

Thy Kingdom Come

This is the global prayer movement started by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus and his love. The challenge is to pray for God's blessing on five people you know each day up to Pentecost Sunday. There is a lot of useful material on the Thy Kingdom Come website and they also have an App that will give you prayers and bible stories, which is good for children as well as adults – see thykingdomcome.global or churchofengland.org

DO MAKE USE OF 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

VIRTUAL COLLECTION PLATE: If you wish to be able to give electronically here are the Stodden Churches bank detail: Stodden account number 10842168 sort code 20-74-81

VIRTUAL CHURCH: If you want to “virtual worship” users can watch live streams of services from a range of churches and the Church of England will be improving AChurchNearYou.com in the days ahead to make this clearer. There is **Prayer for the day** - each day the Church of England publishes audio and text of the Prayer for the Day. There is the BBC daily service and Sunday worship also available on BBC Sounds.

PHONE CHURCH: *Daily Hope* offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. The line – which is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044** – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind.

The Stodden Churches **Prayers and Readings for the week beginning** **Sunday 24th May 2020** **The Sunday after Ascension**

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

From the Stodden Villages lease remember in your prayers : Teresa Allan, Pauline McManus, Steve Lemming, Trish Sizer, Frances Bratcher, Andy Langley, Andrew Seabrook, Rosemary Morgan, Anne Hauxwell. *If someone would like a visit or a prayer tell Stephen the Rector (709740)*

This week's Psalm: 67

- ¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
- ² that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.
- ³ **Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.**
- ⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.
- ⁵ **Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.**
- ⁶ The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.
- ⁷ **May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him.**

The Collect for this week:

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission and help us to live the good news we proclaim: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The 1st Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:1-5:

We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; ²for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, ⁴begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints— ⁵and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us.

The 2nd Reading: John 17:1-11:

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, ³to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶ 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.