON	11:00	Holy Eucharist
LEE	11:15	Morning Prayer
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> May		
WEM	09:30	Holy Eucharist
	19:30	Choir Singing Practice
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May—Funeral Service		
WEM	13:30	Margaret Ann Rogers RIP
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> May—TRINITY SUNDAY		
WEM	08:00	Holy Eucharist
	09:45	Holy Eucharist
WESTON	09:30	Morning Prayer
LEE	11:15	Holy Eucharist
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June—Funeral Service		
WEM	12:00	John Kenneth Peel RIP
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June		
WEM	09:30	Holy Eucharist
	19:30	Choir Singing Practice

*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

PENTECOST

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026

### THE COLLECT

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### 1<sup>st</sup> READING: ACTS 2:1-21

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and

Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’<sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’<sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.<sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning.<sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> “In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.<sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.<sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.<sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.<sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:3b-13**

<sup>3</sup>Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says ‘Let Jesus be cursed!’ and no one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.<sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.<sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same

Spirit,<sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,<sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.<sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.<sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

**THE GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-23**

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’<sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.<sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’<sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.<sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’

**THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Prayer Diary For  
Sunday 24th May 2026**

**PENTECOST**

*All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.*

*Acts 2:4*

**Today**

Pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Lord’s disciples in Wem. Pray for an increased boldness in speaking about Jesus and what he has done for us.

**Monday—25th May**

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

**Tuesday—26th May**

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

**Wednesday—27th 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—28th May**

Pray for the choir and musicians that they may lead worship pleasing to God.

**Friday—29th 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—30th May**

Pray for the Lord’s blessing on the coffee morning taking place in the Church Hall today. Pray that it may be a time of friendship and fellowship.