NEWS UPDATE—*starting 8th November*

Dear Friends, dates for your diaries:

SATURDAY 14th NOVEMBER

14:00 WEM COMMUNITY CHOIR CONCERT
in the Church. **Tickets £10**
from Kim Archer 07970 357553
or Alex Lusby 07989 716621



28th NOVEMBER – 13th DECEMBER

Christmas Tree Festival.
The Church will be open in the preceding week from Tuesday 24th November for erection and decoration of Christmas trees.
Donation of £5 per tree.



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 **November Services & Events** go to our website: **https://wemcofe.co.uk**

. A flyer of December events and services will be available at back of church soon.

Services in the Benefice

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
Wed 11th November—Funeral Service		
WEM	14:30	Andrew Charles Wilbraham RIP
Thursday 12th November		
WEM	09:30	Holy Eucharist
Friday 13th November—Funeral Service		
WEM	11:15	Frances Watkins RIP
Sunday 15th Nov - 2nd Sun before Advent		
WEM	08:00 09:45	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist
WESTON	09:30	Holy Eucharist
LEE	11:15	Holy Eucharist
Thursday 19th November		
WEM	09:30	Holy Eucharist

St Peter & St Paul's, Wem
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
3rd Sunday before Advent
Sunday 8th November 2026

THE COLLECT

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

1st READING: AMOS 5:18-24

18 Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light;
19 as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings, I will not accept

them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

2nd READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-end

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. 18Therefore encourage one another with these words.

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:1-13

1 Jesus said, 'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil

with them; 4but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." 7Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. 8The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." 9But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." 10And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. 11Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." 12But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." 13Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ
proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.



Prayer Diary For
Sunday 8th November 2026
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY *(3 Advent)*

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. *Philippians 4:6-7*

Today

Support one another in prayer, especially those who are anxious, that they may know the peace of God which passes all understanding.

Monday—9th November

Pray for the wellbeing of the schoolchildren and teachers as they return to school after the half term break, that they may have good health for their studies.

Tuesday—10th November

Pray for the lonely and isolated that they may be identified and befriended, or introduced to one of the many societies and clubs in Wem.

Wednesday—11th November—Armistice Day

Pray for a spiritual awakening among young people that they may have encounters with Jesus and become his strong disciples.

Thursday—12th 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—13th 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—14th 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