

# Together

in the churches of  
St Mary the Virgin Dodford,  
St Mary Everdon,  
St Peter & St Paul Weedon Bec



## February 2022

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## **Worship:**

Sunday Feb 6th <i>4<sup>th</sup> before Lent</i>	9.30am 11am	Weedon Dodford	Holy Communion Holy Communion
Sunday Feb 13th <i>3<sup>rd</sup> before Lent</i> <i>Racial Justice Sunday</i>	9.30am 11am	Weedon Everdon	Holy Communion Holy Communion
Sunday Feb 20th <i>2<sup>nd</sup> before Lent</i>	9.30am 11am	Weedon Dodford	Holy Communion Holy Communion
Sunday Feb 27th <i>Sun before Lent</i>	9.30am 11am	Weedon Everdon	Holy Communion Holy Communion

Morning Prayer is said in Weedon church Mon-Sat at 9am.

On Zoom on Friday – ID: 847 6641 9168      Passcode: 349551

Hyperlink:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84766419168?pwd=V3Rub09TektCUVQrREZldmxiUkNDdz09>

## **Readings:**

Feb 6th	1Corinthians 15.1-11 Psalm 138	Luke 5.1-11
Feb 13th	1Corinthians 15. 12-20 Psalm 1	Luke 6. 17-26
Feb 20th	Revelation 4 Psalm 65	Luke 8. 22-25
Feb 27 <sup>th</sup>	Exodus 34. 29-end Psalm 99	Luke9. 28-36

Turning points – times when our thinking changes from one thing to another. February is full of turning points in our Gospel readings. We celebrated Candlemas in our churches on January 30<sup>th</sup>, but the official day is February 2<sup>nd</sup> – and in Simeon's recognition of the baby Jesus as the promised Messiah who will create opposition, and pierce Mary's soul, we turn away from the cute baby in the manger towards the reality of the adult Jesus. A Jesus whose generosity brings Simon Peter to his knees; whose compassion turns the competitive values of the world upside down; who has the power to still the storm; and who is revealed, in the last reading before Lent, in all his divine glory on the mountain-top. Encountering Jesus in these readings brings turning-points to those who were there, and can do the same for those who read about them now.

### **Prayers:**

- For all facing decisions in their lives
- For more people to have their lives changed by encountering Jesus
- For racial justice to be a reality, not just something for which we hope
- For all who suffer from prejudice in any form
- For our education and health providers, still under pressure from sickness and lack of staff
- For compassion, mercy and understanding for all

### **PCC meetings:**

Weedon: Feb 8<sup>th</sup>

Dodford: Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>

Please let anyone on the PCC know if there is something you think should be discussed at these meetings.

Please pray for insight and wisdom for all making decisions.

## **Social events and groups around the benefice:**

*Still difficult to plan at the moment, but these are hoping to go ahead - but they may have to be cancelled or amended:*

February 8 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Mothers' Union	Weedon Chapter House
February 24 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Weedon Cinema	Weedon Chapter House
February 26 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Men's Breakfast	Weedon Chapter House

## **Looking ahead....**

**Ash Wednesday** is on March 2<sup>nd</sup> this year. A celebration of Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes will be celebrated in the Chapter House in Weedon at 10.30am that morning, followed by coffee afterwards for anyone who wishes to stay.

**Lent groups** are being planned for 10.30am in the Chapter House every Wednesday during Lent, followed by soup or bread and cheese lunch. There should still be time to catch the DACT bus to Morrison's!

This group is for anyone in the benefice, but if anyone in Dodford or Everdon would like to host one locally at a different time, Elizabeth or Barbara would be glad to lead it.

Celebrations for the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** are planned for June 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. There are ideas being discussed in all the churches – look out for details as we get nearer. Meanwhile Elizabeth would like people to make fabric and yarn flowers to decorate Weedon Church – please get in touch with her if you think you can help (07977 134545).

## **Something to think about:**

'Grace is that turning point from feeling hopeless to becoming empowered'.

Deborah Brodie