

# Together

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



## February 2024

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## **Worship:**

Sunday Feb 4th <i>2 before Lent</i>	9.30am Weedon 11.00am Dodford	Holy Communion Holy Communion
Wednesday Feb 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am Weedon	Holy Communion and Bible Time
Sunday Feb 11 <sup>th</sup> <i>Next before Lent</i>	9.30am Weedon 11.00am Everdon	Holy Communion Holy Communion
Wednesday Feb 14 <sup>th</sup> <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	7.00pm Weedon	Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes
Sunday Feb 18 <sup>th</sup> <i>Lent 1</i>	9.30am Weedon 11.00am Dodford	Holy Communion Holy Communion
Wednesday Feb 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am Riverside Court	Prayer and Praise
Sunday Feb 25 <sup>th</sup> <i>Lent 2</i>	9.30am Weedon 11.00am Everdon	Holy Communion Holy Communion

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

## **Readings:**

Feb 4 <sup>th</sup>	Proverbs 8.1, 22-31	John 1.1-14
Feb 11 <sup>th</sup>	2 Corinthians 4.3-6	Mark 9.2-9
Feb 18 <sup>th</sup>	1Peter 3.18-end	Mark 1.9-15
Feb 25 <sup>th</sup>	Romans 4.13-end	Mark 8.31-end

This year Ash Wednesday is in the middle of February. We will mark this with a service of Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes at 7pm in Weedon Church. This marks the season of Lent during which, on Fridays, we will have the opportunity to meet for lunch followed by a Lent Group when we will look at '5 Women in the Bible'.

Lent is usually thought of as a time when we give something up – chocolate, biscuits, alcohol are popular choices. The important point is that we do something which requires self-discipline so that we come closer to God. Ideally it also helps someone else – give what we would have spent on what we give up to a worthy cause.

What will you do this Lent to prepare to walk with Jesus in Holy Week leading to the great joy of Easter?

## **Prayers:**

- For Rt Revd Debbie Sellin as she prepares to become bishop for this diocese. (She will officially join the Diocese on March 3<sup>rd</sup>).
- For us all, that we may use the Lent period to come to know God better.
- For Peace throughout the world, especially in Israel-Palestine and in Ukraine.
- For a more determined effort, on the part of all, to take better care of the resources of the world.
- For all who find the winter months particularly difficult.
- For all who are suffering through illness or anxiety.

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

Sat Feb 3 <sup>rd</sup>	6.30pm Celebrate St Werburgh	Weedon Chapter House
Tues Feb 6 <sup>th</sup>	2-4pm Craft 'n Chat	Weedon Chapter House
Sat Feb 10 <sup>th</sup>	10am-3pm Marriage Preparation Day	Weedon Chapter House
Tues Feb 13 <sup>th</sup>	2pm Mothers' Union	Weedon Chapter House
	4pm Pancakes	Weedon Chapter House
Wed Feb 21 <sup>st</sup>	2-4pm Lego Club	Weedon Chapter House
Wed Feb 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Church cleaning	Weedon Church
		With bacon butties and coffee
Thurs Feb 29 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm Weedon Cinema	Weedon Chapter House
Sat Jan 27 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am Men's breakfast	Weedon Chapter House
<b>Fridays Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup></b>		
2noon -2pm	Lent Lunch and Group '5 women in the Bible'	Weedon Chapter House

## **PCC meetings:**

Wednesday February 21<sup>st</sup> 7.30pm Dodford PCC

*Please pray for all those who have volunteered their time and expertise to administer your Church.*

## **Regular Events**

Bellringing practice is on Wednesday evenings at 7.45pm – newcomers welcome.

The monthly clean of Weedon Church now happens on the last Saturday of the month — at 9.30am. All help is gratefully accepted, bacon butties and coffee are offered.

*Please check dates and times before attending – sometimes they are changed.*

## **EasyFundraising**

This is for Weedon Church but could be set up for Everdon or Dodford – unless they already have it.

If you shop online this is an easy way to raise more funds for our church – and it does not cost you or the church anything. Sign up to support us on *easyfundraising*. You can raise donations whenever you shop online with over 8,000 brands including John Lewis & Partners, eBay, Argos, M&S and more. Sign up today - it will make a BIG difference to us:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-peter-and-st-paul-church-weedon-bec>

The only information which you need to supply to sign up are your name, email address and a password of your choice.

## **Something to think about –**

“You don’t know how to pray? Put yourself in the presence of God, and as soon as you have said, ‘Lord, I don’t know how to pray!’ you can be sure you’ve already begun.”

St. Josemaría Escrivá