



Willen Church Newsheet
The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity



**Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership
St Mary Magdalene, Willen
Sunday 22nd September, 2024
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Today: The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Holy Communion led by Rev. Hannah Akibo-Betts

Thank you, Hannah for leading us this morning.

11.00am Morning Worship at Cross & Stable led by Helen Rouse LLM

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. **Saturdays 10am – 12pm**
Even if you only come sometimes speak to Sharron to join the WhatsApp group

Next week – September 29th Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

3.00pm Paul Smith **Leaving Service** at St James, New Bradwell. Preacher: Archdeacon Guy Elsmore. Bradwell Silver Band.

Open my eyes that I may see the deepest needs of men, women and children;
Move my hands that they may feed the hungry; Touch my heart that it may bring warmth to the despairing; Teach me the generosity that welcomes strangers; Let me share my possessions with people in need; Give me the care that strengthens the sick; Help me share in the quest to set prisoners free; In sharing our anxieties and our love, our poverty and our prosperity; We partake of your divine presence. *Amen.*

Ministers • Websites • Notice Sheet

Pastoral contact: Revd Dr Sam Muthuveloe Stephen Fletcher LLM	Margaret Moakes Licensed Lay Minister <i>Church website: www.willenchurch.org</i>
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Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership: www.stantonbury.net and Facebook Please email short succinct notices to notices@willenchurch.org by 5pm on the preceding Thursday	

The Collect of the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Amen



PSALM 1 (© The Archbishops' Council, 2005)

- 1 Blessed are they who have not walked
in the counsel of the wicked, ♦
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord ♦
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 Like a tree planted by streams of water
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither, ♦
whatever they do, it shall prosper.
- 4 As for the wicked, it is not so with them; ♦
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement, ♦
nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, ♦
but the way of the wicked shall perish.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

James 3: 13 – 4:3,7-8a (NRSV)

A reading from the Letter of James

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is

first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING

Mark 9: 30 – 37 (NRSV)

Hear the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark

Glory to you, O Lord

³⁰They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'



This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

NOTICES

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped make this year's **Heritage Week** at St Mary Magdalene Church such a success. A special thank you to Sharron Marland for drawing up such an interesting and varied programme. Thank you also to all who supplied plants for the plant stall, especially Lesley Rolfe and Bob Stott.

QUIET DAY: We shall be holding a Quiet Day on Saturday 5th October at the Quaker Centre, Downhead Park, which we hope will lead into a small, bible study group. Timings and other details for the day will follow. Please speak to Margaret Moakes'.

INVITATION

➤ Paul Smith **Leaving Service** 3pm Sunday **29th September** at St James, New Bradwell. Preacher: Archdeacon Guy Elsmore. Bradwell Silver Band.

Please contact Paul if you are thinking of coming to this event. E.

smith.paul.a@icloud.com or 01908 606689 If you can help with refreshments please speak to Janet Hawkins, Churchwarden. If you would like to contribute to Paul's leaving gift, please let Mary or Graham (St. James Church Wardens) know or offer a monetary gift into the SEP account (CAF Bank, Name: Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership; Sort code: 40-52-40 Account number: 00009921 and use the reference – PaulRet).

FOR YOUR PRAYERS - Please pray for

- Our new Team Rector Rev. Chibuzor Okpala and Vision enabler, Rev. Phil Dunning and the Stantonbury Partnership church congregations; may we learn from the past and welcome the future, with gratitude for God's provision.
- The Unemployed: When people can't find work, the consequences can be difficult. Unemployment affect people in many different ways, from money problems, to loss of self-confidence and strained relationships.
- A Rocha UK, 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

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

World Prayers: those caught up with natural events; wildfires and hurricanes, droughts and storms. Pray for the world community, that we might all take our responsibility to look after the beautiful earth we have been given. **23 Sept** [International Day of Sign Languages](#) **26 Sept** [World Maritime Day](#); [International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons](#) **27 Sept** [World Tourism Day](#) **28 Sept** [International Day for Universal Access to Information](#)

HYMNS - Complete Anglican Hymns Old and New

19 All my hope on God is founded

88 Brother, sister, let me serve you

216 God is love: his the care

525 One more step along the world I go