The Parish of Mill End and Heronsgate with West Hyde *Sixth Sunday after Trinity: 27th 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) 702

COLLECT: Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Colossians 2:6-15

Brothers and sisters, ⁶as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

This is the word of the Lord

GRADUAL HYMN: A&M 629

GOSPEL READING: Luke 11:1-13

¹He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' ²He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

⁵And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." ⁷And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

OFFERTORY HYMN: A&M 502

COMMUNION HYMN: A&M 628

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: A&M 218



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 28th July 8.00pm Symeons meet in the Parish Hall Tue 29th July Mary, Martha & Lazarus, Companions of Our Lord Wed 30th Julv 9.30am Said Eucharist at St Peter's 7.45pm PCC meeting in the Parish Hall William Wilberforce, social reformer Olaudah Equiano & Thomas Clarkson Thu 31st July Fri 1st August 2-4pm Let's Get Together in the Parish Hall Sat 2nd August Sun 3rd August 9.30am Service of the Word at St John's 9.30am Said Eucharist at St Thomas' Trinity 7 11.00am Healing Eucharist at St Peter's followed by coffee in the Parish Hall

All items for inclusion in the weekly pewsheet 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: <u>chrism.walton@btopenworld.com</u> / 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: <u>https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/about-us/governance/synods-boards-and-committees/general-synod-election-to-fill-lay-casual-vacancy-2025/</u> 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, Cameron Holder & family, Graham Daw, Patsy Pickis, Charles & Sally Parry.*

For the **repose of the souls of:** *Joyce Sones* **and those whose anniversaries fall at this time:** *Frank Thorn, Edith Gibbons, Derek Phillips, Joy West, Roy Hurst, Nell Morgan, Leonard Barnes.*

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

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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