

Together

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



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Worship:

Sunday March 3 rd <i>Lent 3</i>	9.30am Weedon 11.00am Dodford	Holy Communion Holy Communion
Wednesday March 6 th	10.30am Weedon	Holy Communion and Bible Time
Sunday March 10 th <i>Mothering Sunday</i> <i>Lent 4</i>	9.30am Weedon 11.00am Everdon	Breakfast Church Holy Communion
Sunday March 17 th <i>Lent 5</i>	9.30am Weedon 11.00am Dodford	Holy Communion Holy Communion
Wednesday March 20 th	10.30am Riverside Court	Prayer and Praise
Sunday March 24 th <i>Palm Sunday</i>	9.30am Weedon 11.00am Everdon	Holy Communion Holy Communion

Holy Week

Monday March 25 th to <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	Wednesday March 27 th 5.00pm Weedon	Evening Prayer
Thursday March 28 th <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	7.00pm Weedon Chapel Celebration of the Last Supper	
Friday March 29 th <i>Good Friday</i>	2.00pm Weedon At the Foot of the Cross 5.00pm Weedon	Evening Prayer
Sunday March 31 st <i>Easter Day</i>	9.30am Weedon 11.00 Everdon 11.00 Dodford	Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion by Extension

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

Readings:

March 3 rd	1 Corinthians 1.18-25	John 2. 13-22
March 10 th	Ephesians 2.1-10	John 3. 14-21
March 17 th	Hebrews 5.5-10	John 12. 20-33
March 24 th	Philippians 2.5-11	Mark 11. 1-11
March 31 st	Acts 10.34-43	John 20. 1-18

It is not too late to join in the Lent Group on Friday lunch times where we are looking at '5 Women in the Bible'.

March ends with the most significant week of the Christian year. After the six weeks of discipline, Sunday 24th is Palm Sunday as we remember our Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the promised Messiah has arrived. Then we walk with Jesus during those last days leading to the celebration of the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday followed by Christ's suffering on Good Friday. Easter Saturday is almost a 'none day', nothing happens, it is a time of waiting. We know what is to come next and so use that day to prepare and decorate the Church ready for the big celebration of Christ's Resurrection on Easter Day.

It is all too easy to jump from the excitement of Palm Sunday to the celebration of Easter Day – Sunday to Sunday. If we do that then we miss what it is really all about. We cannot have Easter Day without Good Friday. Christ suffered and died before he rose again. We need to have the difficult time in order to fully celebrate the joy of the amazing good which God has given us through Jesus.

Prayers:

- That all may have the opportunity to walk with Jesus through Lent and Holy Week, and celebrate His Resurrection fully.
- For Rt Revd Debbie Sellin as she begins her ministry in this diocese
- For Peace throughout the world, especially in Israel-Palestine and in Ukraine.
- For all who have suffered through floods – farmers, businesses and individuals.
- For all who are suffering through illness or anxiety.

PCC meetings:

Thursday March 14th 7pm Weedon PCC Weedon Chapter House

Wednesday March 20th 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:

Fridays March 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd 12noon to 2pm

Lunch and Lent Group '5 women in the Bible'

Tues March 5th 2-4pm Craft 'n Chat Weedon Chapter House

Thurs March 21st 2pm Weedon Cinema Weedon Chapter House

Tues March 26th 2pm Mothers' Union Easter Service

Weedon Church

Sat March 30th 9.30am Church cleaning Weedon Church

With bacon butties and coffee

10 – 12 Tog4 for Easter Weedon Chapter House

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

Sign up to raise funds for Weedon Church at

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

Something to think about –

Jesus did not die on the cross just so we could live comfortable, well-adjusted lives. His purpose is far deeper: He wants to make us like himself before he takes us to heaven. This is our greatest privilege, our immediate responsibility and our ultimate destiny.

Rick Warren