



*Willen Church Newsheet*  
*The First Sunday after Trinity*



**Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership**  
**St Mary Magdalene Willen**  
**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026**  
**The First Sunday after Trinity**



**Today: The First Sunday after Trinity**

**Theme:** 'Journeying with the Lord'.

**9.30am** All Age morning worship led by Margaret Moakes LLM.

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

**11.00am** Signed Communion service at Cross and Stable 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 **volunteer gardeners** have started their weekly Saturday morning 10am-12pm work in the Garden of Remembrance. Please come along. No special skills needed.

**Next week: June 14<sup>th</sup> The Second Sunday after Trinity**

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

The next **Bible study** meeting will be on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June** from **7.00 to 9.00pm** at 91A Aldrich Drive, Willen, by kind invitation of Carolyn Trood. The group will usually meet fortnightly. The study will use a book called *Women of the Old Testament*, A LifeBuilder Study Guide. Secondhand copies are available.

**T.T.T.T** (Third Tuesday at Twelve Thirty) Pop along to St Mary Magdalene Church Willen and be entertained by **Webster & Fergusson** on **Tuesday 16 JUNE** at 1230

**Friday 19 June 2026 at 6 p.m.** Come and listen to a presentation at **St. Mary Magdalene Church, Willen** from Tim Skelton who will show us how the prolific architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright, who designed many famous buildings, affected the building of Milton Keynes. All donations will go to repairing the church tower. Drinks available.

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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

## **The Collect of the First Sunday after Trinity**

God of truth,  
help us to keep your law of love  
and to walk in ways of wisdom,  
that we may find true life  
in Jesus Christ your Son. **Amen**



## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Genesis 12: 1-9 (NRSVA)**

*A reading from the Book of Genesis*

Now the LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

<sup>4</sup> So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup> Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, <sup>6</sup> Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup> Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, 'To your offspring I will give this land.' So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup> From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. <sup>9</sup> And Abram journeyed on by stages towards the Negeb.

*Hear the word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

## **PSALM 33 (NRSVA)**

<sup>1</sup> Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.

Praise befits the upright.

<sup>2</sup> **Praise the Lord with the lyre;**

**make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.**

<sup>3</sup> Sing to him a new song;

play skilfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

<sup>4</sup> **For the word of the Lord is upright,**

**and all his work is done in faithfulness.**

<sup>5</sup> He loves righteousness and justice;

the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

**<sup>6</sup> By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,  
and all their host by the breath of his mouth.**

<sup>7</sup> He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle;  
he put the deeps in storehouses.

**<sup>8</sup> Let all the earth fear the Lord;  
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.**

<sup>9</sup> For he spoke, and it came to be;  
he commanded, and it stood firm.

**<sup>10</sup> The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;  
he frustrates the plans of the peoples.**

<sup>11</sup> The counsel of the Lord stands for ever,  
the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

**<sup>12</sup> Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord,  
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.**

## **GOSPEL READING**

**Luke 9: 51 – 62 (NRSVA)**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>51</sup> When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup> And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; <sup>53</sup> but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup> When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, 'Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?' <sup>55</sup> But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup> Then they went on to another village.

<sup>57</sup> As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' <sup>58</sup> And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' <sup>59</sup> To another he said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' <sup>60</sup> But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' <sup>61</sup> Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.' <sup>62</sup> Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

*This is the gospel of the Lord*

**Praise to you, O Christ**



## NOTICES

**Rev Peterson Feital** SEP Church members should be aware that in view of the continuing uncertainty with the suspension of the Team Rector, the Oxford Diocese have agreed for our House for Duty minister, Rev Peterson Feital, to receive remuneration for two additional days employment with us each week at no extra cost to the parish share. The SEP is grateful to Peterson for the enthusiasm he has brought into his unpaid role, and now his acceptance to work the additional days. Peterson has indicated he is now generally available to the SEP Churches - Sunday to Thursday each week.

Milton Keynes Eco Church Network will be celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Eco Church on Sunday **7<sup>th</sup> June** between 2.30-4.30pm. There will be some worship, a talk by Andy Atkins, CEO of A Rocha the Christian organisation that set up Eco Church, followed by discussion and refreshments in the Guildhall and a display what some Eco Churches in Milton Keynes have achieved. There will be a Fairtrade stall and a display of eco art using recycled products produced by local artists, which will be on display in Cornerstone's cloisters during the Great Big Green Week. All are welcome. Please book your free ticket at [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/celebrating-10-years-of-eco-church-tickets-1989213888288](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/celebrating-10-years-of-eco-church-tickets-1989213888288)

### **FOR YOUR PRAYERS Please pray for**

- Education is crucial for the well being of our young people and the future of our community. Please pray for teachers and other staff members, and for our young people as they face a variety of challenges.
- the Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS), an Anglican Mission agency working to help everyone in the UK and Republic of Ireland discover the good news of Jesus through the ministry of local churches. See [www.cpas.org.uk](http://www.cpas.org.uk).
- those in positions of authority to work for the good of all
- Christian Aid, a partnership of people, churches and local organisations committed to ending poverty worldwide. See [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)

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

**World Prayers** for nations torn by division, prejudice, and conflict. Strengthen leaders and governments to act with justice, wisdom, and integrity. Guide us to be caretakers of this earth and to protect it from harm. 7 June World Food Safety Day 8 June World Oceans Day 10 June International Day for Dialogue among Civilizations 11 June International Day of Play 12 June World Day Against Child Labour 13 June International Albinism Awareness Day. June 9 Feast of St. Columba

**HYMNS** - Complete Anglican Hymns Old & New

- 684** Thou, whose almighty word
- 252** Guide me, O thou great Redeemer
- 752** Will you come and follow me
- 626** Take up thy cross, the Saviour said



