

The Parish of Mill End and Heronsgate with West Hyde
Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity: 14th 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) 587

COLLECT: Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

NEW TESTAMENT READING: *1 Timothy 1:12-17*

¹²I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord

GRADUAL HYMN: A&M 800

GOSPEL READING: *Luke 15:1-10*

¹All the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'
³So he told them this parable: ⁴'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

OFFERTORY HYMN:

God forgave my sin in Jesus'
name,
I've been born again in Jesus'
name;
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His love as He told me to.

*He said: "Freely, freely, you have
received,
Freely, freely give;
Go in My name and because you
believe
Others will know that I live."*

All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name,
In earth and heaven in Jesus'
name;
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share his pow'r as he told me
to.

God gives us life in Jesus' name,
he lives in us in Jesus' name.
And in Jesus' name I come to you
to share his peace as he told me to.

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COMMUNION HYMN: A&M 144

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord has made, that the
Lord has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has
made,
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made.

This is the day, this is the day
when he rose again, when he rose
again;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day when he rose again;

we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
when he rose again.

This is the day, this is the day
when the Spirit came, when the
Spirit came;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day when the Spirit
came;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
when the Spirit came.

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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 15th September

Holy Cross Day (trans)

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

8.00pm Symeons meet in the Parish Hall

Tue 16th September

Ninian, bishop, apostle of the Picts

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

11.00am Care Home Service at Dapplemere

7.30pm Helen's Home Group Meeting

Wed 17th September

Hildegard, abbess, visionary

9.30am Said Eucharist at St Peter's

12.30pm Why Group lunch & bible study in the Parish Hall

7.45pm PCC Meeting in St Peter's Church

Thu 18th September

Fri 19th September

Sat 20th September

John Coleridge Patteson, bishop

Sun 21st September

Matthew, the Apostle

9.30am Service of the Word at St John's

9.30am Sung Eucharist at St Thomas'

11.00am Sung Eucharist 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

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.

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.

Tea & Cake Afternoon at St John's, Heronsgate. Monday 29th September, 2-4.30pm. All welcome to join us for an afternoon involving, friendship, chat, tea & cake. Parking can be sourced in advance or on the day)

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.

Symeons Socials – Monday 6th October, fancy yourself as the next Luke Littler? Want to beat our reigning champion, Robert Barrett? Darts Qualifying rounds tonight, final on 3rd November. Bar opens 8pm, food available for a small fee

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 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, Lynsey Austin, Ben Austin, Alan Wills, Duncan Woods.*

For the **repose of the souls of: and those whose anniversaries fall at this time:** *Elsie Gray, George Shaw, Philip Smith, Jean Funnell, Edith Ratcliffe, Brian Woodbridge, Louisa Jones, John Waterson, Dorlthy Farley, Adelaide Rosson, Kitty Smith.*

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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