

everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know,

and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

2nd READING: ROMANS 9:1-5

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 14:13-21

¹³ Now when Jesus heard about John's death, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had

compassion for them and cured their sick.

¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' ¹⁷ They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' ¹⁸ And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.



Prayer Diary For Sunday 2nd August 2026 9th SUNDAY after TRINITY

Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another.

1Thessalonians 5:12-13

Today

Let's pray for health, strength and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit for our Rector, the retired clergy, Churchwardens, the PCC and all those who help with the smooth running of the Church.

Monday—3rd August

Pray for the Food Bank and the Food Hub that they may have plentiful resources to meet the needs of those families in food poverty.

Tuesday—4th August

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

Wednesday—5th August

Pray for the children and young people on holiday, that there may be positive activities available for them and that they may be protected from evil influences.

Thursday—6th August

Pray for the Lord's blessing on the choir and organist that they may lead the congregation in worship pleasing to God.

Friday—7th August

Pray for the Lord's blessing on the flower arrangers for their wonderful arrangements that decorate the Church.

Saturday—8th August

Pray for opportunities to speak about your faith in conversation with others. Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, that you may speak clearly.

NEWS UPDATE—starting 2nd August

Dear Friends, dates for your diaries:

SUNDAY 16th AUGUST

16:00 SONGS OF PRAISE

followed by tea and cake.

Please fill in a form at the back of church with your favourite 3 hymns and pop the completed form in the box by Sunday 2nd August.

SATURDAY 29th AUGUST

09:30-12:00 Coffee Morning in Wem Church Hall.

We would welcome raffle prizes. I have been busy making jam and chutney to share with you all for a small donation to church funds. 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.

SATURDAY 12th SEPTEMBER

14:30 — An Afternoon with Kim, enjoy songs, ballads and jazz.

Tickets £10 (including refreshments in the interval) available shortly from Kim and Sybil

CONSULTATION for the 100th Bishop of Lichfield.

Bishop Michael will be retiring later this year. We are invited take part in this consultation by completing the 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/>

Services in the Benefice

Sunday 2nd August—TRINITY 9

WEM	08:00 09:45	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist
WESTON		No Service
LEE	11:15	Holy Eucharist

Thursday 6th August—The Transfiguration

WEM	09:30	Holy Eucharist
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Sunday 9th August—TRINITY 10

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

Thursday 13th August

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>

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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 9th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday 2nd August 2026

THE COLLECT

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace;
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 55:1-5

¹ Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an