

**Please remember in your prayers :** Teresa Allan, Pauline McManus, Steve Lemming, Trish Sizer, Frances Bratcher, Andy Langley, Piers Black-Hawkins, Andrew Seabrook, Rosemary Morgan. *If someone would like a visit or a prayer tell Stephen the Rector (709740)*

**Rest in Peace:** Peter Rushton buried @ Yelden on Friday and Grant Williams who passed away Friday morning.

### **Church Notices**

*No evening service this week*

### **Ash Wednesday:**

9.45am Holy Communion @ Yelden

**7.30pm Holy Communion @ Shelton**

### ***March 2020***

### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 1<sup>st</sup> of Lent**

9.00am Holy Communion (BCP) @ Shelton

10.30am Morning Worship (CW) @ Yelden

6.00pm ***Lent Reflection on Psalm 23*** @ Dean

### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2<sup>nd</sup> of Lent**

9.00am Holy Communion (BCP) @ Melchbourne

10.30am Holy Communion (CW) @ Pertenhall

6.00pm ***Lent Reflection on Psalm 121*** @ Yelden

### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 3<sup>rd</sup> of Lent**

9.15am Café Sunday @ Yelden Village Hall

10.30am Holy Communion (CW) @ Shelton

6.00pm ***Lent Reflection on Psalm 51*** @ Melchbourne

### **LENT LUNCHES BEGIN ON THURSDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> OF FEBRUARY**

**The 1st Lunch will be at Pertenhall at Julie Botterill's house**

**Banns (1):** *Chris Starr and Cassie Stuart marrying @ Kimbolton resident in Pertenhall*

**The Stodden Churches**  
**on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020**  
**Sunday next before Lent**

### **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**

**242** Immortal invisible

**53** Be still for the presence of the Lord

**56** Be thou my vision

**502** Thine arm O Lord

**Today's Collect:** Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ your Son 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: F on page 32**

**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

**The First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18**

<sup>12</sup> The LORD said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' <sup>13</sup> So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup> To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'

<sup>15</sup> Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup> The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup> Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup> Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

**The Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-9:**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup> And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>3</sup> Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup> Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings\* here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' <sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved;\* with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' <sup>8</sup> And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

<sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

**Lent Sermon Series @ 10.30am Service**

**Following Jesus in facing temptation and evil**

*Lent 1 Mark 1:1-13 "Facing temptation in the Wilderness"*

*Lent 2 Mark 3:20-30 "Unfounded accusations"*

*Lent 3 Mark 8:27-38 "The Agenda of Man verse that of God"*

*Lent 5 Mark 14:32-41 "Watch and pray"*

**Lent Reflections**

***Lent Reflection on Psalm 23 @ Dean***

***Lent Reflection on Psalm 121 @ Yelden***

***Lent Reflection on Psalm 51 @ Melchbourne***

***Lent Reflection on Psalm 8 @ Shelton***

***Lent Reflection on Psalm 1 @ Swineshead***

***Lent Reflection on Psalm 22 @ Pertenhall***

**Lent Lunches**

*The Lent lunches are a way of both having fellowship and raising money for the Stodden Lent Charities which are SEDCU (helping children in need of education in Uganda, The Church Army and the Stables at Bolnhurst. They take place on Thursday in Lent from midday onwards.*

*27<sup>th</sup> February - Pertenhall @ Julie Botterill's 36 Wood End*

*5<sup>th</sup> March - Yelden @ Mike and Leslie Pond's*

*12<sup>th</sup> March - Shelton*

*19<sup>th</sup> March - Dean*

*26<sup>th</sup> March - Swineshead*

*2<sup>nd</sup> April - Melchbourne*

*The venues will be on the pew sheet or contact Stephen*

