NEWS UPDATE—*starting 1st November*

Dear Friends, dates for your diaries:

MONDAY 2nd NOVEMBER

19:00 — ALL SOULS SERVICE

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





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

ALL WELCOME!



Sybil

Sybil Farmer, PCC Lay Chair
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To view our **November Services & Events** go to our website: **https://wemcofe.co.uk**

Services in the Benefice

Sunday 1st November—ALL SAINTS DAY		
WEM	08:00 09:45	Holy Eucharist 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
Sun 8th Nov—REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY		
WEM	08:00 10:55	Holy Eucharist Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial followed by the Service in Church
WESTON	10:50	Remembrance Service
LEE	10:55	Rem Service with WEM
Wed 11th November—ARMISTICE DAY		
WEM	11:00	Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial
Thursday 12th November		
WEM	09:30	Holy Eucharist



St Peter & St Paul's, Wem

ALL SAINTS DAY

Sunday 1st November 2026

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love 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: REVELATION 7:9-end

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. 10They cried out in a loud voice, saying, *'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'*

11And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, 12singing,

'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honour
and power and might
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, *'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?'* 14I said to him, *'Sir, you are the one that knows.'* Then he said to me, '*These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.*

15 For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

16 They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; 17 for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

2nd READING: 1 JOHN 3:1-3

1See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. 3And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:1-12

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

3 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

6 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

7 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

8 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

10 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth
be welcomed with all your saints
to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer Diary For Sunday 1st November 2026 ALL SAINTS DAY

Be wise in the way you act towards outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation always be full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you know how to answer everyone.
Colossians 4:5-6

Today

Pray for opportunities to share your faith with others. Pray that the Holy Spirit will enable you to speak clearly.

Monday—2nd November — All Souls Day

Pray for the Lord's blessing on those commemorating their loved ones at the All Souls Service. Pray that they may be comforted.

Tuesday—3rd November

Pray for the Lord's blessing and protection on the teachers and students returning after the half term break. Pray that they may be protected from infections.

Wednesday—4th November

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—5th November

Pray for Wem Foodbank, Food Hub and Wem Store Cupboard that they will have all the resources that they need to provide food for those in need.

Friday—6th November

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—7th November

Pray for the Lord's blessing and protection on all the social activities taking place in our area. Pray for positive interactions and building of friendships