

# Together

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



## January 2023

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## **Worship:**

Sunday Jan 1st	11.00am Weedon	3 parishes
<i>Circumcision of Jesus</i>		Holy Communion
Wednesday Jan 4th	10.30am 'Holy Communion and Bible time'	
Sunday Jan 8th	9.30am Weedon	Holy Communion
<i>Epiphany</i>	11.00am Everdon	Holy Communion
	4.00pm Weedon	Together 4...Epiphany
Sunday Jan 15th	9.30am Weedon	Holy Communion
<i>Epiphany 2</i>	11am Dodford	Holy Communion
Wednesday Jan 18th	10.30am Riverside Court	Prayer and Praise
Sunday Jan 22nd	9.30am Weedon	Holy Communion
<i>Epiphany 3</i>	11am Everdon	Holy Communion
Sunday Jan 29 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am Weedon	3 Parishes
<i>Candlemas</i>		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:**

Jan 1st	Galatians 4.4-7	Luke 2.15-21
Jan 8th	Isaiah 60.1-6	Matthew 2.1-12
Jan 15th	Isaiah 49.1-7	John 1.29-42
Jan 22nd	1 Corinthians 1.10-18	Matthew 4.12-23
Jan 29th	Malachi 3.1-5	Luke 2. 22-40

Happy Christmas. Yes, it is still Christmas unless you happen to be reading this after 29<sup>th</sup> January....

After the great celebration of Jesus birth we move on.

On 6<sup>th</sup> January (or Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>) we remember the visit of the wise men to Jesus. They were not inhabitants of Israel; they were visitors from another country who followed a star because they recognised that it was special and told them of a special birth. They left their homes, travelled a long way trusting that they would find the one whose birth the star announced. They were determined to find the child and, when they did, they gave him costly gifts. The wise men remind us that Jesus came for everyone, and that God calls each one of us in a way that is appropriate for us as individuals as the appearance of a star was to wise men who studied the night sky.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> February (or Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January) we celebrate Candlemas. This marks the time when Mary and Joseph took Jesus into the Temple to offer thanks for him. There they met Simeon and Anna, faithful servants in the Temple who waited for the coming of the one promised to save Israel. They recognised and gave thanks for the child. Their faithfulness and patience are a model to us as we welcome Jesus afresh into our lives.

### **Prayers:**

- For all who lead us in our churches, that they may have the support which they need to guide us to make our churches a place of welcome.
- 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 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:**

Thursday January 19<sup>th</sup> Weedon 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 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jan	Craft & Chat	2.00pm	Weedon Chapter House
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup>	Jan	Mothers' Union	2.00pm	Weedon Chapter House
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	Jan	Weedon Church Cleaning	9.30am	Weedon Church
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	Jan	Film Club	2.30pm	Weedon Chapter House
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	Jan	Men's breakfast	8.30am	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 — at 9.30am. All help is gratefully accepted.

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

## **Something to think about –**

### **at the start of a New Year:**

It is not the place where you are that is the important thing. It is the intensity of your presence there. It is not the situation that counts.

What counts is that you are fully alive in any situation. It is this that puts down roots and then flowers in your life.

*Neville Cryer*