



*Willen Church Newsheet*  
*for*  
*the Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity*

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**Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership**  
**St Mary Magdalene, Willen**  
**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2023**  
**The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity**



**Today: The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**9.30am** Eucharist celebrated by Fr. Jonathan Ewer SSM

*Thank you, Jonathan, for leading us this morning.*

**11.00am** Holy Communion at Cross & Stable led by Rev Dr. Sam Muthuveloe.

**Service details** for SEP churches are on SEP website and in monthly newsletter

**This week**

**St Mary Magdalene church** is open for private prayer or quiet reflection on Mondays from 9.30am until c.3.00pm. Also open on Sunday until 4.00pm if volunteer available to close church – please sign rota in church foyer.

**T.T.T.T.** (Third Tuesday at Twelve Thirty) Pop along to St Mary Magdalene Church Willen and be entertained U3lele ukelele band on Tuesday **17<sup>th</sup> October** at 1230

**Congregation Leadership Team** will meet in Willen Church on Tuesday October 17 at 7.00pm. If there are any matters you would like the team to consider at the meeting please speak to David Preston or any of the members of the team or email [secretary@willenchurch.org](mailto:secretary@willenchurch.org)

**ChatterboxMK** at Cross & Stable each Wednesday 10.30am to 12.30pm. All Welcome - tea - coffee - cakes - chat. Come and meet others.

**Volunteer Gardening** at St Mary Magdalene Church. Join volunteers as they continue with the upkeep. New faces welcome! **Saturdays 10am – 12pm** Even if you only come sometimes speak to Sharron about joining the WhatsApp group.

**Next week October 22<sup>nd</sup> The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity**

**9.30am** Holy Communion led by Rev Dr. Sam Muthuveloe

**Church Services at Care Homes** – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September **3.00pm** Neath House, Neath Hill, MK14 6NS; **4.00pm** Highclere Nursing Home, Downs Barn, MK14 7NH

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## The Collect of the Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Faithful Lord,  
whose steadfast love never ceases  
and whose mercies never come to an end:  
grant us the grace to trust you  
and to receive the gifts of your love,  
new every morning,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



## PSALM 23 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;  
<sup>3</sup> he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.  
<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff—  
they comfort me.  
<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
my whole life long.



## NEW TESTAMENT READING

### Philippians 4: 1 – 9 (NRSV)

*A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown,  
stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.  
<sup>2</sup> I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Yes, and I ask  
you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me  
in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers,  
whose names are in the book of life.  
<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to  
everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer

and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

*Hear the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God**

## GOSPEL READING

**Matthew 22: 1 – 14** (NRSV)

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew*

**Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>1</sup>Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup> “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup> He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup> Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’

<sup>5</sup> But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup> while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them.

<sup>7</sup> The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. <sup>8</sup> Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup> Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ <sup>10</sup> Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup> “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, <sup>12</sup> and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup> Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ <sup>14</sup> For many are called, but few are chosen.”

*This is the gospel of the Lord,*

**Praise to you, O Christ**



## NOTICES

Thanks to help from Pavilion Trustees, Maria and the Camphill Bakery and those in the Congregation who helped and who donated all of the food and drink, **the Harvest Supper raised £510** for Church funds. **THANK YOU**. We are planning events at the Pavilion on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December and all initiatives and ideas are welcome. We have run the supper format at the Pavilion both sides of the virus period and it is possible we need a new format to attract guests in these straitened times of high living costs.

The Congregation Leadership Team is now considering the **Hooke Centre consultation** findings and is deciding if and how the project should proceed to complete the feasibility stage. If you haven't already done so, please share your thoughts with members of the Team by 16<sup>th</sup> October so they can ensure the forward planning is considered and well informed.

On Sunday, **29<sup>th</sup> October**, there will be an **All Souls service** in church at **3.00pm**, led by the Revd John Beazley. There is a form in the church porch so that those who would like names of departed loved ones read out at that service can put names on the form. Two readers are required for the All Souls service on the afternoon of 29<sup>th</sup> October. Would anyone who is willing to read please speak to Margaret Moakes

### Dates for your diary:

Saturday **11<sup>th</sup> November** God's Heroes – Children's Ministry C&S 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of month  
Saturday **2<sup>nd</sup> December** Willen Pavilion - afternoon and evening events for Advent.

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS - Please pray for

- all staff and residents at HMP Woodhill; for the victims of crime whose lives have been changed; for families of those in prison; for Prison Fellowship and all involved in Restorative Justice programmes; and for the multi-faith chaplaincy team.
- A Rocha, a Christian charity working to protect and restore the natural world and to equip UK Christians and churches to care for the environment. [www.arocha.org.uk](http://www.arocha.org.uk)

**Sick:** Louise Folley, Mark & Janice Earls, Fr Edmund Wheat SSM, Lyn Coppendale, Mike Halliwell, Alison Read, Gill Farrow, Norma McCullough, Paul Smith, Michael Hall.

**Update from Paul Smith:** *'I continue to make good progress recovering from my surgery. I have returned to part time working whilst I await further results of the further tests due back this coming week. Possible post operative treatment will then be planned and I hope to be able to continue working as and when I can. Jeanette and I thank everyone for their prayers and good wishes. Paul'*

**World Prayers:** **Oct. 15** International Day of Rural Women **Oct. 16** World Food Day; **Oct. 17** International Day for the Eradication of Poverty For all affected by the conflict in Israel and Gaza and for those working to resolve the conflict.

### HYMNS - Complete Anglican Hymns Old and New

- 379** Lead us, heavenly father lead us
- 418** Lord teach us how to pray aright
- 572** Praise to the holiest in the height