

# Together

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



## May 2022

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## **Worship:**

Sunday May 1st <i>Easter 3</i>	9.30am 11am 4pm	Weedon Dodford Weedon	Holy Communion Holy Communion Together 4....
Sunday May 8th <i>Easter 4</i>	9.30am 11am	Weedon Everdon	Holy Communion Holy Communion
Sunday May 15th <i>Easter 5</i>	9.30am 11am	Weedon Dodford	Holy Communion Holy Communion
Sunday May 22nd <i>Easter 6/Rogation</i>	9.30am 11am	Weedon Everdon	Holy Communion Holy Communion
Sunday May 29 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Everdon	3 Parishes' 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=V3Rub09TektCUVQrREZlZmxiUkNDdz09>

## **Readings:**

May 1st	Acts 9.1-20	John 21. 1-19
May 8th	Acts 9. 36-end	John 10. 22-30
May 15th	Acts 11. 1-18	John 13. 31-35
May 22nd	Acts 16. 9-15	John 5. 1-9
May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Acts 16. 16-34	John 17. 20-26

Some of us think a lot and some of us feel a lot, and most of us are a mixture of both, with a tendency to favour one or the other. The apostles were probably the same. Peter was definitely on the passionate feelings side, and Thomas wanted proof. But their encounters with the risen Christ took them out of their usual ways of thinking and behaving – Thomas cries ‘My Lord and my God!’ in

an impassioned outburst of faith when he encounters the resurrected Christ, and Peter ends up giving a very reasoned explanation of why Jesus is the Messiah when he is challenged by the authorities. God knows that we are capable of much more than our usual ways of thinking and acting – He wants us to change and grow; to do things of which we thought we weren't ever capable; to become more and more the people He knows we can be.

## **Prayers:**

- For a just end to war in Ukraine
- For refugees everywhere, and anyone facing homelessness.
- For change and growth in our Churches, our communities and ourselves.
- For those still struggling with Covid and other illnesses
- For those getting married this month (all in Weedon)
  - May 7<sup>th</sup> Racheal and Darren
  - May 14<sup>th</sup> Kate and Chris
  - May 21<sup>st</sup> Adela and Joe
- and those getting christened (also in Weedon)
  - May 1<sup>st</sup> Charlie

## **PCC meetings:**

The Annual Vestry meetings (at which churchwardens are elected) and Annual Parochial Church meetings (at which reports of the work in the church for the previous year are given, and the Church Councils are elected) occur in all the parishes this month, as follows:

Weedon	Thurs May 5 <sup>th</sup> 7pm	Weedon Chapter House
Dodford	Sun May 15 <sup>th</sup> 12pm	Dodford church
Everdon	Thurs May 19 <sup>th</sup> 7pm	Everdon church

Anyone resident in the parishes can vote for the churchwardens; those on the electoral roll of the church can vote for the PCC.

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

May 6 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Quiz Night	Weedon Chapter House
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Mothers' Union	Weedon Chapter House
May 5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Jubilee flower making	Weedon Chapter House
May 26 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Weedon Cinema	Weedon Chapter House
May 28 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Men's Breakfast	Weedon Chapter House

Bellringing practice is on Wednesday evenings at 7.45pm – newcomers welcome.

The monthly clean of Weedon Church happens on the last Wednesday of the month – May 25<sup>th</sup> – at 9.30am. All help is gratefully accepted.

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

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

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. 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:**

Emotion without reason lets people walk all over you; reason without emotion is a mask for cruelty.

Nalini Singh