

# Together

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



## December 2022

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## **Readings:**

Dec 4th	Isaiah 11. 1-10	Matthew 3. 1-12
Dec 11th	Isaiah 35. 1-10	Matthew 11. 2-11
Dec 18th	Isaiah 7. 10-16	Matthew 1.18-25
Dec 24th	Isaiah 52. 7-10	John 1. 1-14
Dec 25th	Titus 2. 11-14	Luke 2. 1-20

December, for most people, equals Christmas and all the preparations for it. For the Church it marks the season of Advent, the start of the Church's year, and ends with Christmas.

Advent means 'the coming'. Jesus promised us that he would come again, and that we should prepare for that. Jesus may come into our lives in many different ways – to guide us or help us through a difficult time, to call us into action to help someone else. We don't know when such times will be. We do know that we need to be ready to welcome Jesus when such a time comes. Advent is an opportunity for us to think afresh of how we can come to know Jesus better through scripture and prayer, and by serving those around us; and so be ready.

So, amidst all the buying, giving and receiving of presents and amidst all the carol singing and parties, let us take time to welcome Jesus afresh into our lives and so be able to celebrate that first coming of Jesus who was ready to be born into an ordinary family and to live alongside us. That Jesus was ready to do this is the real wonder of Christmas.

## **Prayers:**

- For all who are suffering hardship at present and face a bleak Christmas. For those who are ill and those who are mourning.
- For all who live in the areas of conflict in the world that they may find the way to peace. We especially remember the people of Ukraine.
- For our government as they respond to the severe challenges which face our country.
- For us all that we may come to know Jesus better throughout Advent and welcome him afresh at Christmas.

## **PCC meetings:**

Thursday December 15<sup>th</sup> Everdon PCC

*Please pray for all those who have volunteered their time and expertise to administer your Church – and that the decisions that are made reflect God's will for these parishes.*

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

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Dec Craft & Chat 2.00pm Weedon Chapter House

Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Dec Mothers' Union 2.00pm Weedon Chapter House

Sat 31<sup>st</sup> Dec Men's breakfast 8.30am Weedon Chapter House

## **10th and 11th December Christmas Tree Festival.**

We wish to decorate the church's tree with angels; please make yours ready to place it on the tree.

We need prizes for the tombola and raffle.

There are a few trees which the sponsor does not wish to keep; they will be available for sale at £10 after the festival; to order yours phone 07977 134545.

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 — at 9.30am. All help is gratefully accepted.

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

## **Something to think about:**

May individuals, groups and churches be 'Advent people': people of light in a dark world, people of hope in times and places of despair. People who follow Jesus.

*Tom Wright*