

Willen Church Newssheet

The Second Sunday before Advent

Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership
St Mary Magdalene, Willen
Sunday 15th November, 2026
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Today: The Second Sunday before Advent

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

Thank you, Sam, for leading us this morning

11.00am Holy Communion led by Revd. Phil Dunning 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 Mondays from 9.30am until c.3.00pm. Also open on Sunday until 4.00pm if volunteer available to close church – please sign rota in church foyer.

T.T.T.T (Third Tuesday at Twelve Thirty) Pop along to St Mary Magdalene Church Willen and be entertained by **Motif** on **Tuesday 17 November** at 1230

The monthly chaplaincy Service at Lovat Fields Retirement Village will be at **2 pm on 18th November.** in the Redwing Room. Remember the frail, elderly, the caring staff and the concerned families as we minister God's love and grace.

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

The next Bible study meeting on "God in Three Persons". will be on Monday 16th November from 7.00 to 9.00pm at 91A Aldrich Drive, Willen, All welcome

Next week: Nov. 22nd The Sunday next before Advent

9.30am Holy Communion led by Revd. Hannah Akibo-Betts

Gardening will stop for the winter now, but will be back in Spring. Thank you to Lesley Rolfe, Dave Clarke, Harold Judd, Phil Marland, Tony Billings, Steve and Michelle Howe, Wai Kwok, Jackie Chang, Jane Quinn, Jude Rix and Frances Fletcher for their contribution this year. Not everyone can make every Saturday but the whole group have made a huge contribution to the peace and tranquillity of the Garden of Remembrance

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The Collect of The Second Sunday before Advent
Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



PSALM 90 (The Archbishops' Council, 2005)

1 Lord, you have been our refuge ♦
from one generation to another.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the earth and the world were formed, ♦
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
3 You turn us back to dust and say: ♦
'Turn back, O children of earth.'
4 For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday, ♦
which passes like a watch in the night.
5 You sweep them away like a dream; ♦
they fade away suddenly like the grass.
6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; ♦
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
7 For we consume away in your displeasure; ♦
we are afraid at your wrathful indignation.
8 You have set our misdeeds before you ♦
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
12 So teach us to number our days ♦
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

NEW TESTAMENT READING
1 Thessalonians 5: 1 – 11 (NRSV)
A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have
died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14For since we believe
that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those
who have died. 15For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are
alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who
have died. 16For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and

with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [17]Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. [18]Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God



GOSPEL READING
Matthew 25: 14 – 30 (NRSV)
Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord

[14] 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; [15]to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. [16]The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. [17]In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. [18]But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. [19]After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. [20]Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." [21]His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." [22]And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." [23]His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." [24]Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; [25]so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." [26]But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? [27]Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. [28]So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. [29]For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. [30]As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

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

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FOR YOUR PRAYERS - Please pray for

- Health Care in the Community: The NHS and private providers work together to give community care to people of all ages. Please pray for Clinical Commissioning Groups, for GPs and the staff of their surgeries, for the other community based health care professionals and also for residential care homes in the city and for the work they do.
- our preparations for Advent & Christmas; that we might be prepared to welcome Christ afresh into our own lives and share the message of Christ's coming with our community.
- **Torch Trust**, which focuses on spiritual support and encouragement of blind and partially sighted people. It provides accessible resources and ways for connection, fellowship and support. See www.torchtrust.org

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

World Prayers: We pray for those throughout the world who suffer as a result of poverty and hunger: that there may be a fairer sharing of the earth's resources, For political and military leaders to seek peaceful resolution in place of conflict. For provision of medical aid and basic supplies for those in greatest need. 15 Nov International Day for the Prevention of and Fight against All Forms of Transnational Organized Crime 16 Nov International Day for Tolerance; 17 Nov World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims; World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week, 18-24 Nov; 18 Nov World Day for the Prevention of and Healing from Child Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Violence 19 Nov World Toilet Day 20 Nov World Children's Day; 21 Nov World Philosophy Day

November 19 Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, 680 *O God of peace, by whose grace the abbess Hilda was endowed with gifts of justice, prudence, and strength to rule as a wise mother over the nuns and monks of her household, and to become a trusted and reconciling friend to leaders of the Church: Give us the grace to recognize and accept the varied gifts you bestow on men and women, that our common life may be enriched and your gracious will be done; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever***. Amen**

HYMNS - Complete Anglican Hymns Old and New -

16	All hail the power of Jesus' name
72	Bind us together, Lord
625	Take my life, and let it be
48	As we break the bread
181	For I'm building a people of power