

Together

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



March 2023

Benefice website can be found at

www.wedchurches.com

Priest-in-Charge: Revd Barbara Gallagher 01327 340585

barbarajg@btopenworld.com

If you would like to be included in the e-mail distribution of this newsletter, please email Revd Barbara.

Worship:

Sunday March 5th <i>Lent 2</i>	9.30am Weedon 11.00am Dodford 4.00pm Weedon	Holy Communion Holy Communion Together 4...Love
-----------------------------------	---	---

Sunday March 12th <i>Lent 3</i>	9.30am Weedon 11.00am Everdon	Holy Communion Holy Communion
------------------------------------	----------------------------------	----------------------------------

Wednesday March 15th 10.30am Riverside Court Prayer and Praise

Sunday March 19th <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	9.30am Weedon 11.00am Dodford	Breakfast Church Holy Communion
--	----------------------------------	------------------------------------

Sunday March 26th <i>Lent 5</i>	9.30am Weedon 11.00am 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=V3Rub09TektCUVQrREZIdmxiUkNDdz09>

Readings:

March 5 th	Genesis 12. 1-4a	John 3. 1-17
March 12 th	Exodus 17.1-7	John 4. 5-42
March 19 th	Weedon: Exodus 2.1-10 Dodford: Ephesians 5. 8-14	John 9.1-41
March 26 th	Ezekiel 37. 1-14	John 11. 1-45

We are now firmly in the season of Lent. A time of preparation for the important times of Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Good Friday all leading the great celebration of Easter Day.

Lent is traditionally a time of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.

Prayer is a time of putting our full focus on God. Fasting does not mean absolutely no food or drink. It does mean keeping things simple and avoiding excess. Almsgiving means looking at what we might do to help someone or some group of people who need help, or what steps we might take to take better care of our environment.

Why not try to spend some time in Lent doing something which allows you to turn off the everyday responsibilities and put that focus on God? It could be reading, walking, gardening or craft work – or anything else which allows that focus. Let God's creation guide you to focus on God.

Prayers:

- That we may use the season of Lent wisely to help us to prepare for Holy Week, Good Friday and Easter.
- 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 suffer from natural disasters especially remembering those who have suffered in the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.
- For wise decisions in the many industrial conflicts which our country is facing.

PCC meetings:

Wednesday, 22nd March

Everdon PCC

Thursday, 23rd March

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 7th March Craft & Chat 2.00pm Weedon Chapter House
Tues 14th March Mothers' Union 2.00pm Weedon Chapter House
Thurs 23rd March Film Club 2.30pm Weedon Chapter House
Sat 25th March Men's breakfast 8.30am Weedon Chapter House
Wed 29th March Weedon Church Cleaning 9.30am Weedon Church

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 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 –

There is nothing in creation which does not have some radiance, either greenness or seeds or flowers or beauty – otherwise it would not be part of creation.

Hildegard of Bingen