

away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.
⁹ It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

2nd READING: PHILIPPIANS 4:1-9

¹Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call

those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.'

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer Diary For Sunday 11th October 2026 19th SUNDAY after TRINITY

Therefore I want men and women everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing. 1 Timothy 2:8

Today

Pray that we may have forgiving hearts and hold no grudges. Pray that we may be like the early Church and be of 'one heart and mind'.

Monday—12th October

Pray for the Church to grow in the practice of praying together. Pray that we may grow deeper in love and unity as we pray together.

Tuesday—13th October

Pray for God's protection over young people especially to protect their minds and hearts from destructive influences on the Internet.

Wednesday—14th October

Pray for the many young people seeking employment with too few jobs to go around. Pray that they may not be disheartened but find fruitful ways to spend the time and grow in experience.

Thursday—15th October

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

Friday—16th October

Pray for those who are lonely and isolated that they may be identified and befriended by Church members.

Saturday—17th October

Pray the Lord's blessing on the many clubs and societies in our area that they may be places of positive social stimulation and the building of friendships.

NEWS UPDATE—starting 11th October
Dear Friends, dates for your diaries:

SATURDAY 31st OCTOBER

10:00 -12:00

Coffee Morning in Wem Church Hall

MONDAY 2nd NOVEMBER

19:00 — ALL SOULS SERVICE

Please see our magazine for details.

*If you are not on our email list and would like to receive a copy of the **Benefice magazine**, please add your name and email address to the list at back of church.*

ROTAS

I will shortly be preparing the November/ December 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 her know your availability by returning a completed availability form (from the back of church) by 25th October

HELPERS AT CONCERTS

AND COFFEE MORNINGS

If you are able to help at any of the upcoming events please add your name to the list at the back of church and tick the boxes to serve tea and coffee, make cakes, look after the raffle or sell/check tickets on the day.

**MIRTH AND TEARS AS BISHOP MICHAEL
LEAVES THE DIOCESE**

If you would like to watch and listen to the final services and farewell to Bp Michael go to:

<http://www.lichfield.anglican.org>

Services in the Benefice

Sunday 11th October—TRINITY 19

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

Wednesday 14th October

WEM	10:00	St Peter's School Harvest
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Thursday 15th October

WEM	09:30 19:30	Holy Eucharist Choir Singing Practice
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Sunday 18th October—TRINITY 20

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

Tuesday 20th October—Funeral Service

WEM	11:00	Anthony Milburn RIP
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Thursday 22nd October

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 October Services & Events please go to our website: <https://wemcofe.co.uk>

St Peter & St Paul's, Wem

THE 19th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday 11th October 2026

THE COLLECT

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 25:1-9

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

² For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. ³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, ⁵ the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶ On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸ he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take