

Together

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



August 2023

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Worship:

Sunday Aug 6th <i>Transfiguration</i>	9.30am Weedon 11.00am Dodford	Holy Communion Holy Communion
Wednesday Aug 9 th *	10.30am Riverside Court	Prayer and Praise
Sunday Aug 13 th <i>Trinity 10</i>	9.30am Weedon 11.00am Everdon	Holy Communion Holy Communion
Sunday Aug 20 th <i>Trinity 11</i>	9.30am Weedon 11.00am Dodford	Holy Communion Baptism
Sunday Aug 27 th <i>Trinity 12</i>	9.30am Everdon* 11.00am Weedon	Holy Communion Weedon Weekender Praise

**Please note the change of date and time*

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

There will be no mid-week Holy Communion on August 2nd.

Readings:

Aug 6 th	2 Peter 1. 16-19	Luke 9. 28-36
Aug 13 th	Romans 10. 5-15	Matthew 14. 22-33
Aug 20 th	Isaiah 56 1, 6-8	Matthew 15. 21-28
Aug 27 th	Romans 12. 1-8	Matthew 16. 13-20

In August the Church celebrates a festival which is not usually marked by the wider population as are Christmas and Easter. It is the feast of the Transfiguration when we remember Jesus taking three of his disciples, Peter, James and John, up a mountain where Jesus was 'transfigured', 'the appearance of his face changed and his clothes became dazzling white.' A voice is heard from heaven 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him'. Jesus 'glowed' as his identity as the Son of God is revealed and he can go forward in confidence to the work which God sent him to do.

Have you ever seen a person whose face glowed? That can happen as a bride and groom approach their wedding day, when a student gets the exam results needed for their chosen career, as someone is offered the job which they have longed for and so on. I believe someone glows when they realise the person who they really are and step out into or continue the special path in life which is theirs. The 'glow' for us will not be as extreme it was for Jesus; I hope that there will be a lot of 'glows' as the young people of our villages receive their exam results at the end of the month.

Prayers:

- For those responsible for selecting our next bishop and for those who may be approached to take on this ministry.
- For those who will receive exam results and for the decisions to be made.
- For a safe, refreshing time for all who are taking holidays.
- For the people of Ukraine and Russia.
- For all who are struggling with the rising cost of living.

PCC meetings:

There are no PCC meetings in August.

Please pray for all those who have volunteered their time and expertise to administer your Church – and that they will be refreshed in this holiday season.

Baptisms

Sun Aug 13th Weedon Baptism of Charlie & Freddie 2pm

Sun Aug 20th Dodford Baptism of Harry 11am

Weddings

Fri Aug 18th Weedon Wedding of Amy & Jason 2pm

Sat Aug 19th Everdon Wedding of Sherri-Anne & Steven 11.30am

Fri Aug 25th Dodford Wedding of Alex & Kieran 12 noon

Social events and groups around the benefice:

Fri Aug 4th 'Back in Time' dance 6.30pm -10pm at Everdon Church
Sun Aug 6, 13, 20 Sunday cream teas

2-4pm Weedon Chapter House

Sat Aug 12th MU cream teas 2.30-4.30 Weedon Chapter House

Sat Aug 12th Northampton Male Voice Choir 'Concert for Charlie'

7pm Weedon Church

Wed Aug 23rd Weedon Church Cleaning 9.30am Weedon Church

Sat Aug 26th Men's breakfast 8.30am Weedon Chapter House

Sat Sun Aug 26-27 Weedon Weekender All day Jubilee Field

Mon Aug 28th Everdon Fete 2-5pm

Looking ahead. The second church quiz this year is booked on Friday 22nd 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 –

What is important is not the level of success which we have compared with the next person, but the level of success which enables us to go on to the next step which fulfils us as the person who we truly are using the talents which God has given to us.