

NEWS UPDATE—starting 28th JUNE

Dear Friends, dates for your diaries:

MONDAY 29th JUNE

18:30 Archdeacon's visitation at St Mary's Church Shawbury

TUESDAY 7th JULY

12:30 Memorial Service for our dear friend Rob Ballantyne RIP

SATURDAY 11th JULY

7am—5pm PARISH DAY OF PRAYER

The theme will be 'Expect the Unexpected' with 5 Prayer Stations to aid our prayers.

More details to follow.

SATURDAY 18th JULY

11:30-13:00 Sweet Pea Weekend Community Lunch in Wem Church Hall

14:00 - 16:00 Strawberry Tea in Lee Brockhurst Village Hall.

Tickets £10 Phoebe Ashton on 07858123669 or Val Lusby on 01939 235610

16:00 The Lancashire Artillery Band Fre Concert in Wem Parish Church

ROTAS

I will shortly be preparing the July/August 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 28th June — TODAY!



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

ALL WELCOME!



Services in the Benefice

Sunday 28th June—TRINITY 4

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

Thursday 2nd July

WEM	09:30 19:30	Holy Eucharist PCC Meeting
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Sunday 5th July—TRINITY 5

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

Tuesday 7th July—Thanksgiving Service

WEM	12:30	Rob Ballantyne RIP
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Wednesday 8th July—Funeral Service

WEM	14:00	Mary Elizabeth Maddox RIP
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Thursday 9th July

WEM	09:30 19:30	Holy Eucharist Choir Singing Practice
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Sybil

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

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

The July/August Magazine is running a little late due to a few computer problems and the operator running at reduced speed !! SORRY.



THE COLLECT

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

1st READING: JEREMIAH 28:5-9

⁵ Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, 'Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfil the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word

of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.'

2nd READING: ROMANS 6:12-end

¹² Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what

advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 10:40-end

⁴⁰ Jesus said, 'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.



**Prayer Diary For
Sunday 28th June 2026
4th SUNDAY after TRINITY**

Paul said, "Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people in need. Practice hospitality."

Romans 12:11-13

Today

Let's be faithful in prayer together for the needs of the Lord's people. Pray that the Lord may accomplish his purpose among us.

Monday—29th June

Pray for the Lord's blessing on the Archdeacon's Visitation at St. Mary's, Shawbury, this evening. Pray for our Church Wardens taking responsibility for the coming year.

Tuesday—30th June

Pray for the Food Bank and the Food Hub that they may be generously supplied by those with plenty so that no one is short of food in our area.

Wednesday—1st July

Pray for the young people finishing their exams and preparing to leave school for something new. Pray for that they may have the Lord's guidance and direction.

Thursday—2nd July

Pray for the Lord's blessing on John, our Rector, in his ministry. Pray for Godly vision and guidance.

Friday—3rd July

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—4th July

Pray for the Lord's peace and protection on all the social activities taking place over the weekend.