

The Parish of Mill End and Heronsgate with West Hyde  
***Eleventh Sunday after Trinity: 31<sup>st</sup> 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) 584**

**COLLECT:** O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** *Ecclesiastes 3.1-15*

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

<sup>9</sup>What gain have the workers from their toil? <sup>10</sup>I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. <sup>11</sup>He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. <sup>12</sup>I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; <sup>13</sup>moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil. <sup>14</sup>I know that whatever God does endures for ever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him. <sup>15</sup>That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already is; and God seeks out what has gone by.

This is the word of the Lord

**GRADUAL HYMN: A&M 287**

**GOSPEL READING:** *Luke 14:1, 7-14*

<sup>1</sup>On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

<sup>7</sup>When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup>‘When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup>and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, “Give this person your place,” and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, “Friend, move up higher”; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup>For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.’


<sup>12</sup>He said also to the one who had invited him, ‘When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup>And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.’

**OFFERTORY HYMN: A&M 448**

**COMMUNION HYMN: A&M 728**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER:** Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN: A&M 394**



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 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 at 7.30pm  
Please be seated by 7.15pm

Refreshments will be served after the service

RSVP by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> September

7.30pm Institution, Induction and Installation of The Reverend Dr Mark Harris at St Peter's followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall. Please be seated by 7.15pm

### Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> September

*Gregory the Great, bishop*

9.30am Said Eucharist at St Peter's  
12.30pm Why Group meet in the Parish Hall

### Fri 5<sup>th</sup> September

2-4pm Let's Get Together in the Parish Hall

### Sun 7<sup>th</sup> September

*Trinity 12*

9.30am Harvest Eucharist at St John's  
9.30am Said Eucharist at St Thomas'  
11.00am Healing Eucharist at St Peter's with Junior Church  
12.45pm Christening Service at St Peter's

### 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

**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](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Enquiries via the Parish Office. All welcome, always

**Michael Bowler** – many of you will know Michael – a longstanding resident of Heronsgate (50 years) until he and his wife, Jane moved to Chalfont St Giles 3 years ago. Sadly, Michael died on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August after a long illness. His funeral is on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September, 12.15pm at the Hampton Chapel, Chilterns Crem, Amersham and afterwards at Chorleywood Golf Club.

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

**GSS Service** - the local Chapter of the Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary (GSS) will be meeting at St. Peter's church on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 8 p.m. for Guild office and Eucharist followed by refreshments in the hall. All are welcome.

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September** - Continuing our 'Celebrate 150' for the anniversary of St Peter's all are invited to a 'Celebration Afternoon Tea', 3pm on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Diocesan Vacancies** – the Diocese Property Team are advertising for an Asset and Development Manager and a Building Surveyor and Facilities Manager. Details for both roles can be found at: <https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/vacancies-role/diocesan-roles/>

**Prayers:** For **Jovie** being Christened in September.

For the **sick at home or in hospital**, especially those on our sick list – *Sylvia Ball, Michael Ansell, Michelle Barrett, Duncan Woods, Val Fear, Alison Sealy, Melanie Dixon, Oliver Talbot, Allan Moore, Rose Fulker, Marlene Tweedy.*

For the **repose of the souls of:** *Moreli McDougal, Sybil Rogerson, Michael Bowler and those whose anniversaries fall at this time: John Marsh, Colin McCullough, Edna Ansell, Frederick Cobb, Sidney Waite-Cobb, Lesley Botterill, Charles Woods.*

**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](mailto: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.

**St. Peter's:** Dianne Harris 01923 283600(h) 07887 387222(m)

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**St. Thomas's:** Elizabeth Woods 01923 462618(h) 07752 416434(m)

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**Collection for Rickmansworth Foodbank** – Items URGENTLY needed: ♦Carrier Bags ♦Tea ♦Jam ♦Tinned Fruit ♦Tinned Vegetables ♦Tinned Potatoes ♦Long Life Juice/Squash ♦Long life milk ♦Tinned Tomatoes ♦Laundry products ♦Washing up Liquid ♦Dog Food. Please leave items in basket at back of church until Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September. Thank you for your generosity.