

Notices for the Stodden Churches:

This week:

Wednesday Midweek Communion: Melchbourne

Sunday 13th October Trinity 17

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 17 – 13th October : Kings 5:1-3, 7-15, Luke 17:11-19

HARVEST SERVICES IN OCTOBER

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

Also Yelden will be having their Harvest Supper and Show on Saturday October 12th 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 @ St. Mary's Carlton.

Please remember in your prayers : Teresa Allan, Pauline McManus, Steve Lemming, Rosemary Morgan, Trish Sizer, Frances Bratcher, Andy Langley, Piers Black-Hawkins, Andrew Seabrook, Grant Williams, Anne Hauxwell,

The Stodden Churches

Sunday 6th October 2019

The 16th 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

15 All my faith on God is founded
63 Blessed are the pre in heart
128 Fight the good fight
27 Amazing grace

Today's Collect Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence; give us pure hearts steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and truth; 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: A on page 18**

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Rest in peace: We give thanks for the life of Susannah Robinson who passed away last Sunday

If someone would like a visit or a prayer tell Stephen (709740)

The First Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

2 To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

3 I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

8 Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The Gospel Reading: Luke 17:5-10:

5 The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' ⁶The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

7 'Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"? ⁸Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"? ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!" '