

Notices:

TODAY: Sunday 22nd September Trinity 14

No evening service

Midweek Communion: Pertenall

Sunday 29th September Trinity 15

9.00am Holy Communion *BCP* @ Shelton

No 10.30 service

2.30pm Harvest Festival for Dean @ the URC Chapel

Midweek Communion: Yelden

The Readings for next Sunday:

Trinity 15 – 29th September 9.00am *only*: Amos 6:1, 4-7, Luke 16:19-31

HARVEST SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

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

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.

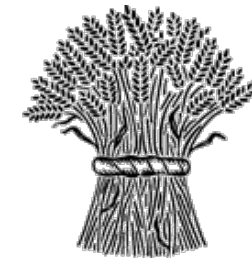
Stephen turns into the Rector of Stodden : This will happen with the Archdeacon of Bedford in the 10.30 service on Advent Sunday 1st December

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; 12th October @ All Saints Church Turvey.

St. Mary Magdalene Melchbourne



HARVEST FESTIVAL 2019

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

The Harvest service is found on the All Age Service Sheet and the 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 so that the Minister knows that is what you would like. Children are welcome to come and receive a blessing.

Today's Hymns are from Hymns Old and New

101 Come ye thankful people come
524 To thee O Lord our hearts we raise
534 We plough the fields

The Harvest Collect: Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, 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**

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

The Gospel: Matthew 6:25-33

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well