



Willen Church Newsheet
The Second Sunday of Easter



Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership
St Mary Magdalene, Willen
Sunday 7th April, 2024
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Today: The Second Sunday of Easter

9.30am All Age Morning Worship led by Margaret Moakes LLM

Thank you, Margaret for leading us this morning.

10.30am Baptist minister candidate will preach with a view at Christ Church

11.00am Holy Communion at Cross & Stable led by Revd. 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 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.

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

Volunteer Gardening at St Mary Magdalene Church. Join volunteers as they start again with the upkeep. New faces welcome! **Saturdays 10am – 12pm** Even if you only come sometimes speak to Sharron about joining the WhatsApp group

Willen Village Heritage Association Second Saturday at 3 series starts with a free lecture on Samuel Pepys by Jerry Breslin at 3.00pm Saturday 13th April

Next week – April 14th The Third Sunday of Easter

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

April 17th 2.30pm Funeral of Mike Halliwell at St. Mary Magdalene, Willen, followed by Committal at the Crematorium at 3.30 pm

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Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership: www.stantonbury.net and [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/stantonburyecumenicalpartnership) Please email short succinct notices to notices@willenchurch.org by 5pm on the preceding Thursday

The Collect of the Second Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father. **Amen**



NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts of the Apostles 4: 1 – 4; 23 – 24; 31 – 35 (NRSV)

A reading from the Book of The Acts of the Apostles

While Peter and John were speaking to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came to them, ²much annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming that in Jesus there is the resurrection of the dead. ³So they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who heard the word believed; and they numbered about five thousand.

²³ After they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴When they heard it, they raised their voices together to God and said, ‘Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth, the sea, and everything in them, ³¹When they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness.

³² Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING

John 20: 19 – 23; 30 – 31 (NRSV)

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

Glory to you, O Lord

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ



*Incredulità di San Tommaso, Caravaggio
(The Incredulity of Saint Thomas)*

NOTICES

Willen Village Heritage Association Second Saturday at 3 series of 2024 talks starts with a free lecture on Samuel Pepys by Jerry Breslin at 3.00pm **Saturday 13th April**

T.T.T.T (Third Tuesday at Twelve Thirty) Pop along to St Mary Magdalene Church Willen and be entertained by **U3LELE** on **Tuesday 16th APRIL** at 1230

The **Congregation Leadership Team** meet on Tuesday **16th APRIL** at 1900. If there are any matters you would like the team to consider please speak to David Preston or any member of the team or email secretary@willenchurch.org

NOTICE OF ANNUAL SEPC TRUSTREES MEETING

Parish of STANTONBURY AND WILLEN

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in Christ Church, Stantonbury on **Thursday the 25th day of April 2024 at 7.30pm**

Please attend if you can – 20% of members must attend to form a quorum

FOR YOUR PRAYERS - Please pray for

- The Media: Please pray for those who work in media and for the impact that mass communications have on our lives. Ask God to give wisdom to those who decide what messages are to be given the highest priority.
- Give thanks for our risen Saviour and the promise of new life.
- That we will be inspired this springtime to marvel afresh at God's creation and to take better care of it.

Sick: Louise Folley, Mark & Janice Earls, Fr Edmund Wheat SSM, Lyn Coppendale, Alison Read, Gill Farrow, Paul Smith, Michael Hall, John Le Count

RIP: Mike Halliwell, former chair of Willen Church Council. We pray for Liz and their family at this time. Mike's funeral will be on April 17 at 2.30pm. We pray for all those recently bereaved and those remembering past bereavements at this time of year. May they know the peace and comfort of God's love.

World Prayers: For those involved in delivering aid around the world remembering especially the families of those who lost their lives in Gaza this week. For world leaders to use their powers wisely, fairly and peacefully Apr 7. [International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda](#); [World Health Day \[WHO\]](#) Apr 12. [International Day of Human Space Flight](#)

HYMNS - Complete Anglican Hymns Old and New

29 Amazing grace

When you walk through a storm

511 O Lord, my God

Swing low sweet chariot