



Willen Church Newsheet

The Fourth Sunday of Easter



Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership
St Mary Magdalene, Willen
Sunday 21st April, 2024
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Today: The Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.30am Holy Communion by extension led by Margaret Moakes LLM

Thank you, Margaret for leading us this morning.

11.00am Morning Worship at Cross & Stable led by Stephen Fletcher

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.

Volunteer Gardening at St Mary Magdalene Church. Join volunteers as they start again 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 – April 28th The Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.30am Holy Communion led by Revd. Steve Barnes

Revd. Dr. Paul Smith has now resigned as Team Rector. The advert for a Team Rector is in the Church Times, The Oxford Diocese website and Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership website. Please bring it to the attention of anyone who may be interested.

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The Collect of the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**



NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts of the Apostles 4: 5 – 12 (NRSV)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

⁵ The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone."

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING

John 10: 11 - 18 (NRSV)

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

Glory to you, O Lord

¹¹ 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ



NOTICES

Heritage week will be from September 6-15 2024. Please start preparing plants which can be offered for a donation during the week.

Tea, coffee and biscuits are running low. Any contributions would be very welcome

NOTICE OF ANNUAL SEPC TRUSTREES MEETING

Parish of STANTONBURY AND WILLEN

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in Christ Church, Stantonbury on **Thursday the 25th day of April 2024 at 7.30pm**

Please attend if you can – 20% of members must attend to form a quorum

FOR YOUR PRAYERS - Please pray for

- Hospitals: Specialist health care is in some way used by most people at sometime. We need to pray for all who work in this area, caring for patients or in supporting roles, and also for patients and their loved ones. Please pray for all who work in healthcare, in hospitals and on the vaccination programme.
- Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW), which supports those around the world facing injustice because of their religion or belief. See csw.org.uk
- the person of God's choosing to be drawn to the advertisement for the SEP post of Anglican Team Rector.

Sick: Louise Folley, Mark & Janice Earls, Fr Edmund Wheat SSM, Lyn Coppendale, Alison Read, Gill Farrow, Paul Smith, Michael Hall, John Le Count

RIP: Mike Halliwell. We pray for Liz and their family at this time. We pray for all those recently bereaved and those remembering past bereavements at this time of year. May they know the peace and comfort of God's love.

World Prayers: For all the troublespots around the world especially Gaza, Israel, South Sudan, Ukraine, Yemen. For world leaders to use their powers wisely, fairly and peacefully Apr 21. [World Creativity and Innovation Day](#) Apr. 22 [International Mother Earth Day](#) Apr. 23 [World Book and Copyright Day](#); [English Language Day](#); [Spanish Language Day](#) Apr. 24 -30 [World Immunization Week](#) Apr. 24 [International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace](#) Apr. 25 [International Girls in ICT Day](#); [World Malaria Day](#); [International Delegate's Day](#) Apr 26. [International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day](#)

HYMNS - Complete Anglican Hymns Old and New

- 105** Christ, whose glory fills the skies
- 268** Have faith in God, my heart
- 198** From the very depths of darkness
- 392** Let us with a gladsome mind