

Together

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



April 2025

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Worship:

Wednesday Apr 2 nd <i>Purple</i>	10.30am Weedon	Worship and Bible Time
Sunday April 6 th <i>Lent 5</i> <i>Purple</i>	9.30am Weedon 11.00am Dodford	Sunday Worship Holy Communion
Sunday Apr 13 th <i>Palm Sunday</i> <i>Red</i>	9.30am Weedon 11.00am Everdon	Sunday Worship Holy Communion
Wednesday Apr 16 th	10.30am Riverside Court	Prayer and Praise
Sunday Apr 20 th <i>Easter Day</i> <i>White</i>	9.30am Weedon 11.00 am Dodford 11.00am Everdon	Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion
Sunday Apr 27 th <i>Easter 2</i> <i>White</i>	9.30am Weedon 11.00am Everdon	Holy Communion Morning Prayer

Holy Week

Mon - Weds Apr 14 th -16 th	7.00pm Weedon	Holy Week Prayers
Thurs Apr 17 th <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	7.00pm Weedon URC Chapel Celebration of the Last Supper	
<i>Fri Apr 18th</i> <i>Good Friday</i>	2.00pm Weedon 7.00pm Weedon	'At the Foot of the Cross' Good Friday Prayers

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

Readings*:

Apr 6 th	Philippians 3. 4b-14	John 12.1-8
Apr 13 th	Philippians 2.5-11,	Luke 19.28-40, Luke 22.14-23.56
Apr 20 th	Acts 10.34-43	Luke 24.1-12
Apr 27 th	Acts 5. 27-32	John 20.19-end

April begins with the second half of Lent. The time when we think deeply about Jesus' journey to the Cross. On Palm Sunday the

crowds welcome Jesus into Jerusalem. Plotting and scheming against Jesus continue during Holy Week. On Maundy Thursday we remember Jesus' command to remember him by sharing bread and wine. Then on Good Friday Jesus is crucified.

On Easter Day the tempo changes dramatically as we celebrate that Jesus Christ is Risen from the dead. Jesus died for us and overcame all that separates us from God's love and overcame death itself.

It is not too late to join us for the last two sessions of our Lent course as we think more deeply about Prayer. We hope that this will help to equip us to walk more closely with Jesus and to fully share in the joy of Easter.

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 as we work towards the end of Lent, walking with Jesus on the way to the Cross and a joyous celebration of Easter.
- For those in countries where conflict continues. Remembering those who may not be able to mark Lent and Easter as they would wish.
- For all who are ill and those who care for them.

Social events and groups around the benefice:

Tue Apr 1st 2-4pm Craft 'n' Chat Weedon Chapter House

Tue Apr 15th 2pm Mothers' Union Weedon Chapter House
Easter Service

Fridays April 4, 11 12noon -2pm Lent Group

Mon April 14th to Thurs April 17th Children's Treasure Hunt in Church and Church Yard, Weedon.

Sat Apr 19th 9.30am Weedon Church cleaning with breakfast and children collect prizes from the Treasure Hunt.

Note the change of date in preparation for Easter

Thurs Apr 24th 2 for 2.30pm Cinema Club Weedon Chapter House

PCC meetings:

Everdon PCC meeting Wednesday 2nd April at 7pm

Weedon APCM 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 –

“The great gift of Easter is hope.” — Basil Hume