

NOTICES:

TODAY: Sunday 8th September Trinity 12

6.00pm Evening Service (Pertenhall)

Midweek Communion: Shelton

Sunday 15th September Trinity 13

9.15am Café Sunday @ Yelden Village Hall

10.30am *Said* Holy Communion (Pertenhall)

6.00pm Evening Service (Shelton)

Midweek Communion: Yelden

The Readings for next Sunday:

Trinity 13 – 22nd September 10.30 only: 1 Tim.1:12-17, Luke 15:1-10

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)

Please note that the 9.00am service on the 29th will be at Shelton

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

Sharnbrook Deanery: Listening to Young People project

Please pray for: Young People aged 11-25 in our whole Deanery

For Monica Bergh the Deanery funded Youth worker giving us 10hrs a month for this year

For "Our Voice" a monthly meeting for the young people 5-6.30pm; 15th September @ The Chellington Centre, Carlton.

The Stodden Churches

Sunday 8th September 2019

The 12th 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*

You are very welcome to our Church today. The 10.30am Common Worship service can be found in the Red Book, starting on page 1. If you are a full member of your own church, please take communion with us. If you are not confirmed please come to the altar for a blessing, bringing your pew sheet with you.

Today's Hymns are from Hymns Old and New

56 Be thou my vision

464 Take my life

148 The Servant King

310 Lord for the years

Today's Collect : God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us, help us to count the cost of following the call of your Son to be his disciples, increase your grace within us that we bear the weight of service; through Jesus Christ 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

*****We will be using the Gloria on page 5**

*****We will be using Eucharistic Prayer: E on page 30**

Please remember in your prayers : Ken Rowlatt, Teresa Allan, Pauline McManus, Steve Lemming, Rosemary Morgan, 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 First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

15 See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God⁺ that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

The Gospel Reading: Luke 14:25-33:

25 Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, “This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.” ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.