

Willen Church Newssheet

The Fourth Sunday before Advent

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Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership
St Mary Magdalene Willen
Sunday 25th October 2026
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Today: All Saints Day

9.30am All Age Morning Worship led by Margaret Moakes LLM

Thank you, Margaret, for leading us this morning

2.30pm All Souls Service led by the Revd Steve Barnes. This is a service at which the names of loved ones can be read out and remembered. The service will end with the burial of the ashes of Norma Bowden, followed by a cup of tea. If you would like the names of loved ones to be read out, please add the names to the form that is on the table in the church porch or let Margaret or Janet know.

10.00am Signed Holy Communion Led by Revd Peter Green at Cross & Stable

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.

The next **Bible study** meeting on "God in Three Persons". will be on **Monday 2nd November** from **7.00 to 9.00pm** at 91A Aldrich Drive, Willen, All welcome

ChatterboxMK at Cross & Stable each **Wednesday** 10.30am to 12.30pm. All Welcome - tea - coffee - cakes - meet and chat. Come and meet others.

'Being With' the online SEP Discipleship **Course**, **4th November** from **7.30pm** 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

Next week: Nov. 8th The Third Sunday before Advent, Remembrance Sunday

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

10.50am There will be a short open-air act of remembrance on behalf of parishioners and the community including a silence at 11.00am at the War Memorial on the green outside the old schoolhouse

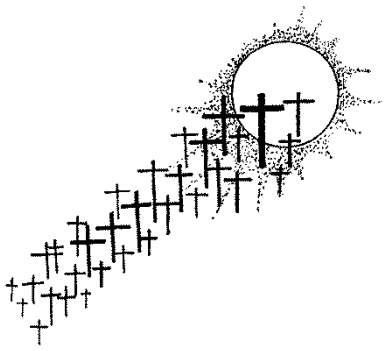
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Enquiries: To contact about weddings funerals and baptisms or other enquiries please call 01908 382458; or E. *sburyepadm@gmail.com* or contact a churchwarden.

Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership: www.stantonbury.net and Facebook Please email short succinct notices to notices@willenchurch.org by 5pm on the preceding Thursday

Collect of All Saints Day

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen



PSALM 34: 1 – 10

1 I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
2 My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.
3 O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together.
4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.
5 Look to him, and be radiant;
so your faces shall never be ashamed.
6 This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord,
and was saved from every trouble.
7 The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.
8 O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.
9 O fear the Lord, you his holy ones,
for those who fear him have no want.
10 The young lions suffer want and hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Revelation 7: 9 – end (NRSV)

A reading from the Revelation of St. John the Divine

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. 10They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'
11And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four

living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, [12]singing,
'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honour
and power and might
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'
[13] Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' [14]I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
[15] For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
[16] They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;
[17] for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5: 1 – 12 (NRSV)

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

Glory to you, O Lord

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. [2]Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
[3] 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
[4] 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
[5] 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
[6] 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
[7] 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
[8] 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
[9] 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
[10] 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
[11] 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. [12]Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

NOTICES

WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER, SEMINAR, 'THE FOUR NOTES OF THE CHURCH. '

Following Holy communion at 10.00 am at St Andrew's Great Linford and a short break for fellowship, the 5th in the present series of seminars looks at the idea of 'One Catholic Church'. We explore the meaning of the word 'catholic' across the ages, (sometimes with a capital 'C'), and the different ways in which it has been interpreted, notably in the pre and post eras of the Reformation, and in the last 100 years under the influence of the Ecumenical Movement and the World Council of Churches. You would be most welcome to join us and participate in the friendly discussion. John Beazley**.**

Youth Event & the Big Question Cross & Stable will be hosting an event for young people in our Partnership on Sat. 7th November, from 3.30pm until 8.30pm. Will feature a viewing of a film 'The Greatest Showman' with an interval for Pop, Pizza and Popcorn. From 7.15pm there will be a discussion of 'The Big Question' focussing on the question 'Why does God allow suffering?', which will be a presentation followed by a panel Q&A

Forest Church Workshop Sunday, November 15, 2026, at 2:00pm at St Andrews Church Great Linford, MK14 5DZ.For more information email Forest.church@outlook.com

PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AROUND THE NEW DIOCESAN WEBSITE. The diocese. has launched a new-look diocesan website! You'll find it at oxford.anglican.org with a fresh design, clearer menus and better search functionality to help you find the information you need. Save the address to see, each month, what is happening in the Diocese

FOR YOUR PRAYERS Please pray for

- The Hospice: Please pray for all those facing the end of life; for their families and those who care for them. lease pray particularly for the hospice and the staff who work hard to help people through difficult times.
- the saints that have inspired us on our journeys of faith; those from recent past and those from longer ago, those we know well and those we now only from a distance.
- all those who are remembering family and friends who have died.
- .Tearfund, a Christian charity which partners with local churches and organisations

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

World Prayers: for peace throughout the world, and especially for the people of Gaza, Israel, South Sudan, Ukraine and Yemen. Nov. 2 International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists; Nov 5 World Tsunami Awareness Day; Nov 6 International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict.

HYMNS - Complete Anglican Hymns Old & New

105 Christ, whose glory fills the skies

181 For I'm building a people of power (x 3 times)

419 Lord, the light of your love (Shine, Jesus, shine)

231 God's spirit is in my heart (Go, tell everyone)