

Together

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



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Worship:

Wednesday Jan 3 rd	10.30am Weedon	Holy Communion and Bible Time
Sunday Jan 7 th <i>Baptism of Christ</i>	9.30am Weedon 11.00am Dodford 4.00pm Weedon	Holy Communion Holy Communion Together 4 Epiphany
Sunday Jan 14 th Epiphany 2	9.30am Weedon 11.00am Everdon	Holy Communion Holy Communion
Wednesday Jan 17 th	10.30am Riverside Court	Prayer and Praise
Sunday Jan 21 st <i>Epiphany 3</i>	9.30am Weedon 11.00am Dodford	Holy Communion Holy Communion
Sunday Jan 28 th <i>Presentation of Christ</i>	9.30am Weedon 11.00am Everdon	Holy Communion Holy Communion

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

Readings:

Jan 7 th	Genesis 1.1-5	Mark 1.4-11
Jan 14 th	1 Samuel 3.1-10	John 1.43-end
Jan 21 st	Revelation 19.6-10	John 2.1-11
Jan 28 th	Hebrews 2.14-end	Luke 2.22-40

A very happy New Year to everyone. A time for new beginnings and new resolutions

After all the excitement of Advent and Christmas we now move at a new pace. On January 6th we remember the visit of the Wise Men to the infant Jesus. Men from outside the Jewish faith were led by the star to visit the infant born to be the promised Saviour of God's people Israel. We are all God's people, his children. The Wise Men show us that Jesus is the Saviour of us all.

This fact that we are all God's people is celebrated as we reach the eight days of 18-25 January, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity when we pray that all who are called to be Christians will work

together for mutual support as we share the Good News of Jesus in different ways.

It is my prayer that this year we will welcome the Saviour and ask what it is that he calls each one of us to do; what does he call us to make our New Year resolution?

Prayers:

- For Rt Revd Debbie Sellin as she prepares to become bishop for this diocese.
- 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 are struggling with the rising cost of living. May we be ready to support them through the Food Bank or in other ways so that none may be hungry or cold.
- For all who are suffering through illness or disability.

PCC meetings:

Thursday January 11th 7pm Weedon Bec PCC

Wednesday January 24th 7pm Everdon PCC

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

Social events and groups around the benefice:

Tues Jan 2nd 2-4pm	Craft 'n Chat	Weedon Chapter House
Tues Jan 9 th 2pm	Mothers' Union	Weedon Chapter House
Sat Jan 20 th 9.30	Church cleaning	Weedon Church
(NOTE the change of day, in the hope that a few more people may be available)		
Thurs Jan 25 th 2.30pm	Weedon Cinema	Weedon Chapter House
Sat Jan 27 th 8.30am	Men's breakfast	Weedon Chapter House

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 –

“It always seems impossible until it's done.”

Nelson Mandela