The Parish of Mill End and Heronsgate with West Hyde *Tenth Sunday after Trinity: 24th August 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) 518

COLLECT: Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Hebrews 12:18-29

¹⁸You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, ¹⁹and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰(For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, 'Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.' ²⁷This phrase, 'Yet once more,' indicates the removal of what is shaken – that is, created things – so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

This is the word of the Lord

GRADUAL HYMN: A&M 116

GOSPEL READING: Luke 13:10-17

¹⁰Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' ¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

OFFERTORY HYMN: A&M 675 *omit vs 4 & 5

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: A&M 630



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 25th August

Bank Holiday

Wed 27th August

9.30am Said Eucharist at St Peter's

Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo

Sun 31st August

9.30am No Service at St Peter's

Trinity 11

10.30am Parish Service at St John's – parking available

11.00am No Service at St Peter's

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

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday 22nd August for 1 day, back on Tuesday 26th as Monday 25th is a Bank Holiday.

Sunday 31st August (5th Sunday) there will be a Parish Service, 10.30am at St John's, Heronsgate. Parking will be available.

Mark's Licensing – Food. There is a list at the back of each church of food requirements for the reception after Mark's Licensing service. Please add your name if you are able to provide something, many thanks.

A note from Rev'd Anne Lovegrove - Dear and lovely people of St Peter's, St Thomas' and St John's, Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers and for the amazing chocolates. It was so kind of you and I loved being part of your worship over the past few months. xx Best wishes, Anne

Walking/Home Aids - Do you or anyone you know that could make use of any walking or home aids - in particular Zimmer frames, perch stool, commode, a tripod walker, walker with seat or a wheelchair? Please contact Helen Ford ford814@gmail.com or 07879448347 for more information.

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 on 3rd September. 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.

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.

Sunday 28th September - Continuing our 'Celebrate 150' for the anniversary of St Peter's all are invited to a 'Celebration Afternoon Tea', 3pm on Sunday 28th September in the Parish Hall. We would also like to invite any past church members / clergy to this service. If you have any names of people who you think should be invited, please contact the parish office. Contact emails or addresses would also be useful.

Celebrating 1700 years of Nicene Creed – If you are interested in the background of the Council of Nicaea and the Nicene Creed then this bbc sounds piece may be worth a listen: https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m002gq86 it lasts around 40 minutes.

Shine Night Walk – many of you know Philip Hay and his sister Claire. They are taking part in this year's Cancer Research Shine Night Walk on Saturday 20th September. To donate visit: www.shorturl.at/tK7VW

Prayers: For Jovie being Christened in September.

For the **sick at home or in hospital**, especially those on our sick list – *Michael Ansell, Michael Barrett, Duncan Woods, Val Fear, Alison Sealy, Melanie Dixon, Oliver Talbot, Allan Moore, Rose Fulker, Marlene Tweedy, Cameron Holder & family, Graham Daw, Patsy Pickis, Charles & Sally Parry.*

For the repose of the souls of: Michael Bowler and those whose anniversaries fall at this time: Beryl Pask, Alan Davenport, Joan Spencer, Harry Jinks, Vincent Cobb, David Mallison, Frederick Burchell.

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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