



Willen Church Newsheet
The Sixth Sunday of Easter



Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership
St Mary Magdalene Willen
Sunday 25th May 2025
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Today: The Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.30am Holy Communion led by Revd. Phil Dunning

Thank you Phil for leading us this morning

11.00am Family Breakfast Club from 10.00am at Cross & Stable. Service 11.00am

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.

Funeral service at St. Mary Magdalene for **Lyn Coppendale** led Rev. Steve Barnes on Wed. **28th May at 13:30** Lyn left very strict instructions on 'Dress Code', to quote 'Happy colourful clothes' - she suggested ladies could wear summer dresses and if the gentleman wish, bright and vivid Ties !! Please no "Black Attire". Please let David Preston know for catering purposes if you plan to come to the Pavilion after the funeral service for refreshments – (t. 07538 498061 e. davidgwpreston@gmail.com)

The **Bible Study Group** will start meeting again on Thursday **29th May** 7.00 - 9.00 pm at the Quaker Centre and will continue at fortnightly intervals. The topic for study in the next phase of meetings is *The Sermon on the Mount*.

Next week – The Seventh Sunday of Easter, June 1st

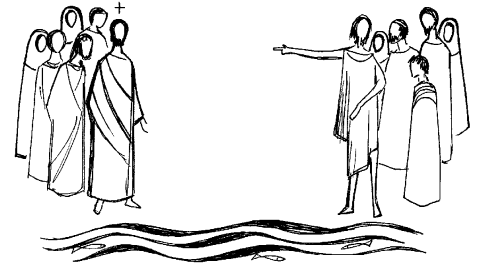
9.30am All Age Morning Worship led by Margaret Moakes LLM

SEP is joining **THY KINGDOM COME**, a global ecumenical prayer initiative. Prayer cords and prompt cards are available in the church. Daily prayer thoughts will appear on the **SEP** Facebook group each day from Ascension Day to Pentecost.

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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 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**



This Greek Orthodox painting depicts Lydia.



PSALM 67 (The Archbishops' Council 2005)

- 1 God be gracious to us and bless us ♦
and make his face to shine upon us,
- 2 That your way may be known upon earth, ♦
your saving power among all nations.
- 3 *Let the peoples praise you, O God; ♦*
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 O let the nations rejoice and be glad, ♦
for you will judge the peoples righteously
and govern the nations upon earth.
- 5 *Let the peoples praise you, O God; ♦*
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, ♦
and God, our own God, will bless us.
- 7 God will bless us, ♦
and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts of the Apostles 16: 9 – 15 (NRSV)

A reading from the Book of The Acts of the Apostles

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, ‘Come over to Macedonia and help us.’ ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹ We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, ‘If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.’ And she prevailed upon us.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING

John 14: 23 – 29 (NRSV)

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

Glory to you, O Lord

²³Jesus answered him, ‘Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵ ‘I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate,^{*} the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, “I am going away, and I am coming to you.” If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

NOTICES

If you have not completed a form to renew your **Membership of St Mary Magdalene Church** for the years 2025 - 2031 Willen, please do so as soon as possible. Once completed please give them to David Preston or Derek Armstrong or leave in the Vestry

Heartwarming Day Service 6.00 pm on Sunday, **25 May** at the Heartwarming Day Pillar at the Milton Keynes Rose in Campbell Park. This service is being organised by Milton Keynes Methodist Circuit. The preacher is Lord Griffiths of Burry Port, Revd Dr Leslie Griffiths. People are invited to arrive from 5.00 pm and bring a picnic, and to bring a chair. If the weather is bad the event will move to the Church of Christ the Cornerstone. The **volunteer gardeners** have started their weekly Saturday morning 10.00 to 12.00 work in the Garden of Remembrance. Please come along. No special skills needed. Lesley, Sharron and Harold would be most welcoming.

Heritage Week 12-22 September 2025. If anyone can volunteer in any small way, on any day, please let Sharron know. If not help the offers of coffee tea milk cake biscuits will always be welcomed with open hands.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS - Please pray for

- Shops: Please pray for all those who work in the retail sector - from local shops and high streets to shopping centres and supermarkets. It would also be good to remember the thousands of people who visit our city each week.
- Christian Aid, a partnership of people, churches and local organisations committed to ending poverty worldwide. See www.christianaid.org.uk/ Christian Aid Week 11th - 18th May Christian Aid is celebrating its 80th Anniversary this year

Sick: Louise Folley, Mark & Janice Earls, Fr Edmund Wheat SSM, Alison Read, Gill Farrow, Cindy Williams, Liz Halliwell, Norma Bowden, Lynda Phillips, Rosie Fletcher

RIP: Lyn Coppendale. Lyn loved God, loved God's church here in Willen and contributed so much to life at St. Mary Magdalene. We commend her to God's grace and mercy. Lyn is now at rest in Christ. Please hold David and Tim in your prayers.

World Prayers: Pray for the people of Afghanistan, Lebanon, Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, India and Pakistan. For peace wherever there is war. May 25 - 31 Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories; May 29 International Day of UN Peacekeepers; May 30 International Day of Potato; May 31 World No-Tobacco Day

Prayer of the Week O Lord, from whom all good things do come: Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen*

HYMNS - Complete Anglican Hymns Old and New

120 Come, let us join our cheerful songs

227 God of mercy, God of grace

186 For the healing of the nations

84 Breathe on me, breath of God

409 Lord for the years

