



Willen Church Newsheet
The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

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Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership
St Mary Magdalene Willen
Sunday 11th October 2026
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Today: Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Morning Worship led by Helen Rouse LLM

Thank you, Helen, for leading us this morning and Helen for playing the organ

11.00am Morning Worship led by Helen Rouse LLM at Cross & Stable

6.00pm Evensong led by Rev Phil Dunning with music sung by Quorum. Quorum will be singing music by Richard Ayleward, a late 1600s English composer with an Anthem by American composer Amy Beach born in the late 1800s and died 1944.

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 from 9.30am until evening and on Mondays.

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: October 18th The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Holy Communion led by Revd. Phil Dunning

The next **Bible study** meeting on "God in Three Persons". will be on **Monday**

19th October from **7.00 to 9.00pm** at 91A Aldrich Drive, Willen, All welcome

T.T.T.T. (Third Tuesday at Twelve Thirty) Pop along to St Mary Magdalene Church Willen and be entertained by Backstops on Tuesday **20th October** at 1230

21st October from **7.30pm** online the SEP Discipleship '**Being With**' Course, offers a chance to think and ponder the presence of God in the world, and call of Christ upon our lives. To join contact T. 01908 382458, E. sburyepadm@gmail.com .

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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 Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



PSALM 23 (© The Archbishops' Council 2005)

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; ♦
therefore can I lack nothing.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures ♦
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He shall refresh my soul ♦
and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; ♦
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble me; ♦
you have anointed my head with oil
and my cup shall be full.
- 6 Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life, ♦
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 4: 1 – 9 (NRSV)

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

¹Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the

peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22: 1 – 14 (NRSV)

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

Glory to you, O Lord

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’

⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them.

⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

This is the gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, O Christ



FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Heavenly Father, creator and sustainer of the universe,
we are struck dumb before the beauty of the world;
the ever changing sky, the variety of colour,
the immensity of the night sky and the delicate, intricate detail of the tiny flowers.
We thank you for this season when the earth, rain and sun have again performed
their miracle of producing a harvest.
We thank you for our food and drink in such variety and abundance.
Gracious God, to you we raise, this our sacrifice of praise.

Please pray for

- all staff and residents at HMP Woodhill; for the victims of crime whose lives have been changed; for families of those in prison; for Prison Fellowship and all involved in Restorative Justice programmes; and for the multi-faith chaplaincy team.
- A Rocha, a Christian charity working to protect and restore the natural world and to equip UK Christians and churches to care for the environment. www.arocha.org.uk

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

World Prayers for areas torn apart by conflict, violence, and injustice, for innocent bystanders and those who have lost homes and loved ones. for communities affected by natural disasters, hunger, and disease. Guide the leaders of the nations to seek the paths of mercy, equity, and lasting peace. Oct 11 International Day of the Girl Child; 13 Oct International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction; 15 Oct International Day of Rural Women; 16 Oct World Food Day; 16 Oct International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing away:
God never changes.
Patience obtains all things
Whoever has God lacks nothing,
God alone suffices.

Saint Teresa of Ávila

Christ has no body now on earth but yours; no hands but yours; no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which the compassion of Christ must look out on the world. Yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which He is to bless His people. Amen

Saint Teresa of Ávila

HYMNS - Complete Anglican Hymns Old & New

- 646** The kingdom of God
- 114** Come down, O Love divine
- 323** In heavenly love abiding
- 690** Thy kingdom come!

