

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HARDWICK and WEEDON

St. Mary's Parish Church
Weedon Methodist Chapel



May 2026

Parish Magazine and Village Newsletter

Dear Friends,

My favourite son - who is a music teacher - has just acquired himself a new job. He will be leaving his school in Bishop's Stortford and moving to take up a post at Harrow School in Bangkok, the capital of Thailand. It is, I should explain, not a surprise as we have long thought that he would venture overseas as he has a natural gift for languages and the delight in travel. The only drawback is the prospect of a long, long flight to go and visit him which fills me with a sense of trepidation, but I will do it.

The most intriguing part of the whole process is that, as part of his relocation allowance, he is given a defined amount of packing space which his new employer will pay to be moved out to its new home in the Far East. This all has to be sent off weeks in advance and will hopefully await him when he arrives at his new accommodation.

It poses the question that if you had to compress all of your possessions into a few cubic metres what would be the essentials?

One of my daughter's favourite films is *Leap Year* which stars Amy Adams and Matthew Goode. The girl has arrived in Ireland, where her boyfriend is attending a conference, with the intention of proposing to him on February 29th when Irish tradition reputedly allows the woman to propose. Goode is her companion on a somewhat fantastical journey as she tries to reach Dublin by the appointed day. Once Adams and boyfriend have returned to America there is a scene where she sets the fire alarm off in their flat so she can assess what her boyfriend considers to be important. He simply seeks out those things that have the highest monetary value and she departs back to Ireland to her former travelling companion.

What is really important? If you were allowed to keep say just three things what would they be?

When retirement comes, we will have to downsize. One benefit of being a cleric is that you are provided with a house which is normally of a reasonable size but it does mean that there will come the time when difficult choices will have to be made about what to keep and what to let go and, almost inevitably, there will be some really challenging choices.

It is a fascinating question of whether we go for things which have emotional or financial value, whether we search out the sentimental or prefer the practical.

The reality is that the three possessions that we might take with us probably indicate an awful lot about the sort of people that we are, what is really important to us. So, what would you keep?

What's important to us shows where we place love in our lives. If you go for photos or sentimental artefacts then we might suggest you are in a better place - as love takes precedence.

We are reminded of holding close those things that really matter, that have value far beyond the financial, that unlock something of what love is all about.

We pause in memory of the Jesus who gave up everything for the love of us, who left the glories of heaven, who came and fashioned a way for us to be reconciled to the God who made us. Love, when pure, is glorious. The love of Jesus is exceptional and we have to ask ourselves what this love means to us.

Blessings,

Richard

Churches Together in Hardwick and Weedon

Sunday 3rd May 2026

At 9.00 a.m. in St. Mary's Parish Church

Rev. Richard Atkinson will lead a Family Communion Service

Sunday 10th May 2026

At 9.30 a.m. in The Weedon Methodist Chapel

Louise Atkinson will lead a Family Service
all children welcome

Sunday 17th May 2026

At 9.30 a.m. in St. Mary's Parish Church

Rev. Janet Bayly will lead a Family Service

Sunday 24th May 2026

At 9.30 a.m. in St. Mary's Parish Church

Rev. Canon Valerie Plumb will lead a Family Communion Service

Sunday 31st May 2026

At 9.00 a.m. in St. Mary's Parish Church

Rev. Richard Atkinson will lead a Family Communion Service

Sunday 7th June 2026

At 9.00 a.m. in St. Mary's Parish Church

Rev. Richard Atkinson will lead a Family Communion Service

St Mary's of Hardwick with Weedon

**Annual Parochial Church
Council Meeting**

Will be held on

Thursday 14th May

At 7pm at St Mary's Church

All are welcome to join in. If you would like to join the PCC or stand for a position or help out in any way, please contact

Weedonhardwickchurches@gmail.com

or PCC Secretary Helen McIntyre on
01296 640383

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* **IN MEMORIAM – MAY** *

* William Bush	1982	*
* Anthony Rugge-Price	1997	*
* Mary Ming	2003	*
* Mary Rugge-Price	2010	*
* Zena Dickins	2015	*
* David Dickins	2020	*
* Jean Kent	2020	*
* Peter Best	2020	*
* Amanda Tofield	2024	*

* *Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy –* *

* *Matthew 5:7* *

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Come and drop in at ...

*Have a chat
Catch up with the news
Chill out ...*

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WEEDON



*Friday 10.30 am to 12 noon
May 1st 2026*

**The Schoolroom Café
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FIRST FRIDAY in each
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Book Swap Corner
... bring one to take one ...



TUESDAY CLUB WEEDON

**Tuesday May 12th
at 8 pm**
in Weedon Old Schoolroom

“THE COUNTRYSIDE IN SPRING”

An illustrated talk by the excellent Mr John Tyler.

We look forward to seeing you.
Please contact Judy Nagele on 01296 641278
for more details.

**Deadline for June Magazine
End of Wednesday May 13th**

Come and join us for a game of



Whist

New venue: WEEDON SCHOOL ROOM

May 12th and 26th starting 2.00 pm, £5 per person
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VILLAGE NOTICES

This is a shout out to any young people interested in flexible, ad hoc work.

Louise Davis is looking for enthusiastic individuals to help with a range of catering and hospitality events. No prior experience is necessary; what matters most is a positive attitude and willingness to get stuck in! A great opportunity to work with Hardwick's finest caterer....

Contact Louise directly if interested - 07979 578055

WEEDON and HARDWICK VILLAGE SHOW Saturday 5th Septem-

Don't forget to start growing your Fruit and Veg and prepare your garden flowers, ready to show them in the "Village Show." And for all the "Arty-Crafty people- get creative and start to paint and knit and sew and make your models, and don't forget to take some photos too, of your favourite things.

"Cookery Judge" needed for Weedon Village Show in September

A Cookery teacher would be ideal or someone that enjoys cooking. Classes are for Cakes, pastry bread and biscuits. Qualifications are not a necessity but it needs to be someone outside of the Village.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HARDWICK WITH WEEDON

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CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HARDWICK WITH WEEDON

FIX & FASHION FESTIVAL

Get your broken items fixed & pick up some sustainable fashion



10TH MAY | 11 - 1
WEEDON CHAPEL

To donate good quality mens / womans / childrens / clothing or offer to volunteer, please contact weedonhardwickchurches@gmail.com



Saturday 30th May 2026

2pm - 5pm

Tea & coffee available
for a donation.

Pop by John Bridles Hall for a map.

All proceeds will be donated to Florence Nightingale Hospice

For the Open Gardens this year we will be running a fun event - plant up a pair of shoes, boots, in fact any footwear! Drop off to The Maltings for display, where garden visitors can vote for their prize favourite - Adults and children all very welcome.

Get thinking, get creative, get planting !



Weedon Art Class

Every Thursday

2-4 pm

The Old Schoolroom, Weedon

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MEET UP LUNCH CLUB

Tuesday 12th May
(every 2nd Tuesday of the month)

Join our Cublington community lunch
to make new or connect with old
friends.

Come along to a friendly welcome,
have a chat to your neighbours over a
two course lunch.

We look forward to seeing you,
pavilion open from 12.15pm with lunch
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MENU

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Two courses £20

Please bring your own drinks (BYOB)

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date for bookings Friday 10th April
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CASH & CARD ACCEPTED

Wild Weedon

The Weedon Wildlife Group aims to protect and promote wildlife in and around Weedon and Hardwick



Earlier in the year the Blackthorn was out in force in our hedgerows. Now it's the turn of the Hawthorn and the Crab Apples too.

All around the signs of Spring are more and more apparent and if they're not already hatched there will soon be ducklings on the village pond. Wild Weedon has sponsored an information board for the pond which will be officially unveiled on the morning of 24 May at 11:30, so why not come along and enjoy this latest piece of community wildlife activity?

Garden wildlife is hugely important and No Mow May is always a good idea to help out our garden wildlife. While we are surrounded by Countryside, our gardens are still havens for wild flowers, pollinators, hedgehogs, birds and of course visiting foxes. We can all help by leaving some areas untidy with grass allowed to grow long, piles of sticks for insect nests and of course thick hedges for the birds to nest in.

There has been a recent change to advice for feeding birds in the garden. The RSPB now advise not to put out nuts and seeds from May to October and not to use flat table like feeders. The aim is to encourage finches in particular to disperse more and feed naturally and thus prevent the spread of a disease called *trichomonosis* which they are prone to. More information can be found here: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/news/how-to-help-garden-birds>

Please post photos to our facebook site or put sightings on the Wild Weedon website: www.wildweedon.org.uk and select Sightings from the menu so we can track the progress of spring.

If you've any ideas for Wild Weedon projects in the coming year just contact us at contact@wildweedon.org.uk .

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WEEDON



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Applications for single grants are invited from, and on behalf of, individuals between the ages of 5 to 21 years inclusive who are resident in Whitchurch, Oving, Pitchcott, Hardwick, Weedon, Creslow and Dunton, to a maximum of £500 per award.

Applications for single grants are also invited from not-for-profit clubs, societies and organisations operating primarily for young people between the ages of 5 to 21 years and who predominately reside in Whitchurch, Oving, Pitchcott, Hardwick, Weedon, Creslow and Dunton, to a maximum of £3,000 per award.

Grants will be awarded three times per year, with the deadline for receipt of completed application forms being the 20th of each February / May / October – grant application review meetings will be held shortly after these dates.

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Date	Granborough	N. Marston	Dunton	Hoggeston	Hardwick	Whitechurch	Oving	Qualington	Waddesdon	Westcott	Winchendon
03.Mai								8.00 BCP HC SF			
Easter 5	11.00 FS PE	10.00 FS DH		9.00 FC RA	11.00 FC GE	11.00 FS JV	11.00 FS JV	9.30 Breakfast SaF 6.00 ES SaF	11.00 FC + bapt CW	9.30 FC CW	
White											
10.Mai											
Easter 6	10.30 Rogat JB	10.30 Rogat JB (Dancers farm)		9.30 FS LL Weedon	11.00 MP JBu	11.00 Rogat SF (Hill Farm)	11.00 Rogat SF (Hill Farm)	11.00 Rogat SF (Hill Farm) LL	11.00 MP		9.30 HC CW
White											
17.Mai											
Sun.a.R.Ass	11.00 FS LL	9.30 Cafe/APCM PE/MP		11.00 HC VP	11.00 FS JB	11.00 FS JV	11.00 FS JV	9.30 MS SF 6.00 HC SaF	11.00 Cafe/APCM CW		
White											
24.Mai											
Pentecost	11.00 FC PE/MP	9.30 HC PE/MP		9.30 FC VP	10.45 Meth	11.00 FS SF	11.00 FS SF	9.30 MS SF 6.00 P & W SF	11.00 HC CW		9.30 MP CW
Red											
31.Mai											
Trinity	10.30 Cafe/APCM PE/MP	9.30 FS GE		9.00 FC RA	11.00 FC TH	11.00 FS SF	11.00 FS SF	9.30 Break JV 6.00 ES SaF	11.00 Refl/healing CW		
Gold/White											
07.Jun											
Trinity 1	11.00 FS LL	10.00 FS DH		9.00 FC RA	11.00 FC GE	11.00 FS JV	11.00 FS JV	8.00 BCP HC SF 9.30 Break JV 6.00 Int praise SF	11.00 FC JB	9.30 FC JB	
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