

Notices for the Stodden Churches:

This week:

Tuesday 3.00pm Funeral of Ken Rowlatt

Wednesday Midweek Communion: Swineshead

Sunday 6th October Trinity 16

9.00am Holy Communion *BCP* @ Yelden

10.30am Holy Communion (CW) @ Melchbourne

6.00pm Harvest Festival for Shelton

Midweek Communion: Melchbourne

The Readings for next Sunday:

Trinity 16 – 6th October : 2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:5-10

HARVEST SERVICES IN OCTOBER

Shelton's Harvest will be next Sunday @ 6.00pm

Yelden's Harvest Service will be on Sunday 13th October @ 6.00pm

Also Yelden will be having their Harvest Supper and Show on Saturday October 2nd in the evening – more detail please contact Mike Pond.

DO LOOK AT 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.

The Stodden Churches

Sunday 29th September 2019

The 15th Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Book of Common Prayer Communion Service @ All Hallows Dean

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 Holy Communion service can be found in the Red Book.

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 Collect

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in 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

The First Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that* we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made* the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

The Gospel Reading: Luke 16:19-31:

Jesus told this parable to the Pharisees:

¹⁹ ‘There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham.* The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side.* ²⁴He called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.” ²⁵But Abraham said, “Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.” ²⁷He said, “Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house— ²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.” ²⁹Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.” ³⁰He said, “No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” ³¹He said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.” ’