

Team Rector in the Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership Milton Keynes

Our Ecumenical Partnership seeks to appoint a full-time Anglican colleague as Team Rector of the benefice of Stantonbury and Willen in the fast growing and dynamic new city of Milton Keynes.

The new incumbent will help the Partnership realise its vision to be:

**"Thriving and growing congregations,
making Christ known in our area of Milton Keynes."**

The successful candidate will share responsibility of leading the team and mission of the Partnership in rotation with other denominational colleagues.

We are praying for an experienced Anglican priest who has:

- a strong faith rooted in worship and prayer.
- a pastoral heart.
- good organisational and communication skills.
- a passion for mission.
- a real gift for preaching and teaching in a way that relates the Bible intelligently to contemporary life.

Closing Date: **1 May 2024** Interview Date: **20/21 May 2024**

For further information

Please contact the Archdeacon of Buckingham, the Venerable Guy Elsmore

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To read the Parish Profile and to apply please visit [Diocese of Oxford Vacancies | Church of England](#)

FOR YOUR PRAYERS - Please pray for

- Transport: Please pray for those who are travelling today, and for those who find mobility difficult. Please pray particularly for those who don't have access to a car in a city designed around grid roads.
- Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW), which supports those around the world facing injustice because of their religion or belief. See csw.org.uk
- the person of God's choosing to be drawn to the advertisement for the SEP post

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

World Prayers: For all the troublespots around the world Apr 28 [World Day for Safety and Health at Work](#) May 2 [World Tuna Day](#) May 3 [World Press Freedom Day](#)

HYMNS - Complete Anglican Hymns Old and New

305 I danced in the morning

429 Love is his word

946 Ubi Caritas

674 This is my body

217 God is love, let heaven adore him



Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership
St Mary Magdalene, Willen
Sunday 28th April, 2024
The Fifth Sunday of Easter



Today: The Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.30am Holy Communion led by Revd. Steve Barnes

Thank you, Steve for leading us this morning.

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

Church Service & Holy Communion at Care Homes

3.00pm at Neath House - Currier Drive Neath Hill MK14 6NS

4.00pm at Highclere Home - Chapman Ave Downs Barn MK14 7NH

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

Next week – May 5th The Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.30am All Age Morning Worship led by Margaret Moakes LLM

NOTICES

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

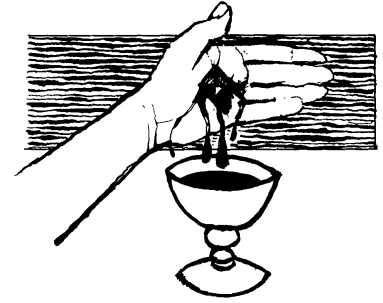
Tea, coffee and biscuits are running low. Any contributions would be very welcome

Ministers • Websites • Notice Sheet

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Churchwarden Brad Stone 01908 990 901 warden@willenchurch.org Please contact Brad with any queries for weddings, funerals and baptisms	
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 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**



NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts of the Apostles 8: 26 – 40 (NRSV)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

²⁶Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, ‘Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.’ (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, ‘Go over to this chariot and join it.’ ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’ ³¹He replied, ‘How can I, unless someone guides me?’ And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

‘Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.’

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, ‘About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?’ ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, ‘Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?’ ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they

came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING

John 15: 1 – 8 (NRSV)

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

Glory to you, O Lord

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

