

Together

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



January 2022

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Worship:

Sunday Jan 2nd <i>Epiphany</i>	9.30am 11am	Weedon Dodford	Holy Communion Holy Communion
Sunday Jan 9th <i>Baptism of Christ</i>	9.30am 11am	Weedon Everdon	Holy Communion Holy Communion
Sunday Jan 16th <i>Epiphany 2</i>	9.30am 11am	Weedon Dodford	Holy Communion Holy Communion
Sunday Jan 23rd <i>Epiphany 3</i>	9.30am 11am 4pm	Weedon Everdon Weedon	Holy Communion Holy Communion Service for Christian Unity with URC Chapel
Sun Jan 30th <i>Candlemas</i>	11am	Dodford	3 Parishes' 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=V3Rub09TektCUVQrREZlZmxkNDdzOQ==>

Readings:

Jan 2nd	Isaiah 60.1-6 Psalm 72.1-15	Matthew 2. 1-12
Jan 9 th	Isaiah 43. 1-7 Psalm 29	Luke 3. 15-17,21-22
Jan 16 th	1Corinthians 12. 1-11 Psalm 36. 5-10	John 2. 1-11
Jan 23rd	1Corinthians 12. 12-31a Psalm 19	Luke 4. 14-21
Jan 30 th	Malachi 3. 1-5 Psalm 24	Luke 2. 22-40

After the highs of Christmas, the arrival of the new year – and the grey weather it often brings with it - can dampen even the hardiest spirits. Add in Omicron, and we are dampened further! However, the Epiphany 'season' is an opportunity not only to breathe and ponder (before we get to Lent), but also to get excited. Epiphany is about revelation, about the moments in the Gospel narratives when the true identity of Christ is glimpsed. The traditional Epiphany Gospel readings do not stay with the stories of Jesus as a baby, but move quickly into the beginning of his adult ministry. We get to see the character of Jesus through what happens in these narratives, so that we are prepared for, and ready to be excited by, his teachings later in his ministry.

Prayers:

- For our world, as Covid continues to challenge us
- For our health services, stretched by winter and Covid
- For those who cannot see, or who dread, their future
- For the new year ahead of us
- For our public services, particularly those struggling with staff shortages
- January 27th is Holocaust Memorial Day – pray for all those affected by this, and by any form of ethnic cleansing

PCC meetings:

Everdon: January 26th

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:

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

January 11 th	2pm	Mothers' Union	Weedon Chapter House
January 27 th	2.30pm	Weedon Cinema	Weedon Chapter House
January 29 th	8.30am	Men's Breakfast	Weedon Chapter House

Looking ahead....

Celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee are planned for June 2nd-5th. 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:

An epiphany enables you to sense creation not as something completed, but as constantly becoming, evolving, ascending. This transports you from a place where there is nothing new to a place where there is nothing old, where everything renews itself, where heaven and earth rejoice as at the moment of creation.

Abraham Isaac Kook