

Together

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



February 2023

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Worship:

Wednesday Feb 1st 10.30am 'Holy Communion and Bible time'

Sunday Feb 5th 9.30am Weedon Holy Communion
3 before Lent 11.00am Dodford Holy Communion
4.00pm Weedon Together 4...Love

Sunday Feb 12th 9.30am Weedon Holy Communion
2 before Lent 11.00am Everdon Holy Communion

Sunday Feb 19th 9.30am Weedon Holy Communion
Next before Lent 11.00am Dodford Holy Communion

Wednesday Feb 22nd 10.30am Riverside Court Prayer and Praise
(please note the change of date for this month only)
7.00pm Ash Wednesday Holy Communion
and imposition of ashes

Sunday Feb 26th 9.30am Weedon Holy Communion
Lent 1 11.00am 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=V3Rub09TektCUVQrREZlZmxkNDdz09>

Readings:

Feb 5th	Isaiah 58.1-9a	Matthew 5.13-20
Feb 12th	Genesis 1.1 – 2.3	Matthew 6.25-end
Feb 19 th	Exodus 24.12-18	Matthew 17.1-9
Feb 26 th	Genesis 2. 15-17; 3.1-7	Matthew 4.1-11

Christmas is now over even for those who take up the full forty days. We turn our focus towards Holy Week and Easter. Ash Wednesday this year is on 22nd February when we will have the opportunity to meet together to be marked with ashes and to share in the Eucharist. Then we have Lent.

Traditionally many people 'give up' something during Lent; others decide to do something extra such as supporting others on a regular basis or doing some sort of study.

We are in difficult times at present with increases in the cost of living, much industrial unrest and the global issues of the war in Ukraine and global warming. How should we respond to the challenges which all these things make on our lives?

It is always important that we find time to look at the events which impact on our lives and ask God 'What should I be doing?'. Lent is a good time to do this and there will be a study group on Fridays during Lent with the opportunity to look afresh at our response to Jesus.

Prayers:

- That we may use the season of Lent wisely to help us each to understand God's call on our lives.
- 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 all who face hardship at present. May we as a community do what we can to support them.
- For our health and social services that they may get the resources they need to do their work as they would wish to.

PCC meetings:

Wednesday, 15th February Dodford 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:

Friday 3 rd Feb	Wine and St Werburgh	7.30pm	Weedon Chapter House
Tues 7th Feb	Craft & Chat	2.00pm	Weedon Chapter House
Tues 14th Feb	Mothers' Union	2.00pm	Weedon Chapter House
Tues 21 st Feb	Pancakes!	4.00pm	Weedon Chapter House
Wed 22 nd Feb	Weedon Church Cleaning	9.30am	Weedon Church
Thurs 23 rd Feb	Film Club	2.30pm	Weedon Chapter House
Sat 25th Feb	Men's breakfast	8.30am	Weedon Chapter House

Looking ahead. The church quizzes for this year are booked on Friday 19th May and Friday 22nd September 2023

Lent Lunches and Study Group

On Fridays during Lent we will be holding a Lent lunch – soup and/or cheese and biscuits – followed by a discussion group. These will be in Weedon Chapter House from 12noon until 2pm on Fridays 24th February, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st March.

Regular Events

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 –

Whenever God does something new, he involves people – often unlikely people, frequently surprised and alarmed people. He asks them to trust him in a new way, to put aside their natural reactions, to listen humbly for a fresh word and to act on it without knowing exactly how it's going to work out.

Tom Wright, Lent for Everyone: Matthew