

Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.’¹⁵ Then the Lord said to him, ‘Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill.¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.’

2nd READING: ROMANS 10:5-15

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that ‘the person who does these things will live by them.’⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, ‘Do not say in your heart, “Who will ascend into heaven?” ’ (that is, to bring Christ down)⁷ or “Who will descend into the abyss?” ’ (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).⁸ But what does it say?

‘The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart’ (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.¹¹ The scripture says, ‘No one who believes in him will be put to shame.’¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.¹³ For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?¹⁵ And how

are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 14:22-33

²² Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake.²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, ‘It is a ghost!’ And they cried out in fear.²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, ‘Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.’

²⁸ Peter answered him, ‘Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.’²⁹ He said, ‘Come.’ So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus.³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, ‘Lord, save me!’³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, ‘You of little faith, why did you doubt?’³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.³³ And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, ‘Truly you are the Son of God.’

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who trust in you:
look upon us with your favour
that we who follow the path of your will
may never wander from the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer Diary For Sunday 9th August 2026 10th SUNDAY after TRINITY

*Lord my God, I called to you for help,
and you healed me. Psalm 30:2*

Today

Pray for the sick amongst us that the Lord will lift their spirits and restore them to good health and strength.

Monday—10th August

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

Tuesday—11th August

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

Wednesday—12th 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—13th August

Pray for those with addictions that they may be released from them and get the help that they need.

Friday—14th August

Pray that in God’s mercy that we shall have rain soon to restore the pasture for the animals and replenish the reservoirs.

Saturday—15th 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 9th August

Dear Friends, dates for your diaries:

SUNDAY 16th AUGUST

16:00



followed by tea and cake.

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 — In the Church

**An Afternoon with Kim,
enjoy songs, ballads and jazz.**

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

**Contributions to the
September Benefice Magazine**

should be sent to

phoebe42.lee@gmail.com by 17th August.

Thank you



Services in the Benefice

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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Saturday 15th August—VJ Day

WEM	14:45	VJ Day Service
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Sunday 16th August—TRINITY 11

WEM	08:00 09:45 16:00	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist Songs of Praise
WESTON	09:30	Holy Eucharist
LEE	11:15	Holy Eucharist

Thursday 20th 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 August Services
please go to our website: <https://wemcofe.co.uk>



THE COLLECT

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall please you;
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: 1 KINGS 19:9-18

⁹Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' ¹⁰He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' ¹¹He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' ¹⁴He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the