

**TODAY:** *Prayers of Remembrance said at Shelton, Melchbourne, Swineshead and Pertenhall beginning at 2.00pm*

Wednesday: 9.45am Holy Communion @ Swineshead

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent / Shoebox Sunday**

9.15am Café Sunday @ Yelden Village Hall *receiving shoeboxes*

10.30am *Said service CW Holy Communion @ Melchbourne*

*No evening service*

**The Readings for next Sunday:**

2<sup>nd</sup> before Advent – 17<sup>th</sup> November: Malachi 4:1-2, Luke 21:5-19

**SHOEBOX SUNDAY 17.11.19**

This is our annual appeal *Operation Christmas Child* where you are invited to fill a shoebox with gifts for children around the world as an expression of God's love. We will ask God's blessing on the shoebox gifts at Café Sunday.

**Advent Calendars:** The Real Advent Calendar is the only advent calendar that focuses on the real Christmas Story. Each calendar comes with a free 28 page Christmas story-activity booklet designed to be used each day in Advent. Behind each of the 24 windows, there is a Fairtrade Belgian chocolate. Cost £3.99 each. Please let Stephen know if you want one.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> December

**The Stodden Churches**  
**on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019**  
**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**  
**ARMISTICE DAY**

**SUNDAY NOTICES**

***They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old***

**Collect:**

Ever-living God, we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**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,

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

### **Micah 4:1-5:**

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised up above the hills.

Peoples shall stream to it, and many nations shall come and say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore; but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken. For all the peoples walk, each in the name of its god, but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever.

### **Matthew 5:1-12**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

3 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 5 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

6 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

7 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

8 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. 10 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.