



*Willen Church Newsheet*  
*The Third Sunday of Easter*



**Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership**  
**St Mary Magdalene, Willen**  
**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2024**  
**The Third Sunday of Easter**



**Today: The Third Sunday of Easter**

**9.30am** Holy Communion led by Revd. Canon Chuks Iwuagwu  
*Thank you, Chuks for leading us this morning.*

**11.00am** Holy Communion at Cross & Stable led by Revd. Dr. Sam Muthuveloe  
**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 **U3LELE** on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> APRIL** at 1230

The **Congregation Leadership Team** meet on Tuesday **16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:secretary@willenchurch.org)

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

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

**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

**Next week – April 21<sup>st</sup> The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

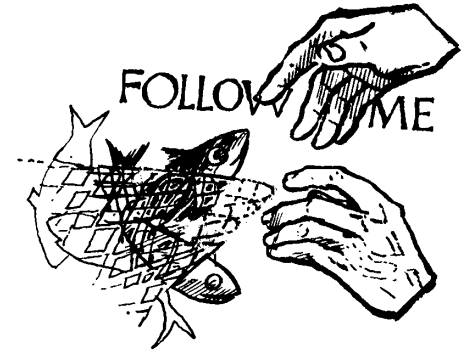
**9.30am** Holy Communion by extension led by Margaret Moakes LLM

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## The Collect of The Third Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,  
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:  
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life  
and fill us with your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**



## OLD TESTAMENT READING

### PSALM 4 (The Archbishops' Council, 2005)

A reading from the Book of Psalms

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness; ♦  
you set me at liberty when I was in trouble;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2 How long will you nobles dishonour my glory; ♦  
how long will you love vain things and seek after falsehood?
- 3 But know that the Lord has shown me his marvellous kindness; ♦  
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
- 4 Stand in awe, and sin not; ♦  
commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. [R]
- 5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness ♦  
and put your trust in the Lord.
- 6 There are many that say, 'Who will show us any good?' ♦  
Lord, lift up the light of your countenance upon us.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, ♦  
more than when their corn and wine and oil increase.
- 8 In peace I will lie down and sleep, ♦  
for it is you Lord, only, who make me dwell in safety.

*This is the word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

## **GOSPEL READING**

### **Luke 24: 36 – 48 (NRSV)**

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

### **Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>36</sup> While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’

<sup>37</sup> They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup> He said to them, ‘Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?’

<sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.’

<sup>40</sup> And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

<sup>41</sup> While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, ‘Have you anything here to eat?’ <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’

<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

<sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.

*This is the gospel of the Lord*

### **Praise to you, O Christ**



## NOTICES

Heritage week will be from September 6-15 2024. Please start preparing plants which can be offered for a donation during the week.

Tea, coffee and biscuits are running low. Any contributions would be very welcome

### 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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

- Charities and Agencies: Many are based in Milton Keynes. Some of them have a focus on the wider world. Please pray for their staff and those they work with. Please also pray for charities supported by our churches.
- Advantage Africa is a local charity supporting vulnerable people in East Africa affected by poverty, disability and HIV to improve their education, health and incomes. [www.advantageafrica.org](http://www.advantageafrica.org)
- Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW), which supports those around the world facing injustice because of their religion or belief. See [csw.org.uk](http://csw.org.uk)
- the person of God's choosing to be drawn to the advertisement for the SEP post of Anglican Team Rector. The post is now being advertised on the Oxford Diocese and SEP websites. Please bring it to the attention of anyone who might be interested.
- 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 safe transport in delivering aid around the world remembering especially Gaza and Ukraine and those who have lost their lives.. For world leaders to use their powers wisely, fairly and peacefully Apr 14 [World Chagas Disease Day](#) [WHO] Apr 20. [Chinese Language Day](#)

**HYMNS** - Complete Anglican Hymns Old and New

**8** Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord

**716** We have a gospel to proclaim

**475** Now the green blade riseth

**69** Be thou my guardian and my guide