

NEWS UPDATE—starting 25th October
Dear Friends, dates for your diaries:

SATURDAY 31st OCTOBER

10:00 -12:00 — Coffee Morning in Wem Church Hall: donations of raffle prizes and homemade cakes would be appreciated. Please come along for coffee and a chat.

MONDAY 2nd NOVEMBER

19:00 — ALL SOULS SERVICE

In the next two weeks before All Souls service on November 2nd 7pm there will be a 'Memory Tree' set up for those wishing to write a message for their loved one on a leaf and hung on the tree. The Tree will be blessed at this service.

There will also be a separate list for those wanting to have their loved one's name read out and the opportunity to light a candle for them.

SATURDAY 14th NOVEMBER

14:00 — WEM COMMUNITY CHOIR CONCERT in the Church.

Tickets £10 from Kim Archer 07970 357553 or Alex Lusby 07989 716621

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 **TODAY—25th October**

Last Call for Contributions to the November Benefice magazine should be sent to Phoebe42.lee@gmail.com by 27th October.

Services in the Benefice

Sun 25th Oct—LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY		
WEM	08:00	Holy Eucharist
	09:45	Holy Eucharist
WESTON	11:00	Holy Eucharist
LEE	11:15	Morning Prayer
Thursday 29th October		
WEM	09:30	Holy Eucharist
Sunday 1st November—ALL SAINTS DAY		
WEM	08:00	Holy Eucharist
	09:45	Holy Eucharist
WESTON	09:30	Holy Eucharist
LEE	11:15	Holy Eucharist
Monday 2nd November—ALL SOULS DAY		
WEM	19:00	All Souls Service
Thursday 5th November		
WEM	09:30	Holy Eucharist



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**, and shortly the **November Services & Events** please go to our website:
<https://wemcofe.co.uk>

St Peter & St Paul's, Wem

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday 25th October 2026

THE COLLECT

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; 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: LEVITICUS 19:1-2, 15-18

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

² Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

¹⁵ You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. ¹⁶ You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the Lord.

¹⁷ You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.

2nd READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ²but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; ⁶nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 24:34-end

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶‘Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?’ ³⁷He said to him, ‘ “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” ³⁸This is the greatest and first

commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it:

“You shall love your neighbour as yourself.”

⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.’

⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question:

⁴²‘What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?’ They said to him, ‘The son of David.’ ⁴³He said to them, ‘How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴ *“The Lord said to my Lord,
‘Sit at my right hand, until I put your
enemies under your feet’ ” ?*

⁴⁵If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?’ ⁴⁶No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Father of light, in whom is no change or shadow of turning,
you give us every good and perfect gift and have brought us to birth by your word of truth:
may we be a living sign of that kingdom where your whole creation will be made perfect in Jesus Christ our Lord.



Prayer Diary For Sunday 25th October 2026 THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Paul said, “And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.” *Ephesians. 6:18*

Today

Let us be aware of one another’s needs and pray for one another.

Monday—26th 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—27th October

Pray for a spiritual awakening among the children and students of the schools in our area. Pray that Jesus will reveal himself to them in dreams and visions.

Wednesday—28th October

Pray for young people, especially those starting University who feel lonely, anxious and overwhelmed. Pray that they may find love and friendship in the Students Christian Union.

Thursday—29th October

Pray for the Lord’s blessing on our rector, John, in his ministry in St. Peter’s School. Pray for that the children will desire to know more about Jesus.

Friday—30th October

Pray for those who suffer from addictions that they may receive the help that they need and be released from them. Pray that they may have encounters with Jesus and be completely healed.

Saturday—31st October

Pray for the Lord’s blessing on the Coffee Morning taking place in Wem Church Hall. Pray for a time of building friendships