

who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them.

²⁰ And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord.

²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

2nd READING: ROMANS 12:9-end

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour.

¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.'

²⁰No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 16:21-end

²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and

undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' ²³But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

²⁴ **Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.'** ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done.

²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Prayer Diary For Sunday 30th August 2026 13th SUNDAY after TRINITY

And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

James 5:15-16

Today

Let us be at peace with one another and seek forgiveness for any wrongdoing so that our prayers may be powerful and effective.

Monday—31st August

Pray that more of us may learn to pray together in unity under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, so that the Lord's will be accomplished here in Wem.

Tuesday—1st September

Pray for the wellbeing of school children and teachers as they begin a new school year. Pray especially for those facing a big change in starting High School for the first time.

Wednesday—2nd September

Pray for a spiritual awakening among young people that many may seek Jesus and become new disciples.

Thursday—3rd September

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

Pray for an end to drug dealing in our area.

Friday—4th September

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

Saturday—5th September

Pray for John, our Rector, and all the Church leaders that they may have good health, strength and God's vision for the work of the Church.

NEWS UPDATE—starting 30th August
Dear Friends, dates for your diaries:

SUNDAY 30th AUGUST

11:15—COMBINED BENEFICE SERVICE AT LEE
'Come, let us celebrate together!'

THURSDAY 10th SEPTEMBER

19:30 Wem PCC meeting in the Church Hall

SATURDAY 12th SEPTEMBER

RIDE & STRIDE FOR SHROPSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

The Church will be open for riders & striders

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

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

SATURDAY 26th SEPTEMBER

09:30-12:00

Coffee Morning in Wem Church Hall



Matthew 16:24

Services in the Benefice

Sunday 30th August—TRINITY 13		
WEM	08:00	Holy Eucharist
◆ — BENEFICE SERVICE AT LEE — ◆		
LEE	11:15	Holy Eucharist
Wednesday 2nd Sept—Funeral Service		
WESTON	12:30	Victor Wardman RIP
Thursday 3rd September		
WEM	09:30	Holy Eucharist
	19:30	Choir Singing Practice
Sunday 6th September—TRINITY 14		
WEM	08:00	Holy Eucharist
	09:45	Holy Eucharist
WESTON	09:30	Holy Eucharist
LEE	11:15	Holy Eucharist
Thursday 10th September		
WEM	09:30	Holy Eucharist



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

ALL WELCOME!



Sybil

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To view our September Services & Events
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THE COLLECT

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear
witness that you were in Christ reconciling the
world to yourself:

help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

1st READING: JEREMIAH 15:15-21

¹⁵ O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my
persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away; know
that on your account I suffer insult.

¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them, and your
words became to me a joy and the delight of my
heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of
hosts.

¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor
did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat
alone, for you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a
deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

¹⁹ Therefore, thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I
will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If
you utter what is precious, and not what is
worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they