

# Together

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



## May 2023

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## **Worship:**

Wednesday May 3rd	10.30am Weedon	Holy Communion and Bible Time
Sunday May 7 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am Weedon	Coronation Praise
<i>Easter 5</i>	11.00am Dodford	Holy Communion
Sunday May 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Weedon	Holy Communion
<i>Easter 6</i>	11.00am Everdon	Holy Communion
Wednesday May 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am Riverside Court	Prayer and Praise
Thursday May 18 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm Weedon	Holy Communion
<i>Ascension Day</i>		
Sunday May 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am Weedon	Holy Communion
<i>Easter 7</i>	11.00am Dodford	Holy Communion
Sunday May 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Weedon	Holy Communion
<i>Pentecost</i>	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=V3Rub09TektCUVQrREZIdmxiUkNDdz09>

## **Readings:**

May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Acts 7.55-end	John 14. 1- 14
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Acts 17.22-31	John 14. 15-21
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Acts 1. 6-14	John 17. 1-11
May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Acts 2. 1-21	John 20. 19-23

This month brings the Coronation of King Charles III, Ascension Day and Pentecost. The period of mourning for our late Queen is drawing to a close. The King's coronation marks the start of a new era for our country as bank notes, coins and stamps will change and a new monarch with his own ideas of how the monarchy should evolve. He has made a strong call for us to be ready to volunteer to support our communities.

Within the Church we draw to the end of the Easter Season, that period of waiting after the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus, we will mark his Ascension into heaven and celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples. The coming of the Holy Spirit transformed the disciples from a frightened group into the leaders of Christ's church which we are part of today. Many Christians throughout the world, especially in Israel, regard Pentecost as the birthday of the Church.

May we be ready to make our new start, sharing Christ's love in the world and being active for good in our communities.

### **Prayers:**

- For the whole worldwide Church that all Christians may welcome the Holy Spirit afresh into their lives.
- For our King Charles III as he celebrates his coronation, for the Queen Consort Camilla and for all the Royal Family.
- For those with the responsibility of preparing for our Annual Parochial Church meetings. May the decisions that are made reflect God's will for these parishes and build us up as the family of Christ.
- For all those considering standing for office at the APCMs, for those who will continue and those who join afresh.
- We give thanks for those who are coming to the end of their times of office in the Church, and for all who volunteer to support its life.

### **PCC meetings:**

Annual Parish meetings happen this month. This is everyone's chance to make their contributions to planning the life of our churches and communities.

Weds May 3rd 7pm      Dodford APCM      Village Hall

Weds May 10th 7pm      Everdon APCM      Church

Thurs May 11<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm for 7pm Weedon APCM      Chapter House  
*Refreshments from 6.30pm*

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

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> May      Craft & Chat      2.00pm Weedon Chapter House  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May    Coronation picnic in the churchyard following the  
Coronation Praise service at 11.  
Tues 9<sup>th</sup> May      Mothers' Union 2.00pm Weedon Chapter House  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 3 Churches' Walk 1.00pm from Weedon Church  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May   Bishop Chaplain's Pilgrimage – details to come  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May   Quiz 7.00pm for 7.30pm start Chapter House  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May Like-minded Ladies 2.00pm Chapter House  
Wed 24<sup>th</sup> May      Weedon Church Cleaning 9.30am Weedon Church  
Sat 27<sup>th</sup> May      Men's breakfast 8.30am Weedon Chapter House

*Looking ahead.* The second church quiz this year is booked on  
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 –**

Through self-forgetting and self-sacrificing is born a truly creative  
love. Instead of one emptying the other person for one's own need,  
each fulfils the other, making him or her more of a person, having  
more dignity. It brings out the latent qualities in the other, and it  
partakes somewhat of the love of Christ.

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