

Together

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



April 2022

Benefice website can be found at

www.wedchurches.com

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Worship:

Sunday Apr 3rd <i>Lent 5</i>	9.30am 11am	Weedon Dodford	Holy Communion Holy Communion
Sunday Apr 10th <i>Palm Sunday</i>	9.30am 11am	Weedon Everdon	Holy Communion Holy Communion
Mon – Weds Holy Week	7pm	Weedon	Evensong
Maundy Thursday 14 th	7pm	Weedon Chapel	Lord's Supper
Good Friday Apr 15 th	2pm 7pm	Weedon Weedon	Meditations at the foot of the cross Evensong
Sunday Apr 17th <i>Easter Sunday</i>	9.30am 11am 11am	Weedon Dodford Everdon	Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion
Sunday Apr 24th <i>Easter 2</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=V3Rub09TektCUVQrREZlZmxkUkNDdz09>

Readings:

Apr 3rd	Isaiah 43. 16-21 Psalm 126	John 12. 1-8
Apr 10 th	Isaiah 50. 4-9a Psalm 118. 1-2, 19-29	Luke 19. 28-40
Apr 17 th	Acts 10. 34-43	Luke 24. 1-12.
Apr 24th	Acts 5. 27-32	John 20. 19-end

We are returning to full sung worship at, and after, Easter, with three hymns, and reflective music or silence during the preparation of the table. Communion will once again include the wine – but, to minimise the possibility of infection, each wafer will be dipped by Barbara before it is given. On Easter Day in Weedon we will also be dedicating a new Communion burse and veil (the cloths that go over the silver vessels) in memory of Freda English, with thanks for her faithful Christian witness throughout her life.

Whatever the situation in the world, no one can remove the joy of Easter – the joy of knowing that God is stronger than death - and nothing can destroy His presence in our lives. Alleluia!

Lent group:

Has its last meeting in the Chapter House in Weedon at 10.30am on April 6th, followed by a light lunch.

Holy Week activities:

See under 'Worship' for services during the week.

There will be a **treasure hunt** in Weedon churchyard all week (clues are easier than last year!), followed by a **crafts and tea** afternoon in Weedon church on Easter Saturday afternoon, for children and adults.

Craft afternoon in Everdon Church also on Easter Saturday afternoon.

Prayers:

- For a just end to war in Ukraine
- For refugees everywhere
- For those still fearful of infection
- For those who struggle to feed their families and keep warm
- For those who are facing death

PCC meetings:

Our next meetings will be our Annual Parochial Meetings in May , at which churchwardens and PCCs are elected, and the previous year's finances and activities are examined and reported on. All are welcome to attend. If you are not on the Electoral Roll of any of the churches, and wish to be, please let Revd Barbara know.

Social events and groups around the benefice:

Apr 12 th	2pm	Mothers' Union	Weedon Chapter House
Apr 21 st	2.30pm	Jubilee flower making	Weedon Chapter House
Apr 28 th	2.30pm	Weedon Cinema	Weedon Chapter House
Apr 30 th	8.30am	Men's Breakfast	Weedon Chapter House

Please check dates and times before attending – sometimes they are changed

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:

The great gift of Easter is hope – Christian hope which makes us have that confidence in God, in His ultimate triumph, and in His goodness and love, which nothing can shake.

Basil Hume