

Parish Magazine for  
Wem, Lee Brockhurst and Weston-under-Redcastle

August 2022



St Peter & St Paul's, Wem  
St Peter's, Lee Brockhurst  
St Luke's, Weston-under-Redcastle



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## **From the Registers of St Peter and St Paul's Wem**

### **Holy Matrimony**

4th June Kim Dulson and Ryan Woodmass

18th June Karen (Kaz) Plenty and Andrew Wilbraham

## Holy Baptism

12th June Francesca Birch

18th June Xavier and Tobias Pritchard (Twins)

26th June Freddie Davies-Fox

## At Rest

30th June Kathleen Holden Service in Church  
followed by interment Love Lane cemetery

## Book of Remembrance for August

1 <sup>st</sup>	Bob Lloyd Sherwood	15 <sup>th</sup>	William Anthony Glue
1 <sup>st</sup>	Edward John Finch	16 <sup>th</sup>	Violet Williams
1 <sup>st</sup>	Eileen Constance Morgan	17 <sup>th</sup>	Elizabeth Mavis Linden
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Horace James Hall	17 <sup>th</sup>	Riley 'Ray' Wilman
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Harry Sudlow	18 <sup>th</sup>	Aelred John Morgan
3 <sup>rd</sup>	William 'Bill' Cuthbert Lloyd	18 <sup>th</sup>	Clifford John Nichols
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Daisy Catherine Owen	19 <sup>th</sup>	Edward Ivison
4 <sup>th</sup>	Margaret Higgins	19 <sup>th</sup>	Roger Nigel Savage-Bailey
5 <sup>th</sup>	George Frederick Brisbane	20 <sup>th</sup>	Birte Cooke
7 <sup>th</sup>	Marjorie Holt	21 <sup>st</sup>	William 'Bill' Henry Bamford
7 <sup>th</sup>	Berwyn Sadler	24 <sup>th</sup>	Doris Anthea Berry
7 <sup>th</sup>	Kenneth Thomas Lloyd Bishop	24 <sup>th</sup>	Frederick James Dickens
8 <sup>th</sup>	Ann Courtney	24 <sup>th</sup>	Elizabeth Mary Ellison
8 <sup>th</sup>	James Patrick Bowring	24 <sup>th</sup>	David James 'Jim' Rhodes
8 <sup>th</sup>	Cynthia Dorothy Bennion-Pedley	25 <sup>th</sup>	George Francis Wilkinson
8 <sup>th</sup>	Evelyn Dorothea Mary Thompson	25 <sup>th</sup>	Julian Grocott
10 <sup>th</sup>	Les Carter	26 <sup>th</sup>	Florence Eunice Hall
11 <sup>th</sup>	Charles Thomas Hutchinson	26 <sup>th</sup>	Eric Holt
11 <sup>th</sup>	Irene Maria Wellings	27 <sup>th</sup>	Margot Inge Anni Thomas
12 <sup>th</sup>	Geoffrey George Parson	29 <sup>th</sup>	John Swain
14 <sup>th</sup>	Nancy Elizabeth Canham	30 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Coles

# St Peter and St Paul's Wem

## Rotas for 9.45 am Services

### Readers

7 August	NT	Val Lusby
	Gospel	William Price
14 August	NT	Sybil Farmer
	Gospel	Helen Hornsby
21 August	NT	Kim Archer
	Gospel	Tim Heavisides
28 August	NT	Thelma Chilcott
	Gospel	John Berry

### Intercessors

7 August	Keith Edwards
14 August	June Powell
21 August	Keith Edwards
28 August	Katharine Murray

### Ministrants

7 August	Alison Price
14 August	Simon Bloor
21 August	Kath Ridgway

### Coffee Makers

7 August	Penny Naylor
14 August	Sybil Farmer
21 August	David Murray
28 August	Helen Hornsby



## **ST PETER'S, LEE BROCKHURST**

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### **From the Registers of St Peter's Lee Brockhurst**

#### Holy Matrimony

16<sup>th</sup> July Daniel Elliot and Clare Fox

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### **From the Registers of St Luke's Weston-under-Redcastle**

#### Holy Baptism

July 10th Archie Diamond

#### Holy Matrimony

July 15th Emily Sargent and Mrityunjay Rathore

## SUNDAYS IN AUGUST ACROSS THE BENEFICE

DATE		WEM	WESTON	LEE
7 August	Trinity 8	8.00 am 9.45 am	Joint Benefice Service, Wem 9.30 am	11.15 am
14 August	Trinity 9	8.00 am 9.45 am		
21 August	Trinity 10	8.00 am 9.45 am	9.30 am	11.15 am
28 August	Trinity 11	8.00 am 9.45 am	11.00 am	11.15 am

Please remember that you are welcome to join services at any of our three churches in the Benefice. We are grateful to our retired clergy and laity for all their work during the Vacancy – sometimes changes may need to be made to the details above.

### Weston Village Show 2022

Plans are going well for our Village Show on Sunday 7th August. 2500 fliers have been distributed to all the Primary School pupils in the area. We hope that we will have 10 Shire Horses at the Show. All that is needed is some kind weather on the day and of course your support. Entrance fee is £5 and children free. Show starts at 12 noon til 5.



## Lee Brockhurst WI

I am delighted to report that Lee Brockhurst WI's numbers remain buoyant as, thankfully, we did not lose any members overboard on our recent horse-drawn boat trip to the Horseshoe Falls! This celebratory summer outing to various locations in Llangollen was well supported and enjoyed by all. A special 'thank you' to Julie Woolfenden who was the 'shepherd' on the day.

Our Summer Strollers route in June, from Lee Brockhurst to Weston-under-Redcastle and back, was a little longer (and definitely burned more calories!) than our previous walks but it was great fun and we admired some breath-taking views of our lovely county.

The Brockhurst Bookworms had an unusual experience at their July meeting-nearly all fourteen book club members loved the book! ('The Snow Child' by Eowyn Ivey). That's the joy of our book club; there is a wide range of opinions and just occasionally a consensus.

The entertainment for our July meeting was to have been a walking treasure hunt around the village but, on the day of record-breaking temperatures, this was quickly switched to a social evening. The business part of the meeting was very full, with news from all levels of our organisation; at the national level we had updates on the latest WI campaign (*'Women and Girls with ASD & ADHD - under-identified, under-diagnosed, misdiagnosed, under-supported'*) and an inspiring report from our delegate to the national AGM in June; there were several very interesting activities on offer at County level, including a 'fixing fast fashion' workshop in the autumn; finally our Group has a full programme of events for the next twelve months starting with an exciting 'Murder Mystery' evening with the Shropshire Hills Murder Mystery Drama Group in October. Within our own WI, our President Jules Garside announced that £250 of the money raised at our Spring Fair was to be given to charity and members chose the Barnabas Food bank to be the recipient. Also with funds from that event, a wooden bench is to be donated for the front of the village hall.

The Summer Strollers will next meet on 26<sup>th</sup> July for a ramble round Clive and Grinshill.

An additional meeting has been arranged in our traditional holiday month of August to reschedule the postponed Treasure Hunt, followed by a Bring and Share supper and WI prosecco, so fingers crossed for appropriate weather on 16<sup>th</sup> August but we shall have fun regardless!

After that, WI resumes in September with the new season of craft club and the popular botanical dyeing. Also in September the choc-a-holics amongst us will be enjoying a chocolate workshop with Coco Pzazz in our village hall on 24<sup>th</sup> September.

As you can see, we have lots of things to look forward to!

For more information about WI, or any of our events, please contact our secretary, Julie Woolfenden, who will be delighted to help; [jjwoolfenden@gmail.com](mailto:jjwoolfenden@gmail.com) 01939 200237.

Sue Wilton-Morgan

### St Peter's Patronal Festival

On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June, three days early, the congregation of St Peter's, Lee Brockhurst celebrated their patron saint. The village residents were invited to join the congregation for the service and also for a Bring and Share meal afterwards. The intention was to hold the service and meal in the churchyard, however, the weather dictated that we remain inside as it was cold and windy.

The service was led by the Revd. Rob Haarhoff and we had fresh bread with the wine for Holy Communion. The meal afterwards took place in the newly created space where five pews have been removed with the intention of using the space for such occasions as that described above.

Phoebe Ashton  
PCC Secretary

The next issue is scheduled to be prepared on Thursday 18 August and will be available in an electronic version. If you are not currently on our email list and wish to be please contact the address below.

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at the back of the church in Wem (by 9 am Thursday)  
or sent to: [pamedgmond@hotmail.com](mailto:pamedgmond@hotmail.com)

## Church on Sight

Most of us own a mobile phone and many of us have an active online life – whether ordering the supermarket shop, catching up with friends on Facebook or chatting on Zoom with family on the other side of the world. The last two years, where we were not able to physically socialise for long periods of time, have sped up the growth of our online lives, out of necessity as much as desire.

But it seems that most people still long for off-line, in-person or 'real' face-to-face connection. Whether meeting friends down the pub, having a holiday with extended family, going to a football match or concert or just walking and chatting with our loved ones – these are things we don't take for granted as much as we did before March 2020.

And it seems that trend has also extended to churchgoing. During lockdown, many churches big and small had a crash (often an apt word!) course in the online streaming of services, beaming sermons or Communion services onto laptops and tablets in parishioners' homes. Cathedrals especially found a new online audience – often worldwide – on Youtube as people craved a routine connection with something meaningful. Even now, Lichfield Cathedral has a regular online attendance of 80+ in daily morning prayer compared to a regular 4-6 pre-pandemic in person in the cathedral. Online services were particularly beneficial for those who due to accessibility issues or illness were unable to get to church on a Sunday morning.

But now that restrictions have been lifted, it seems that people in our communities are still craving physical worship gatherings. This is backed up by a new report which took a snapshot of Easter Day attendance in churches across four dioceses – including the Diocese of Lichfield which covers this area. The report showed that on-site churchgoing recovered to three-quarters of pre-pandemic levels by Easter 2022. And, in our diocese, when you add in online worship the overall attendance figure was roughly the same as the on-site figure in 2019.

This early research suggests the future of the church is not purely a digital one, that meeting face-to-face is still important and desired, especially in churches with smaller congregations. It also shows a hybrid future where demand for online engagement will continue alongside the need for physical gatherings. This means things may look a bit more messy than previously but also highlights that the Church, with its ancient foundations, is able to adapt, even when under the pressures of a pandemic.

Of course, the Church has a wider role than just gathering people online or on-site on a Sunday. Increasingly, as we move beyond the summer, churches will have a crucial part to play in keeping people fed and warm through foodbanks, community pantries, Places of Welcome sessions and other initiatives during an escalating cost-of-living crisis. It's all part of sharing the love of Jesus.

Why not visit your local church's Facebook page, website or [achurchnearyou.com](http://achurchnearyou.com) page to find out what it has to offer – beyond both its digital and physical doorsteps?

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Rotary Toast. Peace through Rotary with humility serving humanity.

Supplied to us by Roger Ashton

## **What's in a Name?**

The 21 churches in this Rural Deanery of Wem and Whitchurch have a good variety of dedications, which are worth exploring.

**All Saints** is the dedication of 2 churches within easy walking distance of each other – Clive and Grinshill.

**Christ Church** in Tilstock. It was a popular dedication for churches built in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

**Holy Immanuel** is the dedication of the delightful little church at Fauls. There are about 40 churches dedicated to Emmanuel, but the form Holy Immanuel may be unique.

**King Charles the Martyr** is the dedication of Newtown church, named after King Charles I, executed in 1649. There are only five other churches in England dedicated to him – Peak Forest in Derbyshire, Tunbridge Wells in Kent, Falmouth in Cornwall, Potters Bar in Hertfordshire, and Shelland in Suffolk.

**St Alkmund** in Whitchurch, named after a murdered Northumbrian king. Other churches named after him are in Derby, Duffield, Blyborough in Lincolnshire, Aymestrey in Herefordshire, and Shrewsbury.

**St Andrew** in Stanton upon Hine Heath. Churches of St Andrew are often among the oldest churches established in an area.

**St Anne** in Burlton in the parish of Loppington. One might assume that this tiny church is dedicated to the mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary, but it is probably really named after Mrs Anna Vaughan, mother of Miss Anna Vaughan who had it built.

**St Bartholomew** in Moreton Corbet. Although we know almost nothing about St Bartholomew in the Bible, he has a large number of churches in England. Perhaps his feast day, 24 August, was a convenient time of year for bishops to ride out to consecrate churches.

**St Chad** in Prees. I wonder whether St Chad, the first Bishop of Lichfield, between 669 and 672, preached at Prees during his journeys around his vast diocese.

**St Luke** in Weston under Redcastle. There are not many churches in England dedicated to St Luke, who wrote both a Gospel and the Book of Acts, but he provides our Rural Deanery with the sole dedication to an Evangelist, since we have no churches of St Matthew, St Mark, or St John.

**St Mary** in Astley, Broughton, Edstaston, Shawbury, and Whixall. There are more churches dedicated in England to St Mary than to any other saint, as we might expect. In our area Shawbury is the only ancient (pre 19<sup>th</sup> century) parish church under her patronage. Astley was a chapelry of St Mary's in Shrewsbury, Broughton a chapelry of St Chad's in Shrewsbury, Edstaston a chapelry of Wem, and Whixall a chapelry of Prees.

**St Mary Magdalene** in Hadnall, where I lived for many years. For centuries it was known as Hadnall Chapel (in the parish of Myddle). Did the dedication to Mary Magdalene date from when it became a parish church? Was it in imitation of the neighbouring church at Battlefield, built after the Battle of Shrewsbury, which was fought on the eve of St Mary Magdalene's day?

**St Michael and all Angels** in Loppington. Dedications do change in places over time, and it might be that this church was at one time dedicated to St Mary.

**St Peter** in Lee Brockhurst and Myddle. This is the most popular dedication by far to an apostle in England.

**St Peter and St Paul** in Wem. There are about 270 churches dedicated jointly to these two saints in England, all of them except two medieval in origin.

So we have 2 churches dedicated to Jesus, 5 to Jesus's mother, one (perhaps) to Jesus's grandmother, one to an archangel, 7 to New Testament saints, one to a Northumbrian king, one to an Anglo-Saxon bishop, one to a British king, and 2 to All Saints. A good spectrum!

William Price

Music is one of the greatest gifts that God has given us: it is divine and therefore Satan is its enemy. For with its aid many dire temptations are overcome; the devil does not stay where music is. –*Martin Luther*

## All in the month of August

It was:

200 years ago, on 25<sup>th</sup> August 1822 that William Herschel, German-born British astronomer died. He discovered the planet Uranus and infrared radiation, conducted the first deep sky surveys, and was the first president of the Royal Astronomical Society.

125 years ago, on 11<sup>th</sup> August 1897 that Enid Blyton was born. This enormously popular British children's writer created Noddy, the Famous Five, and the Secret Seven. She is among the world's bestselling writers, selling more than 600 million copies of her books. She sometimes wrote 50 books a year.

100 years ago, on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1922 that Alexander Graham Bell died. This Scottish-born American audiologist and inventor is credited with developing the first practical telephone.

Also 100 years ago, on 6<sup>th</sup> August 1922 that Sir Freddie Laker, British entrepreneur, was born. He pioneered budget airlines. Best known as the founder of Laker Airways.

Also 100 years ago, on 9<sup>th</sup> August 1922 that Philip Larkin, one of Britain's most famous post-war poets, was born. One of his most famous poems is 'MCMXIV'. Larkin was often called 'England's other Poet Laureate'.

Also 100 years ago, from 28<sup>th</sup>- 29<sup>th</sup> August 1922 that the first Walker Cup golf match was held in Southampton, New York. The match is held every two years between the USA and UK and Ireland.

90 years ago, on 31<sup>st</sup> August 1932 that Roy Castle, TV presenter, singer, dancer, comedian, actor and musician was born. Best known for presenting the children's TV series *Record Breakers*, he broke nine world records himself while presenting it.

80 years ago, on 8<sup>th</sup> August 1942 that the world premiere of Walt Disney's animated film *Bambi* was held in London.

Also 80 years ago, from 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1942 to 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1943 that the Battle of Stalingrad took place. Soviet victory, and the turning point of the war in Europe. Regarded as the largest and bloodiest battle in the history of warfare.

75 years ago, on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> August 1947 that first Pakistan and then India gained their independence from the UK.

Also 75 years ago, from 22<sup>nd</sup> August to 11<sup>th</sup> September 1947 that the first Edinburgh Festival was held in Scotland.

60 years ago, on 4<sup>th</sup> August 1962 that Alexander Litvinenko, Russian security agent, writer and journalist, was born. He was killed (probably assassinated) by radioactive polonium in London in November 2006.

50 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> August 1972 that the Washington Post newspaper published the first article that exposed US President Richard Nixon's involvement in the Watergate scandal.

30 years ago, on 30<sup>th</sup> August 1992 that the German racing driver Michael Schumacher won the Belgian Grand Prix – the first of his record 91 Formula One wins.

25 years ago, on 31<sup>st</sup> August 1997 that Diana, Princess of Wales, her companion Dodi Fayed and their driver, died in a car crash in the Place de l'Alma underpass in Paris.

10 years ago, on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2012 that Neil Armstrong, American astronaut (Apollo 11) died. He was the first person to walk on the Moon.

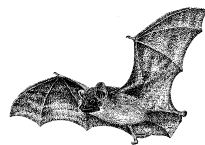
In His love He clothes us, enfolds us and embraces us; that tender love completely surrounds us, never to leave us. As I saw He is everything that is good. - *Julian of Norwich*

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## Bats that aren't in the Belfry!



Bats have been found in churchyards for a very long time, often roosting in trees or buildings. A bat roost may be nearly as old as the building with around 60% of pre-16th century churches containing bat roosts. There are seventeen species of bat native to the UK: eight of these use churches or chapels for roosting, including some of the less common species such as the Natterer's bat and the Serotine bat. Some of the remaining nine species roost in large trees.

Bats do not roost in the belfry ... too much noise! They usually use different roosts through the seasons. Bats need nursery roosts for the young, winter roosts to hibernate and also temporary roosts to digest their food and to sleep in during the daytime. They like to roost in clean, draught free, quiet crevices where the temperature is constant. Within churches or chapels bats are found in the eaves, porch, under roof tiles, in old timber joints, behind ceilings, hangings and commemorative plaques. They also roost within chest tombs, in holes or cracks within a wall, behind ivy or in lychgates. When roosting in trees they use holes, crevices, flaking bark and gaps behind ivy. Veteran trees are full of possible roosting places.

Churchyards tend to have a mixture of large trees, grassland, flowers, areas of long or tussocky grass, compost heaps, log piles and stonework. They are generally relatively free of chemicals, tend to have some areas which are not too tidy and may have been there a long time. All of this leads to a good population of insects which is food for the hungry bats.

Why not have a quiet sit in the churchyard at the end of the day, look to see if any swifts are swirling around the churchyard and then wait to see if any bats appear. Bats can fly long distances to forage for food so, even if you don't have roosting bats in your churchyard they may well come visiting.

All the best, Harriet Carty

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