

Stodden Notices for Café Sunday and Holy Communion – 20th October 2019

TODAY: 6.00pm Evening Service @ Melchbourne

No Midweek Communion this week

Sunday 27th October All Souls
No 9.00am service as Stephen is away

10.30am All Souls Holy Communion (Dean Chapel)
*The service will be led by a long-time friend and colleague of Stephen; Revd.
Anne Barker*

No evening service as Stephen is way

The Readings for next Sunday:

All Souls – 27th October: Romans 5:5-11, John 6:37-40

Café Sunday themes for 2019

TODAY The Prodigal Son, October 20th The rich fool
November 17th will be Shoebox Sunday!

REMEMBERENCE

Will be at Yelden this year @ 10.30am

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 1st December

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)*

Readings for the 10.30 service

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

1st reading – 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5: ¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. ⁴In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Gospel reading – Luke 18:1-8: Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." ⁶And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'