

NOTICES:

TODAY: Sunday 1st September Trinity 11

6.00pm Evening Service (Melchbourne)

Midweek Communion: Shelton (should have been Dean)

Sunday 8th September Trinity 11

9.00am Holy Communion (*Dean in the URC Chapel due to bats*)

10.30am Holy Communion (Melchbourne)

6.00pm Evening Service Pertenhall)

Midweek Communion: Shelton

The Readings for next Sunday:

Trinity 11 – 1st September: Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Luke 14:25-33

HARVEST SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

Melchbourne's Harvest Communion will be on 22nd September @ 9.00am

Dean's Harvest Festival Service will be shared with the URC Chapel and will

be at the Chapel on Sunday 29th September @ 2.30pm (This means that there will **not** be a 10.30 communion service on the 29th as it would have been at Dean)

Afternoon Alpha: *I running a sort version of the Alpha Course which is a good introduction to Christianity from Thursday 19th 3.00pm in Melchbourne –talk to Stephen for more information.*

USE OUR WEBSITE We do have a website for THE STODDEN CHURCHES. If you are looking for service information you will find it there. Please make use of it, and it is somewhere you can suggest people look for information who are new to the area or the congregation.

Stephen turns into the Rector of Stodden : This will happen with the Archdeacon of Bedford in the 10.30 service on Advent Sunday 1st December

Banns: I publish the banns of marriage between Andrew Clifton of All Saints Clifton and Rebecca Elmore with close connection to St. Mary Magdalene Melchbourne. This is for the *third* time of asking. If any of you know any reason in law why they should not marry each other you are to declare it. *Lord of love, we pray for Andrew and Rebecca. Be with them in all their preparations and on their wedding day(s). Give them your love in their hearts throughout their married life together, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

The Stodden Churches

Sunday 1st September 2019

The 11th Sunday 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

10.30am Morning Worship

Today's Hymns are from Hymns Old and New

564 Ye holy angels

128 Fight the good fight

392 O thou who camest

408 Onward Christian

Today's Collect God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen**

The Stodden Prayer for Growth

Lord Jesus Christ, who calls us to sow the seeds of faith in the communities that make up the Stodden Churches we ask you to come and fill us with your Spirit so that our lives may show signs of new life and joy in you; and make us bold in word and deed so that others may be drawn to faith in you. Lord Jesus we ask you to bless the Stodden Church so that it may grow in numbers and in knowledge and love of you. Lord Jesus Christ, we ask this in your name. Amen

Please remember in your prayers : Ken Rowlatt, Teresa Allan, Pauline McManus, Steve Lemming, Trish Sizer, Frances Bratcher, Andy Langley, Piers Black-Hawkins, Andrew Seabrook, Grant Williams, Anne Hauxwell, Sharon Rhodes. *If someone would like a visit or a prayer tell Stephen (709740)*

The Psalm: 112

Praise the LORD!

Happy are those who fear the LORD,
who greatly delight in his commandments.

**2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

**3 Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures for ever.**

**4 They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

**5 It is well with those who deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs with justice.**

**6 For the righteous will never be moved;
they will be remembered for ever.**

**7 They are not afraid of evil tidings;
their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.**

**8 Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

**9 They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;
their righteousness endures for ever;
their horn is exalted in honour.**

**10 The wicked see it and are angry;
they gnash their teeth and melt away;
the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.**

**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 First Reading Proverbs 25: 6-7:

**6 Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great;**

**7 for it is better to be told, 'Come up here',
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.**

The Second Reading Luke 14:1, 7-14:

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

7 When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. **8** 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; **9** and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. **10** But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. **11** For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

12 He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. **13** But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. **14** And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

