



Willen Church Newsheet
for
the Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity

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Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership
St Mary Magdalene, Willen
Sunday 29th October, 2023
The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity



Today: Bible Sunday

Theme: Our Dwelling Place

9.30am Holy Communion led by Rev Hannah Akibo-Betts

Thank you, Hannah, for leading us this morning.

3.00pm All Souls service led by the Revd John Beazley. The names of departed loved ones will be read out during this service.

11.00am Songs of Praise 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.

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

Eco Church meeting at St. James on 2nd November at 7.00 pm. All welcome. This will be led by the SEP Green Champions huddle from each of the 6 congregations. St James and Christ Church have gained an Eco church Bronze award and will talk about the process and challenges. Each congregation will have an opportunity to tell what steps have been taken so far and what we need to consider as next steps

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 November 5th The Fourth Sunday before Advent

9.30am All Age Morning Worship led by Margaret Moakes LLM3

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The Collect of the Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God,
in whose service lies perfect freedom:
teach us to obey you
with loving hearts and steadfast wills;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



PSALM 90: 1 – 6, 13 – 17 (NRSV)

- ¹ Lord, you have been our dwelling-place
in all generations.
- ² Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
- ³ You turn us back to dust,
and say, 'Turn back, you mortals.'
- ⁴ For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.
- ⁵ You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;
- ⁶ in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.
- ¹³ Turn, O LORD! How long?
Have compassion on your servants!
- ¹⁴ Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
- ¹⁵ Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,
and for as many years as we have seen evil.
- ¹⁶ Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.
- ¹⁷ Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands—
O prosper the work of our hands!



NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Thessalonians 2: 1 – 8 (NRSV)

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ²but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; ⁶nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22: 34 – 46 (NRSV)

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

Glory to you, O Lord

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶‘Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?’ ³⁷He said to him, ‘ “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.’

⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴²‘What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?’ They said to him, ‘The son of David.’ ⁴³He said to them, ‘How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴ “The Lord said to my Lord,
‘Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet’ ”?

⁴⁵If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?’ ⁴⁶No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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 2nd 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.

Dates for your diary:

Saturday **11th November** God's Heroes – Children's Ministry C&S 2nd Saturday of month **T.T.T.T** (Third Tuesday at Twelve Thirty) Pop along to St Mary Magdalene Church Willen and be entertained by Webster and Ferguson on Tuesday 21 November at 1230 Saturday **2nd December** Willen Pavilion - afternoon and evening events for Advent.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS - Please pray for

- The Elderly: The population of Milton Keynes is changing as the number of older people increases. Retirement can be a time of great opportunity for some, but others struggle with poverty or isolation. Please pray for all older people, that they may be able to enjoy life and find the help and support that they need.
- those working to bring basic necessities and aid to those in need.
- Tearfund, a Christian charity which partners with local churches and organisations in over 50 of the world's poorest countries. It tackles poverty and injustice through sustainable development, responding to disasters and injustice. www.tearfund.org

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

Rev Paul Smith - 'Paul writes: I continue to heal after my operation and am well enough to work part-time. To date I am still waiting to hear about results from further tests to determine what form of post-operative treatment might be required. Thank you for your ongoing messages of support and prayers.' *Updates via John Porter at St James*

World Prayers: All those who lost their lives and those bereaved, injured or made homeless or otherwise affected by the strife in Israel and Gaza and those trying to find a resolution. **Oct. 29** [International Day of Care and Support](#) **Oct. 31** [World Cities Day](#) **Nov. 2** [International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists](#)

Almighty God, We thank you for the gift of your Holy Word. May it be a lantern to our feet, A light to our paths, and a strength to our lives. Take us and use us to love and serve all people in the power of the Holy Spirit, and in the name of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

HYMNS - Complete Anglican Hymns Old and New

- 615** Spirit of the Living God (*Sing verses 1 and 2 twice*)
- 21** All people that on earth do dwell
- 483** O for a closer walk with God
- 114** Come down, O Love divine

188 Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go