

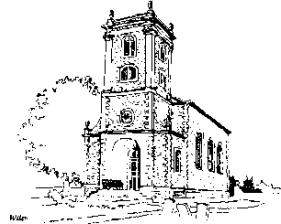


*Willen Church Newsheet*

*The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany*



**Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership**  
**St Mary Magdalene Willen**  
**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026**  
**The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany**



## **Today: The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany**

**9.30am** All Age Morning Worship led by Margaret Moakes LLM

*Thank you, Margaret, for leading us this morning*

**11.00am** Signed Communion at Cross & Stable. Service led by Rev. Peter Green  
**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 Sundays and Mondays from 9.30am until evening.

**ChatterboxMK** at Cross & Stable each Wednesday 10.30am to 12.30pm. All Welcome - tea - coffee - cakes - meet and chat. Come and meet others.

The monthly communion service at **Oaktree Court, Portland Drive** will be at **2.15pm on February 5<sup>th</sup>**. Anyone who would like to join us, would be welcome. Please speak to Margaret Moakes.

### **Next week: February 8<sup>th</sup> The Second Sunday before Lent, Sexagesima Sunday**

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

**SEP YOUTH EVENT** with special guest **SHENIAH ASIAMAH** MK singer/ songwriter/ musician @ ST. JAMES , NEW BRADWELL **Sunday 8th Feb** Meet from **6pm**. This event is for young people in the SEP. Under 18's must arrive with an adult to complete registration forms. For more information contact 07749864201

**Feedback** is welcomed on the **evening for the SEP with Bishop Dave** which took place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at St Andrews Church, Great Linford. Please send any feedback to Helen at [sburyepadm@gmail.com](mailto:sburyepadm@gmail.com) or pass your thoughts to a church warden to pass to Helen. The feedback is being collated by Rev. Peterson Feital.

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**Enquiries:** To contact about weddings funerals and baptisms or other enquiries please call 01908 382458; or E. [sburyepadm@gmail.com](mailto:sburyepadm@gmail.com) or contact a churchwarden.

Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership: [www.stantonbury.net](http://www.stantonbury.net) and [Facebook](#) Please email short succinct notices to [notices@willenchurch.org](mailto:notices@willenchurch.org) by 5pm on the preceding Thursday

## Collect of the Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

God of heaven,  
you send the gospel to the ends of the earth  
and your messengers to every nation:  
send your Holy Spirit to transform us  
by the good news of everlasting life  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



## Psalm 36 5 – 10 NRSVA)

<sup>5</sup> Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,  
    your faithfulness to the clouds.

**6 Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,  
    your judgements are like the great deep;  
    you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.**

<sup>7</sup> How precious is your steadfast love, O God!  
    All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**8 They feast on the abundance of your house,  
    and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

<sup>9</sup> For with you is the fountain of life;  
    in your light we see light.

**10 O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,  
    and your salvation to the upright of heart!**

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

### 1 Corinthians 1: 18 – 31 (NRSVA)

*A reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians*

<sup>18</sup> For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written, ‘I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
    and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.’

<sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the

wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

<sup>26</sup> Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: <sup>[g]</sup> not many of you were wise by human standards, <sup>[h]</sup> not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no one <sup>[i]</sup> might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup> He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup> in order that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in <sup>[i]</sup> the Lord.'

*Hear the word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

## **GOSPEL READING**

**John 2: 1 – 11 (NRSVA)**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' <sup>6</sup> Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. <sup>9</sup> When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' <sup>11</sup> Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

*This is the gospel of the Lord*

**Praise to you, O Christ**



## NOTICES

**Bishop Dave** is planning to attend **Chatterbox on Ash Wednesday** and will then lead a Service of Holy Communion which will include ashing at **Cross & Stable at 12.30 pm.**

**Lenten Bible Study Lent Course:** It is planned to run a Lent Group on Thursday evenings from **7.00pm to 9.00pm** at the Quaker Centre, Downhead Park, starting on Thursday **February 19,** If you want any more details or would like a copy of the proposed study materials, please get in touch with Margaret Moakes.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of ST. MARY MAGDALENE WILLEN** The Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 15 March following the service starting at 10.45am.

There will be a talk at St Mary Magdalene Church by **Dermot Turing** on Friday 13th March 2026: 1.00pm – 3.00pm – **Misread Signals: How History Overlooked Women Codebreakers** uncovering stories of the women who cracked enemy codes during the Second World War. Female mathematicians, engineers, and early computer scientists whose work shaped modern tech but was written out of the story for decades. We're expecting quite a lot of interest in this talk so it would be helpful if you could RSVP to [jacky@thescotts.uk.com](mailto:jacky@thescotts.uk.com) so that we know if the additional chairs might be needed.

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- 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.
- All affected by storms and flooding
- our local communities and neighbours, especially those facing challenging times.
- **Scripture Union**, with its national office in Milton Keynes. It helps churches make and build on connections with children and young people, so that Jesus is revealed to the youngest generations. See [www.scriptureunion.org.uk](http://www.scriptureunion.org.uk)

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

**World Prayers** for wisdom to guide all leaders and governments, that they may work for peace, justice, and the common good. that the light of God's glory may shine into the darkest corners of the earth, so that all nations may know God's love and truth and that the Holy Spirit may bring healing, comfort, and restoration;. *1-7 Feb World Interfaith Harmony Week; 2 Feb World Wetlands Day; 4 Feb International Day of Human Fraternity; 6 Feb International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation*

## HYMNS - Complete Anglican Hymns Old and New

**551** O worship the King  
**428** Love divine, all loves excelling (omit verses 4 & 5)  
**172** Fill your hearts with joy and gladness  
**264** Hark, my soul, it is the Lord

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