

# Together

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



## July 2023

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## **Worship:**

Sunday July 2nd <i>Trinity 4</i>	9.30am Weedon 11.00am Dodford	Holy Communion Holy Communion
Wednesday July 5th	10.30am Weedon	Holy Communion and Bible Time
Sunday July 9 <sup>th</sup> <i>Trinity 5</i>	9.30am Weedon 11.00am Everdon	Holy Communion Holy Communion
Sunday July 16 <sup>th</sup> <i>Trinity 6</i>	9.30am Weedon 11.00am Dodford	Holy Communion Holy Communion
Wednesday July 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am Riverside Court	Prayer and Praise
Sunday July 23 <sup>rd</sup> <i>Trinity 7</i>	9.30am Weedon 11.00am Everdon	Holy Communion Holy Communion
Sunday July 30 <sup>th</sup> <i>Trinity 8</i>	11.00am Dodford	Three Parishes Holy Communion

Morning Prayer is said in Weedon church Mon-Sat at 9am.

## **Readings:**

July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Romans 6.12-23	Matthew 10.40-42
July 9 <sup>th</sup>	Romans 7. 15-25a	Matthew 11.16-19, 25-30
July 16 <sup>th</sup>	Romans 8. 1-11	Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23
July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Romans 8. 12-25	Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43
July 30 <sup>th</sup>	Romans 8. 26-39	Matthew 13. 31-33, 44-52

In July, there are no major church festivals or Saints days. It is a time when the church takes the opportunity to learn more about the life of Jesus, what he did and what he taught. How he was ready to simply be with us giving us encouragement.

July marks the end of the academic year. For some, it marks the move away from the familiarity of primary school and the waiting for the start at 'big' school. Others have just completed external examinations; it is time of waiting for exam results. They all need our encouragement.

For all of us, July may be a time when we can get away from the usual routine in whatever way suits us. Above all I hope it can be a time when we can enjoy being with those we love, supporting and encouraging them.

## **Prayers:**

- For those responsible for selecting our next bishop and for those who may be approached to take on this ministry.
- For those children who will be leaving primary school or their secondary school this month.
- For safety for those who are travelling.
- For the people of Ukraine and Russia.
- For all who are struggling with the rising cost of living.

## **PCC meetings:**

Wednesday July 19<sup>th</sup>                      7.30pm                      Dodford                      Village Hall

*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:**

Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Men's breakfast 8.30am Weedon Chapter House
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Craft & Chat 2.00pm Weedon Chapter House
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Mothers' Union 2.00pm Weedon Chapter House
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Like-minded Ladies 2.00pm Weedon Chapter House
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Weedon Church Cleaning 9.30am Weedon Church
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> July	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 –**

Just a word,  
just a look  
can heal the hurt that people feel.  
A silent presence:  
a hug, a smile,  
can do the work of many words.  
The healing power of Christ  
is in our hands,  
in the prayers we say,  
in what we think and in all we do.  
So let your presence be  
the healing that is needed  
in word;  
in touch  
or silent sharing of a grief.

*Richard Becher*