

NEWS UPDATE—starting 12th JULY

Dear Friends, dates for your diaries:

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 Free
Concert in Wem Parish Church

SATURDAY 25th JULY

09:30-12:00 Coffee Morning in Wem Church
Hall. We would be grateful for donations of cakes
(scones and fruit cakes are very popular) and
raffle prizes. Do come along and bring a friend
for a cup of coffee and a chat and if you would
like to help please speak to Sybil or Kim.

CONSULTATION for the 100th Bishop of Lichfield.

Bishop Michael will be
retiring later this year. We
are invited to take part in this
consultation by completing
form that can be accessed via this QR code.
Or by joining, in person or online,
consultations at which these questions will
be discussed.

[https://lichfield.anglican.org/about-us/
vacancy-in-see/vis-consultation-events/](https://lichfield.anglican.org/about-us/vacancy-in-see/vis-consultation-events/)



Services in the Benefice

Sunday 12th July—TRINITY 6

WEM	08:00	Holy Eucharist
	09:45	Holy Eucharist
	13:00	Holy Baptism

WESTON	09:30	Holy Eucharist
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LEE	11:15	Holy Eucharist
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Thursday 16th July

WEM	09:30	Holy Eucharist
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Sunday 19th July—TRINITY 7

WEM	08:00	Holy Eucharist
	09:45	Holy Eucharist

WESTON	09:30	Holy Eucharist
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LEE	11:15	Holy Eucharist
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Thursday 23rd July

WEM	09:30	Holy Eucharist
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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 July Services please go to our website:
<https://wemcofe.co.uk>

The **July/August Magazine** is **OUT** at last.

Apologies for its lateness! ☹️

If you would like to receive a copy please add
your e-mail address to the form at the back
of the church

St Peter & St Paul's, Wem

THE 6th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday 12th July 2026

THE COLLECT

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who
love you such good things as pass our
understanding: pour into our hearts such love
toward you that we, loving you in all things and
above all things, may obtain your promises, which
exceed all that we can desire;
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: ISAIAH 55:10-13

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from
heaven, and do not return there until they have
watered the earth, making it bring forth and
sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the
eater,

¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my
mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall
accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in
the thing for which I sent it.

¹² For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in
peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall
burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall
clap their hands.

¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it
shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an
everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

2nd READING: ROMANS 8:1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds

came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!' ¹⁸ 'Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer Diary For Sunday 12th July 2026 6th SUNDAY after TRINITY

*But I pray to you, Lord, in the time of your
favour; in your great love, O God,
answer me with your sure salvation.*

Psalms 69:13

Today

Let us lift up our praise and thanksgiving to God
that our worship together may be pleasing to him
this day.

Monday—13th July

Pray for the Lord's blessing on the Youth Club that
it may be a safe place for the young people
to have social interactions.

Pray for wisdom for the leaders.

Tuesday—14th July

Pray for the lonely and the housebound that they
may be identified and that their need for social
stimulation may be met.

Wednesday—15th July

Pray for the young people as the end of term
approaches and some face big changes ahead.

Pray for the Lord's guidance and protection.

Thursday—16th July

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

Friday—17th July

Pray for opportunities to share your faith in
conversations with others.

Pray that you will be able to speak clearly with the
guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Saturday—18th July

Pray for the Lord's blessing on the Community
lunch taking place in the Church Hall today. Pray
that it may be a time of building good friendships.