



*Willen Church Newsheet*  
*The Second Sunday before Advent*



**Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership**  
**St Mary Magdalene, Willen**  
**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2024**  
**The Second Sunday before Advent**



**Today: The Second Sunday before Advent**

**Theme: PEACE IN CHAOS**

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

*Thank you, Sam, 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 by an exciting new 7-piece local band, **The Breakaways**, on **Tuesday November 19<sup>th</sup>**, 12.30 - 1.15. Pop in during your lunch break, stay for a while or the whole 45 minutes. Complimentary cake and coffee. Donations to Church Restoration & Hooke Heritage Project

St Mary Magdalene **Congregation Leadership Team** meets at 7.00pm on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>. Please speak to David Preston or any member of the Team if you would like any issues to be considered 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.

The second meeting of the **Bible Study Group** will be at the **Quaker Centre** Downs Barn at 7.00 pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November. If you wish to join, please see Margaret.

**Next week November 24<sup>th</sup> The Sunday next before Advent**

**9.30am** Holy Communion led by Rev. Dave Hasledine

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<p><b>Churchwardens</b> Brad Stone, Janet Hawkins. To contact about weddings, funerals and baptisms please ring 01908 382458 (10 - 12 Mon - Sat); or E. <a href="mailto:warden@willenchurch.org">warden@willenchurch.org</a></p>	
<p>Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership: <a href="http://www.stantonbury.net">www.stantonbury.net</a> and <a href="#">Facebook</a> Please email short succinct notices to <a href="mailto:notices@willenchurch.org">notices@willenchurch.org</a> by 5pm on the preceding Thursday</p>	

## The Collect of the Second Sunday before Advent

Heavenly Lord,  
you long for the world's salvation:  
stir us from apathy,  
restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope  
that all creation will one day be healed  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



## PSALM 16 (The Archbishops' Council, 2000)

- 1 Preserve me, O God, for in you have I taken refuge; ♦  
I have said to the Lord, 'You are my lord, all my good depends on you.'
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, ♦  
upon those who are noble in heart.
- 3 Though the idols are legion that many run after, ♦  
their drink offerings of blood I will not offer,  
neither make mention of their names upon my lips.
- 4 The Lord himself is my portion and my cup; ♦  
in your hands alone is my fortune.
- 5 My share has fallen in a fair land; ♦  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 6 I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel, ♦  
and in the night watches he instructs my heart.
- 7 I have set the Lord always before me; ♦  
he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.
- 8 Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; ♦  
my flesh also shall rest secure.
- 9 For you will not abandon my soul to Death, ♦  
nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.
- 10 You will show me the path of life; in your presence is the fullness of joy ♦  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

### Daniel 12: 1 – 3 (NRSV)

*A reading from the Book of Daniel*

'At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. <sup>2</sup>Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup>Those who

are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

*Hear the word of the Lord*     **Thanks be to God**

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

**Hebrews 10: 11 – 14, 19 – 25** (NRSV)

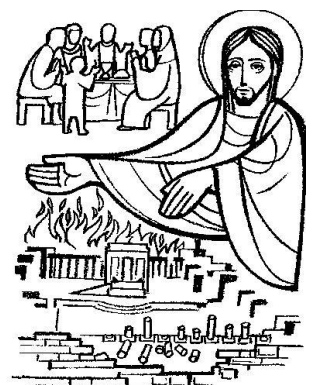
*A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews*

<sup>11</sup>And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup>But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', <sup>13</sup>and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' <sup>14</sup>For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

*This is the word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**



## **GOSPEL READING**

**Mark 13: 1 – 8** (NRSV)

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

**Glory to you, O Lord**

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' <sup>2</sup>Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

<sup>3</sup>When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup>'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' <sup>5</sup>Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup>Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup>When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

*This is the gospel of the Lord*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## NOTICES

A big **THANK YOU** to Tony and Brad for all their work to make the Tower roof watertight. There have been no leaks following recent heavy rains and we pray it will remain watertight until a permanent repair/replacement can be organised and funded

A big **THANK YOU** also to Rosemary Le Count for going out and purchasing the small blankets that we can now use in church if anybody is cold.

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS - Please pray for

- Hospitals: Specialist health care is in some way used by most people at some time. 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.
- COP29 conference as world leaders review their pledges on how to tackle climate change
- Tearfund, a Christian charity which partners with local churches and organisations in over 50 countries to tackle the complex challenges of poverty. See [www.tearfund.org](http://www.tearfund.org)

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

**We pray for all those recently bereaved** May they know the peace and comfort of God's love.

**World Prayers:** Those affected by the flooding in Spain. For refugees and victims of war; for the Red Cross and other aid agencies; for war veterans' charities. For a desire in world leaders to find ways to end war and live in peace. **Nov. 17** [World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims](#) **Nov. 18-24** [World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week](#) **Nov. 18** [World Day for the Prevention of and Healing from Child Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Violence](#) **Nov. 19** [World Toilet Day](#) **Nov. 20** [Africa Industrialization Day](#), [World Children's Day](#) **Nov. 21** [World Television Day](#), [World Philosophy Day](#)

### Post-Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord,  
In this Holy Sacrament  
You give substance to our hope:  
Bring Us at the last  
To that fullness of life for which we long.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

- 631** Tell out my soul
- 314** Immortal, invisible, God only wise
- 727** What a friend we have in Jesus
- 590** Seek ye first the kingdom of God
- 753** Will your anchor hold