

# Together

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



## April 2023

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## **Worship:**

Sunday April 2 <sup>nd</sup> <i>Palm Sunday</i>	9.30am Weedon 1 1.00am Dodford 4.00pm Weedon	Holy Communion Holy Communion Together 4... ...The Cross
Monday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> April, Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April and Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	5.00pm Weedon	Evening Prayer
Wednesday April 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am Weedon	Holy Communion And Bible Time
Thursday April 6 <sup>th</sup> <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	7.00pm Weedon Chapel	Celebration of the Last Supper
Friday April 7 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm Weedon	Reflections at the Cross
Sunday April 9 <sup>th</sup> <i>Easter Day</i>	9.30am Weedon 1 1.00am Dodford 1 1.00am Everdon	Holy Communion Holy Communion (by Extension) Holy Communion
Sunday April 16 <sup>th</sup> <i>Easter 2</i>	1 1.00am Weedon	3 Parishes Holy Communion
Wednesday April 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am Riverside Court	Prayer and Praise
Sunday April 23 <sup>rd</sup> <i>Easter 3</i>	9.30am Weedon 1 1.00am Everdon	Holy Communion Holy Communion
Sunday April 30 <sup>th</sup> <i>Easter 4</i>	1 1.00am 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:**

April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Psalm 118. 19-24	Matthew 21. 1-11
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	Acts 10. 34-43	Matthew 28. 1-10
April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Acts 2. 14a, 22-32	John 20. 19-end
April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Acts 2.14a. 36-41	Luke 24. 13-35
April 30 <sup>th</sup>	Acts 2. 42-end	John 10. 1-10

Easter is the big celebration in the Church's year. We celebrate the wonderful fact that 'Christ is Risen'; he overcame death.

It is particularly fitting that Easter comes at a time of new growth as the spring flowers and the blossom appear and birds are nesting. It is a time of new beginnings. A new way to follow Jesus.

We have all heard that greeting 'Christ is Risen' every Easter Day that we have been anywhere near a church. It is all too easy to reduce the impact of that wonderful greeting by its familiarity. I find that if I can work through the memory of what Jesus did in that time between Palm Sunday and Easter Day sharing in the Last Supper, praying as we remember Jesus' suffering both on the Thursday evening in Gethsemane and on Good Friday on the Cross, then Easter Day is truly a celebration. May we pray through the difficult times then celebrate 'Christ is Risen'; ready, with God's help, to move into the future.

## **Prayers:**

- For all who will lead us in worship through Holy Week and Easter.
- For the whole worldwide Church that all Christians may be able to fully celebrate Easter and proclaim 'Christ is Risen'.
- For all who suffer for their faith.
- For all those who suffer in any way; may they take comfort from the knowledge that Jesus knows what suffering is.
- For this wonderful world that God has given us, that we may take on responsibility for care of it.

## **PCC meetings:**

There are no PCC meetings in April. Annual Parish Meetings will be in May.

*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 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Craft & Chat	2.00pm	Weedon Chapter House
	Mothers' Union	2.00pm	Weedon Church
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Decorating Church and Cross		
	from 9.30am onwards		Weedon Church
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Weedon Church Cleaning	9.30am	Weedon Church
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Film Club	2.30pm	Weedon Chapter House
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Men's breakfast	8.30am	Weedon Chapter House

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

## **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 –**

Jesus did not come to make God's love possible, but to make God's love visible. His love is without limit.