



Willen Church Newssheet
The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity



Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership
St Mary Magdalene Willen
Sunday 5th October 2025
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Today: Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am All-Age Morning Worship led by Margaret Moakes

Thank you Margaret for leading us and Helen for playing the organ this morning

11.00am Harvest Communion led by Re. Peter Green at Cross & Stable.

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. **10.30 – 12.30**

The **volunteer gardeners** are working on Saturday mornings 10.00 to 12.00 work in the Garden of Remembrance. Please come along. No special skills needed.

Next week – The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Morning Worship ed by Stephen Fletcher LLM

6.00pm Choral Evensong lead by Rev'd Phil Dunning with music by Quorum. This Evensong features music by English Tudor Composers Richard Ayleward and Richard Farrant and an anthem by the contemporary English composer Gabriel Jackson. All welcome.

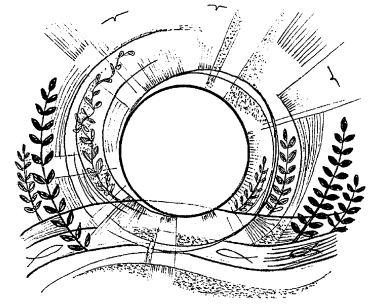
Monday **6th October - 7.30pm** Next **MED Group meeting** - venue Cross & Stable

Thursday **9th October 7.00pm to 9.00pm** next **Bible Study Group** meeting at the Quaker Centre, Downhead Park. If you want any more details, please speak to Margaret Moakes (details below).

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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	

Collect of the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



Psalm 34 1 – 10 (NRSV)

- ¹ I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- ² **My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.**
- ³ O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together
- ⁴ **I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.**
- ⁵ Look to him, and be radiant,
so your faces shall never be ashamed.
- ⁶ **This poor soul cried and was heard by the Lord
and was saved from every trouble.**
- ⁷ The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him and delivers them.
- ⁸ **O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.**
- ⁹ O fear the Lord, you his holy ones,
for those who fear him have no want.
- ¹⁰ **The young lions suffer want and hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.**



NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 Timothy 1: 1 – 14 (NRSV)

A reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to Timothy

- ¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,
- ² To Timothy, my beloved child:
Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³ I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸ Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, ^[b] who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING

Luke 17: 5 – 10 (NRSV)

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

Glory to you, O Lord

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶ The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

⁷ “Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ”

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

NOTICES

Heritage Week A big **THANK YOU** to all who helped with events during Heritage Week. The footfall through the garden and church during the week was 746 and volunteers came a total of 78 times. Performances raised £364.34 plus an additional unknown amount through contactless payments. The plant stall raised £562.20 including Harold's rose raffle which will be used by the gardening volunteers to maintain and upgrade the churchyard. The MacMillan Big Coffee Morning raised £24. Our mission to make Christ known in our small part of MK is working, as many more visitors knew about us this year.

Seeking Volunteers as Sunday Service Helpers

We are looking for volunteers to assist with our Sunday services in various roles. If you would like to participate as a Welcomer, Reader, Intercessor or Communion Helper, please speak to Sioux Redwood, or email her at sioux.redwood@yahoo.com.

Your support and involvement would be much appreciated.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS - Please pray for

- The Armed Forces: The many people in our city who have served, or are serving in the armed forces. Please pray for those who are far from home, and for their families.
- that God's people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel, steadfast in faith, and active in service.
- the Holy Spirit to bring renewal, healing, hope, and courage to hearts that are tired, discouraged, or afraid
- A Rocha, a Christian charity working to protect and restore the natural world and to equip UK Christians and churches to care for the environment. See www.arocha.org.uk

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

RIP: Mary Sanjeevini Kasinathan, Sam Muthuveloe's sister. Our thoughts and prayers also go out to Jackie Chang and to Fiona Duffin-Jones on the death of their mothers

World Prayers: for leaders of nations, asking for gifts of wisdom, courage, and integrity to serve the cause of justice and human well-being; for all people to act with love and care for creation; and for hope, renewal, and the presence of the Holy Spirit throughout the world. **Oct. 4** – 10 World Space Week **Oct. 5** World Teachers' Day **Oct 6** World Habitat Day **Oct 7** World Cotton Day **Oct 9** World Post Day **Oct 10** World Mental Health Day **Oct 11** International Day of the Girl Child

HYMNS - Complete Anglican Hymns Old and New

77 Blest are the pure in heart.

23 All that I am. (*Sing verses 1, 2, then 1 again*).

161 Father, hear the prayer we offer.

268 Have faith in God, my heart