

Together

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



March 2022

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www.wedchurches.com

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Worship:

Weds Mar 2 nd	10.30am	Weedon Chapter House	Holy Communion + Imposition of Ashes
Sunday Mar 6th	9.30am	Weedon	Holy Communion
<i>Lent 1</i>	11am	Dodford	Holy Communion
Sunday Mar 13th	9.30am	Weedon	Holy Communion
<i>Lent 2</i>	11am	Everdon	Holy Communion
Sunday Mar 20th	9.30am	Weedon	Holy Communion
<i>Lent 3</i>	11am	Dodford	Holy Communion
Sunday Mar 27th	9.30am	Weedon	Breakfast Church
<i>Mothering Sunday</i>	11am	Everdon	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:

Mar 6th	Romans 10. 8b - 13 Psalm 91. 1-11	Luke 4. 1-13
Mar 13th	Philippians 3.17 – 4.1 Psalm 27	Luke 13. 31- end
Mar 20th	Isaiah 55. 1-9 Psalm 63. 1-9	Luke 13. 1-9
Mar 27 th	Exodus 2. 1-10 Psalm 34. 11-20	John 19. 25b-27

It's been hard to keep Lent over the last two years – there seemed to be enough self-discipline in place without adding to it. But hopefully we are approaching more normal times, and I would suggest that this is a good time to set aside some time to reflect on our faith and our Churches. Life is busy, and it is all too easy to be caught up in the busy-ness, and never reflect on whether what we are doing in any aspect of our lives is the best we can do, or on what we should be aiming for. Jesus took himself off into the wilderness to do just that, and to prepare himself for his ministry. It resulted in temptations and some difficult decisions – but strengthened him in his commitment, and for what lay ahead. Lent is a chance to follow his example.

Lent group:

This will meet in the Chapter House in Weedon at 10.30am on March 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th and April 6th. We will be looking at, and discussing, some of the material from the Leading Your Church Into Growth (LYCIG) course that some of us in the benefice have been attending. If you are anxious to see more people in church, and/or to spiritually strengthen those who are already attending, please come along – we need everyone's ideas and commitment. It will be followed by bread and cheese or bread and soup lunch for anyone who wishes to stay.

Prayers:

- For a peaceful end to violence between Russia and Ukraine
- For all governments to rule through peaceful means
- That our Lent group will lead to stronger Churches
- For those who mother children, that they may rejoice in the joy of their children, and endure the pain they can bring
- For self-discipline during Lent
- For growth in our churches

PCC meetings:

Everdon: March 16th

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:

Mar 8th 2pm Mothers' Union Weedon Chapter House

Mar 17th 2.30pm Jubilee flower making Weedon Chapter House

Mar 19th 10am Riverside Court Coffee Mornings are back!

Mar 24th 2.30pm Weedon Cinema Weedon Chapter House

Mar 26th 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. I know Weedon are planning a Village Picnic on the Jubilee field, the flower banner, and a Songs of Praise on Sunday evening. Look out for Everdon and Dodford....

Something to think about:

'Prayer is always a time when we are alone. It is when we drop all our surrounding defences and distractions and gaze nakedly at the truth. And yet prayer is also when we know quite decisively that we are not alone. When we pray, God is with us, the praying Jesus is with us, the praying Church is with us, throughout the world, throughout time, past and present, here and in the world to come... By becoming alone, we realise we are not alone.'

from 'Through Lent with Luke' by Margaret Hebblethwaite