

Dear Resident,

This card comes to you with our greetings and good wishes for the Christmas season. We hope the information is welcome and will help you know what events and services are on in your local church.

Many churches throughout the country have developed a vision statement: something which says in a short, memorable way, what they feel they stand for. We have been thinking and praying over this ourselves and after extensive consultation and a careful process of reflection ours is:

An open, growing and accessible church for Willen.

We are committed to keeping the church open for any and all to visit. We are aware that many appreciate being able to do this. We want to grow not only in our faith but also in our numbers. Being accessible not only physically, but also the visitors and newcomers who feel welcome and at ease, is important to us. There is no better time for us to share our open, growing and accessible church than during the season of Christmas when

Christians celebrate the fact that God made himself accessible to humans, we believe, in the form of Jesus.

Come and celebrate with us!

On behalf of the congregation and leadership of Willen Church may I wish you a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

(Rev) Paul Smith, Team Vicar

ADVENT STUDY COURSE

You are invited to come along to an Advent Bible study course on the Beatitudes (Jesus' famous sayings from his Sermon on the Mount). We will look at the idea that the Church is called to be:

CONTEMPLATIVE
COMPASSIONATE
COURAGEOUS

When: 3pm

Dates: 28th Nov, 5th & 12th December

Venue: The Library, St Michael's Priory,
Newport Road, Willen
MK15 9AA



CHRISTMAS at WILLEN CHURCH

Sunday 17th December

9.30am Morning Worship

5pm Carols by Candlelight with Quorum
(followed by mulled wine and mince pies at St Michael's Priory)

Christmas Eve

(Sunday 24th December)

9.30am Communion Service for last Sunday
in Advent

3pm Lessons & Carols at Lovat Fields
Retirement Village, Hawthorn Hall

3.30pm Christingle Service
(especially suitable for children)

11.30pm Midnight Communion Service

Christmas Day

(Monday 25th December)

9.30am Christmas Communion Service

New Year's Eve

(Sunday 31st December)

9.30am Communion Service



Church open for personal visits:
The church is normally open to visitors during daylight hours every day and we welcome those wishing to pray or find a few moments of peace and quiet or who are interested in the historical significance of our church building.

**Regular activities
at Willen Church:**

1st Sunday of the month 8.30am
half hour Holy Communion service

Every Sunday at 9.30am
1st Sunday of month informal service (a relaxed and easy-to-understand hour of readings, prayers, hymns and reflection)

2nd and 4/5th Sundays each month
Holy Communion (various traditions)

3rd Sundays of the month Morning Worship
6pm Choral Evensong 4-6 times a year

Other days as announced
Bible study & Lent groups

Harvest Celebration

Monthly Communion at
Oaktree Court & Lovat Fields Village

Concerts and social occasions

Fund raising events

Collections at our services supports
Willen Church

**For any further information or to
enquire about baptisms, thanksgivings,
weddings and funerals please
contact:**

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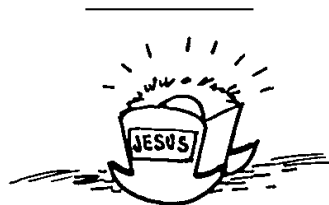
Website: willenchurch.org.uk

St Mary Magdalene, Willen is one of six churches making up the Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership. The Willen Church vision is:

**“An open, growing and
accessible church for Willen”**

and our Partnership vision is:

“Six thriving and growing churches, making
Christ known in our area of Milton Keynes.”



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