

The Parish of Mill End and Heronsgate with West Hyde
Fifth Sunday after Trinity: 20th July 2025

Welcome!

Hearing Loop - A hearing loop system is installed at St Thomas' and St Peter's Churches, please set your hearing aid to the 'T' setting. Large Print Service Booklets & pewsheets are also available – please ask the sidesperson if you would prefer one.

Gluten Free Wafers - Please let a sidesperson know if you require a Gluten Free communion wafer before the start of the service.

ENTRANCE HYMN: Ancient & Modern (A&M) 593 *omit vs 2, 4 & 6

COLLECT: Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

NEW TESTAMENT READING: *Colossians 1:15-28*

¹⁵Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

²¹And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him – ²³provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

²⁴I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. This is the word of the Lord

GRADUAL HYMN: A&M 713

GOSPEL READING: *Luke 10:38-42*

³⁸Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

OFFERTORY HYMN: A&M 546

COMMUNION HYMN: A&M 432 (verses 1-3)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: A&M 652

The Parish Wardens and Parochial Church Council of
The Parish Of Mill End and Heronsgate with West Hyde



Invite you to the Institution by the
Rt Reverend Jane Mainwaring, Bishop of Hertford
and Induction and Installation by the
Rural Dean of Rickmansworth, Reverend Canon Charles Burch
of the Reverend Dr Mark Harris as
Vicar of Mill End and Heronsgate with West Hyde



St Peter the Apostle, Mill End, Rickmansworth, WD3 7HQ
Monday 1st September 2025 at 7.30pm
Please be seated by 7.15pm



Refreshments will be served after the service

RSVP by Friday 16th August 2025
to the Parish Office:
office.parish@btinternet.com
01923 772785
leave a message if no answer

*Clergy and Readers may robe -
please indicate in your
response if you wish to robe*



Please hold Mark and his family in your prayers



A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.



Our churches have a candle lit, asking for the intercession of Blessed Mary for the people of Ukraine and all caught up in this conflict. The candles will remain lit and our prayers will continue whilst the war rages.

Diary for this week:

Mon 21st July

8.00pm Symeons meet in the Parish Hall

Tue 22nd July

Mary Magdalene

Wed 23rd July

9.30am Said Eucharist at St Peter's

Thu 24th July

Fri 25th July

James the Apostle

Sat 26th July

Anne & Joachim, parents of the BVM

Sun 27th July

Trinity 6

9.30am Healing Eucharist at St John's

9.30am Said Eucharist at St Thomas'

11.00am Sung Eucharist at St Peter's followed by coffee in the Parish Hall

12.45pm Holy Baptism Service at St Peter's

All items for inclusion in the weekly pewsheets must be forwarded to the parish office by Thursday morning at the latest.

A Prayer for Mark

As we look forward to a new season in the life of this parish let us pray for Mark and his family:

Lord, as we prepare to welcome our new vicar Mark, we pray for our continued nurturing, unity and fellowship within our parish.

May we be one in spirit, working together to spread your message of love and compassion.

May the Holy Spirit come upon Mark to inspire us all to live our faith with courage and joy, reaching out to our wider community and building your kingdom in this place.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

St Thomas' Flower Festival – St Thomas's raised just over £600 from their Flower Festival. A big thank you to all those who supported the event - by arranging flowers, cooking cakes, helping on the day or just visiting.

The Why? Group – We meet fortnightly on a Wednesday, 12.30pm for a simple lunch, bible study and discussion. We are taking a break for the summer, resuming in September, date to be announced. Enquiries via the Parish Office. All welcome, always

Junior Church - the next meeting will be Sunday 7th September, during the 11am Service at St Peter's; please encourage any families with children to come along and join in.

Pete's Café is back. After 3 successful 'taster' sessions, the café will return weekly in the Autumn Term on Monday 8th September. Opening hours will be 4-5.15pm, meeting in the Parish Hall. Are you available to come and help set up / serve drinks and snacks and be a listening ear for a young person? Helpers arrive from 3.15pm onwards for set up. Please contact Chris Walton if you want to sign up or know more: chrism.walton@btopenworld.com / 07931 717975.

General Synod Vacancy – a casual vacancy for a Lay Member of General Synod has arisen. This will be for the remainder of the current term (due to end around July 2026). Information relating to the election, including the Informal Notice detailing those members of the electorate and those who may stand for election can be found on the diocesan website here: <https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/about-us/governance/synods-boards-and-committees/general-synod-election-to-fill-lay-casual-vacancy-2025/> You do not have to be a member of Deanery Synod to apply.

Prayers:

For the **sick at home or in hospital**, especially those on our sick list – Noel MacFadden, Michael Ansell, Michelle Barrett, Duncan Woods, Hazel Clarke, Val Fear, Alison Sealy, Melanie Dixon, Oliver Talbot, Allan Moore, Rose Fulker, Michael Bowler, Marlene Tweedy, Louise Humphrey, Jo Neal, Barbara Smith, Alice Fryer.

For the **repose of the souls of: Joyce Sones and those whose anniversaries fall at this time:** Arthur Mills, Alan Brereton, Paul Sykes, Samuel Clark, Reginal Brothers, George Pickis, Wilfred Welch, Louisa Wallington.

Please let us know if anyone is sick, in hospital, bereaved or in need of a visit. Elaine, Parish Office ☎01923 772785, 💻office.parish@btinternet.com (office open – Mon-Fri 9am-12pm) Web site: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/benefice/32-180BX/>

Do You Need Help? If you need help of any sort, no matter how small, please contact your Pastoral Care co-ordinators and they will put you in touch with someone who will do what they can to help you.

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