

# Together

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



## February 2025

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[www.wedchurches.com](http://www.wedchurches.com)

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## **Worship:**

Sunday Feb 2nd	9.30am Weedon	Holy Communion
<i>Presentation of Christ</i>	11.00am Dodford	Holy Communion
<i>White</i>		
Wednesday Feb 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am Weedon	Holy Communion
Sunday Feb 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Weedon	Holy Communion
<i>4 before Lent</i>	11.00am Everdon	Holy Communion
<i>Green</i>		
Sunday Feb 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Weedon	Holy Communion
<i>3 before Lent</i>	3.00pm Weedon	Farewell to Barbara
<i>Green</i>		
Wednesday Feb 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am Riverside Court	Prayer and Praise
Sunday Feb 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am Weedon	Sunday Worship
<i>2 before Lent</i>	11.00am Everdon	Holy Communion
<i>Green</i>		

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

## **Readings\*:**

Feb 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Malachi 3.1-5	Luke 2.22-40
Feb 9 <sup>th</sup>	1Corinthians 15.1-11	Luke 5.1-11
Feb 16 <sup>th</sup>	Jeremiah 17.5-10	Luke 6.17-26
Feb 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Revelation 4	Luke 8.22-25

February starts with the festival of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. The number of weeks between this festival and the start of Lent varies from year to year depending on the date of Easter. This year it is the longest possible with four Sundays in the gap before Ash Wednesday.

At the Presentation the infant Jesus is met by two people who have been waiting for him knowing the promise of the coming of the Messiah. Simeon had been told that he would see the Messiah

before he died. The other person is Anna who at eighty four waits for that Messiah. They had waited patiently to meet the Messiah and now both recognise him and rejoice.

The readings on the following Sundays help us to get to know Jesus as he calls his disciples, gives the famous Sermon on the Mount and calms the storm. For those involved it was a time of great change.

We will be going through change as Barbara retires. We rejoice and give thanks for her ministry to us. May we turn to Jesus to guide us through the changes ahead.

### **Prayers:**

- For Barbara as she prepares for her retirement
- For our benefice and all who advise us that wise decisions may be made for our future
- For each one of us as we continue to share God's love in our villages.
- For those who have particular difficulties in cold weather.
- For those in countries where conflict continues.
- For all who are ill and those who care for them.

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

Tue Feb 4 <sup>th</sup>	2-4pm	Craft 'n' Chat	Weedon Chapter House
Tue Feb 11 <sup>th</sup>	2-4pm	Mothers' Union	Weedon Chapter House
Sat Feb 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am	Weedon Church cleaning with breakfast	
Thurs Feb 27 <sup>th</sup>	2 for 2.30pm	Cinema Club	Weedon Chapter House

### **PCC meetings:**

There are no PCC meetings in February

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

## **Regular Events**

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

Bellringing practice in **Everdon** is on Mondays from 7.30pm to 9pm. All are welcome.

The monthly clean of Weedon Church now happens on the last Saturday of the month at 9.30am.

*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>

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## **Something to think about –**

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future"

Jeremiah 29:11