



Willen Church Newsheet
The Fifth Sunday after Trinity



Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership
St Mary Magdalene Willen
Sunday 5th July 2026
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Today: 5th Sunday after Trinity **Theme:** The Lord upholds, in spite of obstacles

9.30am All Age Morning Worship led by Margaret Moakes LLM

Thank you, Margaret, for leading us this morning

11.00am Holy Communion at Cross & Stable led by Revd. Dr. Sam Muthuveloe and Dave Bull, Bishop of Buckingham

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: July 12th The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Morning Worship led by Stephen Fletcher LLM

Monday 13th July from **7 to 9pm** next **Bible study group** meeting at 91A Aldrich Drive, Willen, using a book called *Women of the Old Testament*. All welcome.

Sunday 19th July at **6.00pm** a sung Evensong with Quorum celebrating the church's Patronal festival lead by Revd Dr Sam Muthuveloe.

Prayer for the Day O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord 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 Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*The Tree of Life,
[Mary Fleeson](#)*



OLD TESTAMENT READING

Zechariah 9: 9 – 12 (NRSVA)

A reading from the Book of Zechariah

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the warhorse from Jerusalem;

and the battle-bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 145: 8 – 17 (NRSVA)

⁸ The Lord is gracious and merciful,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ **The Lord is good to all,**

and his compassion is over all that he has made.

¹⁰ All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,

and all your faithful shall bless you.

**¹¹ They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,
and tell of your power,**

¹² to make known to all people your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

**¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

**The Lord is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.**

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.

**¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶ You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living thing.

**¹⁷ The Lord is just in all his ways,
and kind in all his doings.**

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 11: 16 – 19 and 25 – end (NRSV)

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

Glory to you, O Lord

¹⁶ ‘But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,

¹⁷ “We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.”

¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.’

Woes to Unrepentant Cities

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ ‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ



NOTICES Two-day Robert Hooke birth anniversary event

Wings over Willen coffee morning and plant sale **Thursday 16th July** 10.30 -11.30

Watch Douglas C-47 Dakota (ZA947) fly over Willen church in honour of its architect Robert Hooke. Join us for a cuppa in our garden of remembrance, keep eyes to the skies while choosing plants grown in Willen Village by our very own green fingered gardeners. Caveat: The Dakota is the only one of its kind still flying. It wants to fly, but if the weather is unsuitable or it becomes unairworthy at short notice, it won't be able to.

The **Robert Hooke birthday social** Saturday **18th July 11.00 – 1.00**

A community cuppa and a tour of the Grade I listed St Mary Magdalene Church, the only church built solely by Robert Hooke and judged by Historic England to be a building of exceptional special interest. Also, a chance to buy plants and get a few top tips from our green fingered gardeners. Free entry to both events with donations welcomed towards repair of the leaking church tower. We hope to see you there.

T.T.T.T (Third Tuesday at Twelve Thirty) Pop along to St Mary Magdalene Church Willen and be entertained by **HELMSMEN** on **Tuesday 21 JULY** at 1230

FOR YOUR PRAYERS Please pray for

- Further and Higher Education: 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.
- all those who work in Milton Keynes to support those struggling with poverty and food needs, including Food Cupboard and local Food Banks.
- those in this world where food is scarce through drought, poverty or disaster
- 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 the people living in the Middle East, Ukraine and Russia as war continues after an uncertain week and all those living through war, conflict, or the aftermath of natural disaster. People around the world striving for justice and an end to oppression
05 Jul International Day of Cooperatives
06 Jul World Rural Development Day
07 Jul World Kiswahili Language Day
11 Jul International Day of Commemoration of & Reflection on the 1995 Genocide in Srebrenica; World Population Day; World Horse Day

HYMNS - Complete Anglican Hymns Old & New

- 450** Morning has broken
- 310** I heard the voice of Jesus say
- 503** O Jesus, I have promised
- 72** Bind us together, Lord.

