

The Parish of Mill End and Heronsgate with West Hyde
Twelfth Sunday after Trinity: 7th September 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) 1 vs 1-4 & 8

COLLECT: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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: *Philemon 1-21*

¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love – and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother – especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ.

²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

This is the word of the Lord

GRADUAL HYMN: A&M 790

GOSPEL READING: Luke 14:25-33

²⁵Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple.

²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?

²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.'

OFFERTORY HYMN: A&M 489

COMMUNION HYMN: A&M 259

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: A&M 748

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 7th September. Thank you for your generosity.

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 8th September

Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

4-5.15pm Pete's Café meet in the Parish Hall

8.00pm Symeons meet in the Parish Hall

Tue 9th September

9.30-11am St Peter's Toddlers meet in the Parish Hall

8.00pm GSS Service at St Peter's

Wed 10th September

9.30am Said Eucharist at St Peter's

1.30pm Funeral Service at St John's – Moreli McDougall

Sun 14th September

Trinity 13

9.30am Healing Eucharist at St John's

9.30am Sung Eucharist at St Thomas'

11.00am All Age Eucharist with Band 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 note from Rev'd Mary Kingsley - During this last season, it has been an enormous privilege to walk alongside the communities of Mill End, Heronsgate, Maple Cross and West Hyde. I have shared your joys and sorrows, your excitement and your apprehension. Many thanks for the beautiful bouquet of flowers and the cards of thanks which I received at St John's last Sunday. In the words of Dag Hammarskjöld, "for what has been Thanks, for what is to come, YES". Rev'd Mary.

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. Our next meeting will be Wed 17th September. Enquiries via the Parish Office. All welcome, always

Junior Church - the next meeting will be Sunday 5th October, during the 11am Service at St Peter's; please encourage any families with children to come along.

Pete's Café is back. The café returns weekly on Monday 8th September, 4-5.15pm 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? Contact Chris Walton if you want to know more: chrism.walton@btopenworld.com / 07931 717975.

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

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/m002gg86> 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

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, Val Fear, Alison Sealy, Melanie Dixon, Oliver Talbot, Allan Moore, Rose Fulker, Marlene Tweedy, Brooke Cornwell, Andrew Case, Anne Peat.*

For the **repose of the souls of:** *Moreli McDougall and those whose anniversaries fall at this time: Ernest Smith, Richard Brett, Rhoda Fordham, Peggy Jones, Christine Barlow, Edwin Spring, Clive Slater, Stanley Ide, Irene Levis, Lucy Randall, Dennis Carter.*

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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