



Willen Church Newsheet
The Second Sunday before Advent

**Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership
St Mary Magdalene Willen
Sunday 16th November 2025
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Today: Second Sunday before Advent

9.30am Holy Communion Service led by Revd. Peterson Feital

Thank you Peterson for leading us this morning

11.00am Holy Communion led by Revd. Dr. Sam Muthuveloe at Cross & Stable.

6.30pm Milton Keynes **Ecumenical Confirmation Service**, The Servant King Church
Dulverton Drive, Furzton, MK4 1NA led by Bishop Dave and ecumenical partners.

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 **Fadin Shoes** on **Tuesday 18 November** at 1230

Congregation Leadership Team meets at 7.00pm on Tuesday 20th. Please speak to David Preston or any member of the Team (Brad, Janet, Sharron, Derek, Susan, Margaret) or email secretary@willenchurch.org if you would like raise any issues

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**

2.45pm, Thursday Nov. 20: Funeral service for Norma Bowden at Willen Church
The **Advent Bible Study** meeting will start on Thursday **20 November 7.00pm to 9.00pm** at the Quaker Centre, Downhead Park. If you want any more details, please speak to Margaret Moakes (details below).

Next week – The Sunday next before Advent

9.30am Holy Communion Service led by Rev Phil Dunning

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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 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**



OLD TESTAMENT READING

Malachi 2: 1 – 2 (NRSV)

A reading from the Book of Malachi

¹ See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ² But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God



GOSPEL READING

Luke 21: 5 – 19 (NRSV)

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

Glory to you, O Lord

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, ⁶‘As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.’

⁷ They asked him, ‘Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?’ ⁸And he said, ‘Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, “I am he!” and, “The time is near!” Do not go after them.

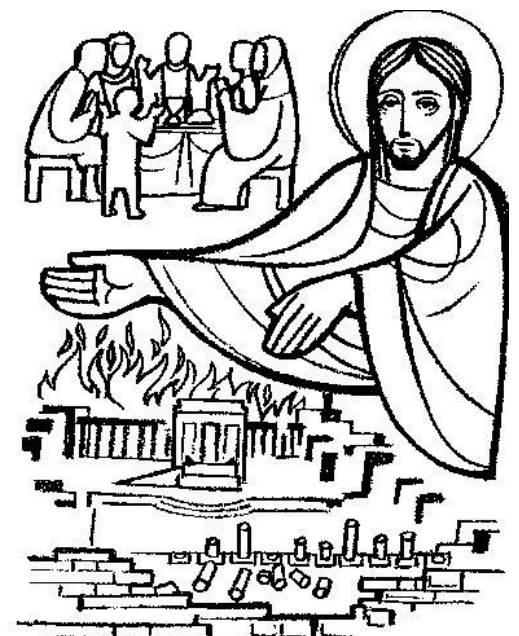
⁹ ‘When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.’ ¹⁰Then he said to them, ‘Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² ‘But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict.

¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ



NOTICES

REGULAR GIVING Thank you to all who give so generously to support Willen Church, your support is vital and really appreciated. If you would like to give regularly to support the church *please use our bank details as follows:* Willen Church, CAF Bank Ltd., Sort Code 40-52-40 Account Number 00012610. If you are a tax payer the Church can claim Gift Aid on your donations. Please email secretary@willenchurch.org for a Gift Aid claim form or speak to a churchwarden.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS - Please pray for

- National Inter Faith Week starting today celebrating the diversity of faith and belief across the UK www.interfaithweek.org
- our preparations for Advent & Christmas; that we might be prepared to welcome Christ afresh into our own lives and share the message of Christ's coming with our community.
- Education enriches people's lives and provides access to new opportunities. Please pray for the staff and students of Milton Keynes College, The Open University, and UCMK, children back at school and those working in the schools
- those who are continuing to work and speak out about injustice in all its forms and for the public space to have good debate and hold leaders to account.
- **Torch Trust**, which focuses on spiritual support and encouragement of blind and partially sighted people. It provides accessible resources and ways for connection, fellowship and support. See www.torchtrust.org

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

RIP: Norma Bowden. Norma was a stalwart member of the congregation here in Willen for many years and contributed much to life at St. Mary Magdalene. We commend her to God's grace and mercy. Norma is now in the nearer presence of our Lord.

World Prayers for refugees and victims of war; for the Red Cross and other aid agencies; for war veterans' charities. **Nov 16** International Day for Tolerance **Nov 17** World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims; **Nov 18** World Day for the Prevention of and Healing from Child Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Violence; World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week, 18-24 Nov; **Nov 19** World Toilet Day **Nov 20** World Philosophy Day; Africa Industrialization Day; World Children's Day **Nov 21** World Television Day

HYMNS - Complete Anglican Hymns Old and New

- 249** Great is thy faithfulness
- 68** Be still, my soul
- 74** Blessed assurance
- 928** Eat this bread

