

Stodden Worship: We are going to continue with the 10.30 ZOOM service for the time being for those who feel safer with that format

September

	9.00am	10.30am
<i>The 1st Sunday</i>		
September 5 th Trinity 14	Melchbourne	Yelden
<i>The 2nd Sunday</i>		
September 12 th Trinity 15	Shelton	Pertenhall
<i>The 3rd Sunday</i>		
September 19 th Trinity 16	9.00am Holy Communion / @ Yelden	9.15am Café Sunday 10 th Anniversary
<i>The 4th Sunday</i>		
September 26 th Trinity 17	Swineshead	Dean

October

<i>The 1st Sunday</i>		
October 3 rd Trinity 18	Melchbourne	Yelden

The 9.00am Service will be using the format we have been using at 9.00am and the 10.30am will use Common Worship. We will seek to have hymns at all services either played live or using the Bose.

VIRTUAL COLLECTION PLATE: If you wish to be able to give electronically here are the Stodden Churches bank detail: Stodden account number 10842168 sort code 20-74-81

HONEYCOMB: Honeycomb is now available as a virtual publication and the August issue is available through this link:

<https://fliphtml5.com/bookcase/ljoll>

ACCESS TO CHURCHES if anyone would like to enter one of the church buildings for prayer at the moment the best thing to ask them to contact me

DO MAKE USE OF OUR WEBSITE Our website is THE STODDEN CHURCHES. There you will find service information. It is somewhere you can suggest people look for information who are new to the area.

The Stodden Churches

Prayers and Readings for the week beginning Sunday 12th September 2021 – The 15th after Trinity

Our Vision Statement: *As the Stodden Churches we seek to move forward together in love and service, sharing the good news of Christ with our neighbours*

From the Stodden Villages please remember in your prayers :

Louise Goodman, Teresa Allan, Pauline McManus, Steve Lemming, Andy Langley, Andrew Seabrook, Rosemary Morgan, Susan Stark (Helen Brighton's mum), Jan Brookshaw, *If someone would like a visit or a prayer tell Stephen the Rector (709740)*

This week's Psalm: 116:1-9

- ¹ I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.
- ² **Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**
- ³ The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.
- ⁴ **Then I called on the name of the LORD: 'O LORD, I pray, save my life!'**
- ⁵ **Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.**
- ⁶ The LORD protects the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.
- ⁷ **Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.**
- ⁸ For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.
- ⁹ **I walk before the LORD in the land of the living.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

The 1st Reading: James 3:1-12:

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The 2nd Reading: Mark 8:27-end:

²⁷ Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' ²⁸And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' ²⁹He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' ³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

The Intercessions

We pray for God's grace in our lives, in his church and in our communities.

Lord, receive our praise

and hear our prayer.

Lord God, through your grace we are your people:

through your Son you have redeemed us;

in your Spirit you have made us as your own.

We pray for those new to faith that they may grow into a deeper knowledge of you, we pray for those being baptised this day into your family of the Church; in particular for Raife Wallis as he is baptised at All Hallows Dean today

Make our hearts respond to your love.

Lord, receive our praise

and hear our prayer.

We pray for our world and we ask that those who stand for the values of your Kingdom, the way of peace and love in which the meek and poor are blessed, maybe heard by those in authority. We pray for all who bear the task of government at both national and local level.

Make our lives bear witness to your glory in the world.

Lord, receive our praise

and hear our prayer.

We pray for those within our Stodden villages who are in need through change of circumstance, illness or bereavement. May your guiding and strengthening hand be upon their lives. Make our wills eager to obey, and our hands ready to heal.

Lord, receive our praise

and hear our prayer.

We give thanks for prayers answered for those we have brought before you asking for your healing and peace; and today we lift to you those in need of your healing on our intercessions list and in our hearts We also ask that you will be close to those who are mourning the loss of a loved one.

Make our voices one with all your people in heaven and on earth.

Lord of life,

hear our prayer,

and make us one in heart and mind

to serve you with joy for ever.

Amen.