



*Willen Church Newsheet*

*The First Sunday after Trinity*



**Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership**  
**St Mary Magdalene, Willen**  
**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2024**  
**The First Sunday after Trinity**



**Today: The First Sunday after Trinity**

**9.30am** Morning Worship led by Margaret Moakes LLM

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

**11.00am** Holy Communion at Cross & Stable led by Rev. Peter Green

**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.

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

Monthly **communion service** at **Oaktree Court, Portland Drive** at 2.45pm on Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. If anyone would like to join and stay for a cup of tea afterwards, they would be very welcome. Please speak to Margaret.

**Volunteer Gardening** at St Mary Magdalene Church. **Saturdays 10am – 12pm** Even if you only come sometimes speak to Sharron to join the WhatsApp group

**Willen Village Heritage Association** 3.00pm **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June** David Muston, Chair Milton Keynes Heritage Association shares research by the Calverton Records Project in his talk “If only walls could talk”. Please join for complimentary cake and coffee, and chat about our local history. Donations welcome

**Next week – June 9<sup>th</sup> The Second Sunday after Trinity**

**9.30am** Holy Communion led by Revd. Hannah Akibo-Betts

**T.T.T.T** (Third Tuesday at Twelve Thirty) with **Fadin' Shoes on Tuesday June 18th**

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## The Collect of The First Sunday after Trinity

God of truth,  
help us to keep your law of love  
and to walk in ways of wisdom,  
that we may find true life  
in Jesus Christ your Son. **Amen**



## PSALM 139: 11 – 18, 23 – 24 (NRSV)

- <sup>11</sup> If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and the light around me become night',  
<sup>12</sup> even the darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light to you.
- <sup>13</sup> For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- <sup>14</sup> I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works;  
that I know very well.
- <sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
- <sup>16</sup> Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.  
In your book were written  
all the days that were formed for me,  
when none of them as yet existed.
- <sup>17</sup> How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!  
How vast is the sum of them!
- <sup>18</sup> I try to count them—they are more than the sand;  
I come to the end—I am still with you.
- <sup>23</sup> Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my thoughts.
- <sup>24</sup> See if there is any wicked way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting.



## OLD TESTAMENT READING

### Deuteronomy 5: 12 – 15 (NRSV)

*A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy*

<sup>12</sup> Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. <sup>13</sup>For six days you shall labour and do all your work. <sup>14</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. <sup>15</sup>Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

*This is the word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**



## GOSPEL READING

### Mark 2: 23 – 3: 6 (NRSV)

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

**Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>23</sup> One sabbath he was going through the cornfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. <sup>24</sup>The Pharisees said to him, 'Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?' <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, 'Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? <sup>26</sup>He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.' <sup>27</sup>Then he said to them, 'The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; <sup>28</sup>so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.'

<sup>3</sup>Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. <sup>2</sup>They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. <sup>3</sup>And he said to the man who had the withered hand, 'Come forward.' <sup>4</sup>Then he said to them, 'Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?' But they were silent. <sup>5</sup>He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. <sup>6</sup>The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodia

*This is the gospel of the Lord*

**Praise to you, O Christ**

## NOTICES

**Admin Assistant** 3 volunteers have already stepped forward to take initial contact phone calls so they can help our very busy Minister. If you have a phone at home, or can answer one whilst at Christ Church, and have 2 hours either once a month or once a week please let me know. Sharron [secchair22@gmail.com](mailto:secchair22@gmail.com) or 07846246809

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS - Please pray for

- people around the world who are striving for justice and an end to oppression.
- Mental Illness: One in four people suffer from some form of mental illness each year, with anxiety and depression the most common complaints. Please pray for those who suffer, and for those who care for them.
- all seeking or holding leadership roles in government, the church, employment or industry that they may act with integrity and work for the common good.
- those bearing the pain from the 'infected blood' or Post Office troubles.
- Christian Aid focus for this year is on the poverty in the communities of Burundi. Over 70% of people in Burundi face hunger and poverty every single day.  
[www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals)

**Sick:** Louise Folley, Mark & Janice Earls, Fr Edmund Wheat SSM, Lyn Coppendale, Alison Read, Gill Farrow, Michael Hall

**We pray** for all those recently bereaved and those remembering past bereavements

**World Prayers:** All those who suffer for their faith around the world. June 3 [World Bicycle Day](#) June 4 [International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression](#) June 5 [World Environment Day](#) June 7 [World Food Safety Day](#) June 8 [World Oceans Day](#)

### *Staircase of Faith*

*From Christine Evangelou (2018) Exit Point: Arrows from a Rebel Heart*

We get lost on the lower steps of the staircase  
With heavy hearts and tired minds  
Jaded souls and eyes that blind  
But there is a profusion of potential on that climb  
The picture doesn't unfold all at once  
Each step up inspires something newly visible to you  
Trust in what is hidden  
In the verses of sublime scriptures and skies  
And the translucent ties that gently bind  
Have faith in what is clouded and unseen  
And know that where you are now is where you are meant to be

**HYMNS** - Complete Anglican Hymns Old and New

**572** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

**161** Father, hear the prayer we offer

**32** And can it be

**695** To God be the glory!

**PSALM 139: 11 – 18, 23 – 24** (The Archbishops' Council, 2005)

- 11 Even darkness is no darkness with you;  
the night is as clear as the day; ♦  
darkness and light to you are both alike.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; ♦  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I thank you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; ♦  
marvellous are your works, my soul knows well.
- 14 My frame was not hidden from you, ♦  
when I was made in secret  
and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my form, as yet unfinished; ♦  
already in your book were all my members written,
- 16 As day by day they were fashioned ♦  
when as yet there was none of them.
- 17 How deep are your counsels to me, O God! ♦  
How great is the sum of them!
- 18 If I count them, they are more in number than the sand, ♦  
and at the end, I am still in your presence.
- 23 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; ♦  
try me and examine my thoughts.
- 24 See if there is any way of wickedness in me ♦  
and lead me in the way everlasting.