



Willen Church Newsheet

Palm Sunday



Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership
St Mary Magdalene Willen
Sunday 29th March 2026
Palm Sunday



Today: Palm Sunday

Theme: the coming of the humble King

9.30am Holy Communion (Baptist liturgy) led by Revd. Phil Dunning followed by a congregational meeting to include an Extraordinary General Meeting.

Thank you, Phil, for leading us this morning

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

There will be service of Holy Communion by Extension at **Oaktree Court** at 2.15pm on 2nd April (Maundy Thursday). Please let Margaret know if you plan to attend.

Good Friday, April 3, 2.00pm Meditative Service with Margaret Moakes LLM

Good Friday Prayer: Lord God, Jesus cried out to you on the cross, "Why have you forsaken me?" You seemed so far from his cry and from his distress. Those who stood at the foot of the cross wondered where you were, as they saw Jesus mocked and shamed and killed. Where were you then? Lord God, we, too, ask where you are when there is trouble and suffering and death, and we cry out to you for help. Be near to us and save us so that we may praise you for your deliverance. Lord God, we wait, on Friday, for the resurrection of Sunday. And sometimes our lives seem a succession of Fridays and we cannot see what is "Good." Teach us to call your name as Jesus did. Make us to trust in you like little children. In Jesus' name, **Amen.**

Marie Stone

Next week: April 5th Easter Sunday

9.30am Holy Communion led by Revd Sam Muthuveloe

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

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 Palm Sunday

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory. **Amen**



NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 2: 5 – 11 (NRSV)

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God



GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21: 1 – 11 (NRSV)

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

Glory to you, O Lord

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, “The Lord needs them.” And he will send them immediately.’ ⁴This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵ ‘Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the

trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

‘Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!’

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, ‘Who is this?’ ¹¹The crowds were saying, ‘This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.’

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ



“Entry of Christ into Jerusalem” by Pietro Lorenzetti, c. 1320, fresco, Lower Basilica of San Francesco, Assisi, Italy



David Wilkins ✓ • Following

Senior Further Education Leader | Driving Strategic Initiatives in Construction, ...
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College in the Community Day at **Milton Keynes College Group!**

A rather chilly but excellent morning with T-Level Construction learners and once again super support from **Jiten Harsiani** at **Leica Geosystems part of Hexagon** to 3D scan the fine St Mary Magdalene Church in Willen, Milton Keynes. The data will be used for learner projects and also by the custodians of the church in any future projects whilst caring for the building.

It was super to see locals and parishioners visit the church and speak with learners and staff about the project and the technology used, and also the warm hospitality offered to the learners, many thanks. **Clifford Clarke Jacky Scott Maria Bowness Rebecca Myrie Sally Alexander**



