

For your prayers: <b><u>Willen membership</u></b>	<b><u>Street Cycle of Prayer</u></b>
Frank Green	Hammond Crescent
Margaret Greenslade	Hobart Crescent
Brian Haith	Hooper Gate
Sue Haith	Ketton Close

**Prayers for the Sick:** Derek Armstrong, Stuart Bowden, Nigel Cross, Eddie Flitney, Terry Foley, Terance Gayle, Mary Hartwell, Brian Philips, Bob Rolfe, Barbara Saunders, Kirstie Wayland, Fiona Wright

**World Prayers:** good relations between N and S Korea; those suffering from extreme weather conditions; health and peace in Yemen

**RIP:** Pat Clark, James Sinclair

**Prayer cycle:** view here - <http://www.missionpartnership.org.uk>

<b>Themes for Prayer:</b>	<b>Areas of Milton Keynes</b>	<b>Villages</b>
Education and Schools	Walton (East MK)	Wavendon
Relationships and Marriage	Stony Stratford	Calverton
Civil Society and Community	Stantonbury (North MK)	Lavendon
Engagement	Woughton (South-	Ravenstone
Further and Higher Education	Central MK)	Castlethorpe
Homelessness	Wolverton	Bow Brickhill
Unemployed	Fenny Stratford	Chichley
Outreach and Communication	Water Eaton	

**Notices:** ***Sensing God*** A silent retreat at Douai Abbey (between Reading and Newbury) Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 Organised and led by Becky Fisher and Katherine Bloomer on behalf of ‘reflect’ Methodists supporting retreats and spirituality. Cost £205. Further details from Becky on 01666 826 626 or at [becky.fisher@deanery.org.uk](mailto:becky.fisher@deanery.org.uk)

**Advance notices:**

3pm Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March: Memorial Service for Pat Clark, Willen Church

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March 11.30am Annual Members’ Meeting after church. Held at The Priory. Please be prepared to nominate or stand for election or nomination to the various bodies that support our local church life.

**Church Finances:** It costs £650 /wk to run our Church, we’re raising £500 / wk.

***We will need a new Notice Sheet compiler from 1 April onwards. Any volunteers please let Paul or Sean know.***

<b>Hymns</b>	<b>Sunday 18 February</b>
57 Awake, awake: fling off the night.	
190 Forty days and forty nights.	
37 Angel-voices ever singing.	
249 Great is thy faithfulness.	

**Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership**  
**St Mary Magdalene, Willen**  
**Sunday 18 February:**  
**The First Sunday of Lent**



**Today**

9.30am Morning worship with Margaret Moakes

13:15 – 16:00 Visit my Mosque event at Zainabiya Islamic Centre. Details below.

**This week:**

Tuesday 3pm Lent Group at The Priory Library.

Wednesday 2pm Communion at Lovat Fields Retirement Village

**Visit my Mosque Day event:** “The KSI Muslim Community of Milton Keynes has a community of over 100 families and on Friday prayers it attracts more than 50 worshippers. Its unusual classical architecture draws visitors from schools and the public throughout the year. The open attitude of the mosque and its people make a major contribution in fostering interfaith and intercultural understanding in the local community.” *Mussadique Ladak President, KSI Muslim Community of Milton Keynes*

**PROGRAMME:**

13:15 Welcome reception with refreshments

13:50 An introduction on who we are

14:15 Presentation from our Sunday School students

13:55 Recitation from the Holy Quran

14:25 Welcome from the Imam of KSI Milton Keynes

14:45 Speech by the Mayor of Milton Keynes

15:00 Tour of the Mosque

Find us at Peverel Drive, Bletchley, MK1 1NW: #visitmymosque;

Facebook: [ksimiltonkeynes.org](http://ksimiltonkeynes.org) Twitter: ksimcmk

Web: [ksimuslimcommunity.miltonkeynes](http://ksimuslimcommunity.miltonkeynes)

**Next Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February: Second Sunday of Lent**

9.30am Communion Service with Paul Smith

*Readings: Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38*

**Ministers • Websites • Notice Sheet**

**Rev Paul Smith, Team Vicar** St James', New Bradwell. & St Mary Magdalene, Willen 2 Hooper Gate, Willen MK15 9JR Tel: 606689 / paul.a.smith.mk@btinternet.com  
*Paul is off duty on Monday*

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*Margaret is off duty on Mondays*

**Contact information:** Deputy Warden Andy Davey MK 367679

Willen Church: [www.willenchurch.org.uk](http://www.willenchurch.org.uk) / Partnership: [www.stantonbury.net](http://www.stantonbury.net) **Please email short and succinct notices to [willenchurchnotices@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:willenchurchnotices@hotmail.co.uk) by 5pm on the preceding Thursday**

## **The Collect of The First Sunday of Lent**

Heavenly Father,  
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,  
and grew closer to you in the desert:  
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer  
that we may witness to your saving love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

A reading from 1 Peter 3: <sup>18</sup>-end

<sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

<sup>21</sup> And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

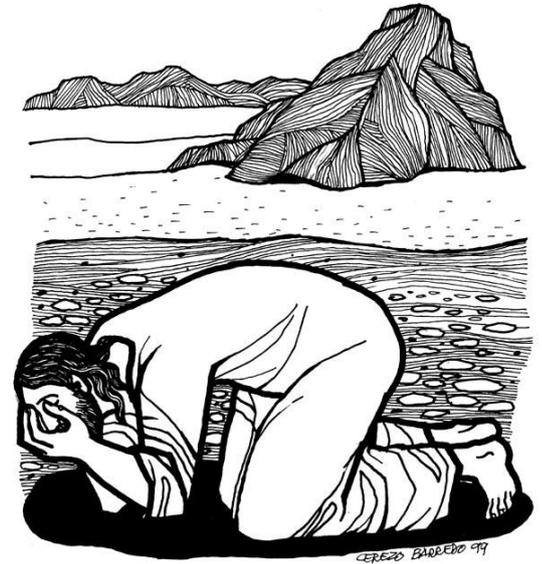
*Hear the word of the Lord,*

**Thanks be to God**

## GOSPEL READING

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to St Mark 1: 9-15

<sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."



<sup>12</sup> And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup> He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

<sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God,<sup>15</sup> and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

**Glory to you, O Lord**

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