

# Together

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



## May 2024

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## **Worship:**

Wednesday May 1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am Weedon	Holy Communion
Sunday May 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Weedon	Holy Communion
<i>Easter 6 - Rogation</i>	11.00am Dodford	Holy Communion
Thursday May 9 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm Weedon	Holy Communion
<i>Ascension Day</i>		
Sunday May 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Weedon	Holy Communion
<i>Easter 7</i>	11.00am Everdon	Holy Communion
<i>Sunday after Ascension</i>		
Wednesday May 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am Riverside Court	Prayer and Praise
Sunday May 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Weedon	Holy Communion
<i>Pentecost</i>	<i>4pm to 5pm Together4 Pentecost</i>	
Sunday May 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Weedon	Holy Communion
<i>Trinity Sunday</i>	11.00am Everdon	Holy Communion

Dodford services are now only on the first Sunday in the month.

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

## **Readings:**

May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Acts 10.44-end	John 15.9-17
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Acts 1.15-17,21-26	John 17.6-19
May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Acts 2.1-21	John 15.26-27, 16.4b-15
May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Romans 8.12-17	John 3.1-17

As the season of Easter draws to an end, May gives us a wealth of special days – Rogation Sunday, Ascension Day, Pentecost Sunday (also known as Whit Sunday) and Trinity Sunday. Whilst Trinity Sunday may have the distinction of being the difficult one to explain, Rogation Sunday is, perhaps, the least well known.

Rogation Sunday is always on the sixth Sunday of Easter, just five weeks after Easter Day. It has this name because the following three days, which are the three days before Ascension Day, are Rogation Days. They are days when we ask God's blessing for our community and its sustenance. They are days for praying for agriculture and industry. From medieval times there has been a

tradition of 'beating the bounds', a procession around the borders of a community praying for God's blessing on the crops and so for the well-being of the community which depends on those crops. In more recent times praying for the community.

Perhaps as we walk or ride around our villages both on Rogation Sunday, and on those three Rogation Days, we can take some time to ask God's blessing on our communities. Thinking especially of those who live and work in them, and asking God's blessing on their work.

### **Prayers:**

- For the Holy Spirit to renew our commitment to Christ
- For the Annual Parish meetings and those offering their time and expertise to share in the administration of the church
- For Peace throughout the world, especially in Israel-Palestine, Ukraine and all the troubled areas of the world.
- For our communities, for all who live and work in them that there work may prosper to the good of those doing the work and the community.
- For all who are suffering through illness or anxiety.

### **PCC meetings:**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 7pm Everdon Annual Parish meeting in the Church

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 6.30pm Weedon Annual Parish meeting in the Chapter House.

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

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

Tues May 7th	2-4pm Craft 'n Chat	Weedon Chapter House
Tues May 14 <sup>th</sup>	2pm Mothers' Union	Weedon Chapter House
Sun May 19 <sup>th</sup>	4 - 5pm Together4 Pentecost	Weedon Chapter House
Sat May 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Church cleaning	Weedon Church With bacon butties and coffee

## **Looking ahead**

June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9.30am. Songs of Praise. Your hymn suggestions to Elizabeth Taylor or Jo Rogers by 26<sup>th</sup> May.

June 29<sup>th</sup> St Peter and St Paul Fete.

## **Regular Events**

Weedon Cinema meets again in September.

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 –**

Rogation gives us the opportunity to praise the Creator God, give thanks for our food and those who produce it; to pray a blessing on the communities we share together.