



Willen Church Newsheet
The Third Sunday after Trinity



Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership
St Mary Magdalene Willen
Sunday 21st June 2026
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Today: The Third Sunday after Trinity

Theme: Alive with Christ

9.30am Holy Communion (Iona Community) led by Revd. Phil Dunning

Thank you, Phil, for leading us this morning

11.00am Holy Communion (Baptist) at Cross & Stable led by Revd. Phil Dunning

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.

Please come along and join the **volunteer gardeners** on Saturday mornings 10am - 12pm in the Garden of Remembrance. No special skills needed.

Next week: June 28th The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Service of Holy Baptism led by Revd. Phil Dunning

Bible study meeting is on **Monday 29th June** from **7.00 to 9.00pm** at 91A Aldrich Drive, Willen, using a book called *Women of the Old Testament*. All welcome.

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love. – *Lao Tzu*

Prayer for the Day Lord, you have taught us, that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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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 Third Sunday after Trinity

God our saviour,
look on this wounded world
in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promises of peace
won for us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**



NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 6: 1 – 11 (NRSV)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 10: 24 – 39 (NRSV)

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord

²⁴ 'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶ 'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³² 'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

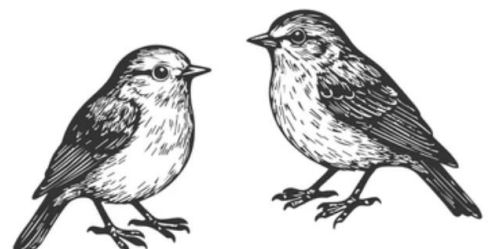
³⁴ 'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

³⁶ and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

This is the gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ



NOTICES

There will be a **Partnership-wide pilgrimage**, on Saturday , **July 4**, which will be visiting all the churches in the Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership. The day will start at St. Mary Magdalene, Willen at 9.00am and end at St. Lawrence, Bradwell at 3.45pm. Walk the full route with us, or join us for as long as you can The whole journey is suitable for walkers and wheelchairs, mobility scooters and pushchairs, walking at an easy pace! We walk together to encourage one another and enhance our ministry together. There will be a short act of Worship at each Church at the time stated, including a specially written Pilgrimage Prayer. Free Afternoon Tea Available. For further information, please contact: Revd Phil Dunning E. philipjdunning21@gmail.com

FOR YOUR PRAYERS Please pray for

- Relationships and Marriage: Please pray for all those in long term relationships; for those who find themselves alone after the loss of a loved one; for those who struggle with difficult relationships, and for those who work with them.
- CPAS (Church Pastoral Aid Society), an Anglican mission agency working with churches to help them share the gospel afresh in each generation. They run holidays, appoint clergy, and resource and support mission leaders. See www.cpas.org.uk

Sick: Mark & Janice Earls, Fr Edmund Wheat SSM, Alison Read, Cindy Williams, Lynda Phillips, Rosie Fletcher

World Prayers for people around the world who are striving for justice and an end to oppression; for those in refugee camps and for those for whom hunger and finding food is a daily challenge. 21 Jun International Day of the Celebration of the Solstice; 23 Jun United Nations Public Service Day; International Widows' Day; 24 Jun International Day of Women in Diplomacy; 25 Jun Day of the Seafarer; 26 Jun International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking; United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture 27 Jun International Day of Deafblindness; Micro-, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Day

Grant us, O Lord, the will to accomplish all that pleases you; the strength to do all that you command and the reverence to respect all that you have made; for your own name's sake. **Amen.** **Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)**

“Our Calling is to respond in love and service to the needs of our communities. We are grateful to our sisters and brothers around the world who hold us in prayer as we hold them. We should not be afraid *“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”* [2 Timothy 1:7](#).

HYMNS - Complete Anglican Hymns Old & New

- 131** Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem
- 305** I danced in the morning (Lord of the dance)
- 279** Here, O my Lord
- 409** Lord, for the years

