

## Stodden Notices for Christmas Café Sunday

### Holy Communion for 3<sup>rd</sup> of Advent

15<sup>th</sup> December 2019

#### This Week

TODAY 4.30pm Carols and Christingles @ Pertenhall Church  
Tuesday 7.00pm Carol Singing @ Yelden  
Wednesday: 9.45 Holy Communion @ Pertenhall  
Thursday 1.30pm Memorial Service for Mike Taylor @ Yelden

### Sunday 22.12.19 4th Sunday of Advent

9.00am Holy Communion (BCP) @ Pertenhall  
10.30am Holy Communion (CW) @ Melchbourne  
4.30pm Carol Service @ Shelton  
5.00pm Carol Service @ Yelden

### The Readings for next Sunday

Advent 4 – 22.12.19 Isaiah 7:10-16, Matthew 1:18-end

### Christmas Eve

4.00pm Carol Service @ Dean  
4.30pm Carol Service @ Swineshead  
6.00pm Carol Service @ Melchbourne  
11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion @ Yelden

### Christmas Day

9.30pm All Age Communion @ Swineshead

### 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.*

### Prayers, Collect and Readings for the 10.30 Service

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

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

**Collect:** God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### 1st reading – James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. <sup>9</sup>Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

### Gospel reading – Matthew 11:2-11

<sup>2</sup> When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup>and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'  
<sup>7</sup> As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. <sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you."  
<sup>11</sup>Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.