

# Together

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



## April 2024

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## **Worship:**

Sunday April 7 <sup>th</sup> <i>Easter 2</i>	11.00am Dodford	Three Parishes Holy Communion
Sunday April 14 <sup>th</sup> <i>Easter 3</i>	9.30am Weedon 11.00am Everdon	Holy Communion Holy Communion
Wednesday April 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am Riverside Court	Prayer and Praise
Sunday April 21 <sup>st</sup> <i>Easter 4</i>	9.30am Weedon 11.00am Dodford	Holy Communion Holy Communion
Sunday April 28 <sup>th</sup> <i>Easter 5</i>	9.30am Weedon 11.00am Everdon	Holy Communion Holy Communion

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

*Please note that there will be no Holy Communion with Bible Time on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April.*

## **Readings:**

April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Acts 4.32-35	John 20. 19-end
April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Acts 3.12-19	Luke 24.36b-48
April 21 <sup>st</sup>	Acts 4.5-12	John 10.11-18
April 28 <sup>th</sup>	Acts 8.26-end	John 15.1-8

Christ is Risen, Alleluia!

We are in the Easter season for the whole of April. Contrary to the season in the shops, Easter starts on Easter Day and lasts for fifty days; that is until Pentecost (or Whit Sunday) which, this year is on 19<sup>th</sup> May.

Our Gospel readings during the Easter Season first tell of Jesus' appearances to the disciples as he tells them to go out and tell everyone about him, then Jesus tells his disciples that he is the Good Shepherd and the True Vine. Combined these readings tell us that we have a job to do and Jesus is with us supporting us as we do it. The 'other' readings are all from the book of Acts. They tell us how the first Christians came together, supporting one another, taking care of those in need and boldly speaking out about Jesus despite opposition from the authorities.

May we take encouragement that Jesus is our Good Shepherd, taking care of us. We are each a branch of the vine, with the reassurance that we are connected to Jesus. May we follow the example of those first Christians and bear much fruit in bringing others to Jesus.

### **Prayers:**

- That the whole church may be bold in telling the world that Christ who was crucified for our sins is risen.
- For Peace throughout the world, especially in Israel-Palestine, Ukraine and all the troubled areas of the world.
- For those who are experiencing difficulties with the rising cost of living.
- For all organisations who are working to support those in any kind of need
- For all who are suffering through illness or anxiety.

### **PCC meetings:**

Wednesday April 17th 7pm Dodford Annual Parish meeting in Dodford Village Hall

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

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

Tues April 2nd	2-4pm Craft 'n Chat	Weedon Chapter House
Tues April 9 <sup>th</sup>	Mothers' Union	Weedon Chapter House
Wed April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Lego afternoon	Weedon Chapter House
Thurs April 25 <sup>th</sup>	2pm Weedon Cinema	Weedon Chapter House
Sat April 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Church cleaning	Weedon Church With bacon butties and coffee

## **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>

Weedon Church will benefit every time that you shop online with a retailer which is registered with EasyFundraising.

## **Something to think about –**

“The joyful news that ‘He is Risen’ does not change the contemporary world. Still before us lie work, discipline, sacrifice. But the fact of Easter gives us the spiritual power to do the work, accept the discipline and make the sacrifice.”

St Augustine

“Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.”

Billy Graham