

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 Mar 2nd <i>Next before Lent</i> <i>Green</i>	9.30am Weedon 11.00am Dodford	Sunday Worship Holy Communion
Wednesday Mar 5 th <i>Ash Wednesday</i> <i>Purple</i>	10.30am Weedon 7.00pm Weedon	Worship and Bible Holy Communion
Sunday Mar 9 th <i>Lent 1</i> <i>Purple</i>	9.30am Weedon 11.00am Everdon	Sunday Worship Holy Communion
Sunday Mar 16 th <i>Lent 2</i> <i>Purple</i>	9.30am Weedon	Holy Communion
Wednesday Mar 19 th	10.30am Riverside Court	Prayer and Praise
Sunday Mar 23 rd <i>Lent 3</i> <i>Purple</i>	9.30am Weedon 11.00am Everdon	Holy Communion Morning Prayer
Sunday Mar 30 th <i>Mothering Sunday</i> <i>Purple</i>	9.30am Weedon 11.00am Everdon	Breakfast Church Holy Communion

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

Readings*:

Mar 2 nd	2Corinthians 3.12 - 4.2	Luke 9.28-43a
Mar 9 th	Romans 10. 8b -13	Luke 4.1-13
Mar 16 th	Philippians 3.17-4.1	Luke 13.31-end
Mar 23 rd	Isaiah 55. 1-9	Luke 13.1-9
Mar 30 th	Exodus 2.1-10	Luke 2.33-35

We are now in an 'in between' time as Revd Barbara has now retired and we wait to discover just what is to happen next for our parishes. It is important that we put our future into God's hands in prayer.

I believe it is fortunate that on 5th March Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. Lent is a time for prayer, fasting and works of love; a time to think more closely about our relationship with God and with our neighbour. So, we soon have this special time to pray and to listen for God's will, for the church and for ourselves. Many will give something up or do something positive for Lent. Can we do, or not do, something to make us more aware of God's presence with us? Finally, 'acts of love', Lent is a time to make special efforts to be considerate of others, whether the person next door or on the other side of the world. May your Lent be blessed.

Prayers:

- For our benefice and all who advise us that wise decisions may be made for our future.
- For all those who will lead our worship and keep our churches active in the coming weeks.
- For Revd Barbara as she begins her retirement.
- 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 Mar 4th 2-4pm Craft 'n' Chat Weedon Chapter House
Tue Mar 11th 2-4pm Mothers' Union Weedon Chapter House
Fridays March 14, 21, 28, & April 4, 11 12noon -2pm Lent Group
Sat Mar 29th 9.30am Weedon Church cleaning with breakfast
Thurs Mar 27th 2 for 2.30pm Cinema Club Weedon Chapter House

PCC meetings:

We are approaching the Annual Parochial Church meeting and meeting for Election of Churchwardens (APCM) in each of our churches. This is an important meeting in the life of each parish when the churchwardens and PCC members are elected. Only those on the electoral roll are entitled to vote. This year the electoral roll of each church must be revised. If you wish to remain

on the electoral roll, you must complete and hand in an application form by a date to be specified in each parish.

For those in Weedon a completed electoral roll application form must be handed in by 9th March to be on the roll at the APCM which will take place on Thursday, 27 March at 7 for 7.30 in the Chapter House.

Everdon's APCM will be on Wednesday, 30th April at 7pm in Everdon Church.

Dodford's APCM will be on Thursday, 29th May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Please, watch out for dates by which electoral roll forms need to be handed in at Everdon and Dodford.

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>

Something to think about –

"There are three elements that are almost always part of Lent: prayer, giving something up, and giving something back."

Elizabeth Hyndman