

The Parish of Mill End and Heronsgate with West Hyde
Christ the King: 23rd November 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) 769

COLLECT: Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

NEW TESTAMENT READING: *Colossians 1:11-20*

Brothers and sisters: ¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, ¹²while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

This is the word of the Lord

GRADUAL HYMN: A&M 682

GOSPEL READING: *Luke 23:33-43*

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, 'If

you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' ³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?' ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' ⁴²Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' ⁴³Jesus replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

OFFERTORY HYMN: A&M 754 *omit vs 3

COMMUNION HYMN: A&M 838

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: A&M 811

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL
Saturday 6th December 2025
11am-2pm
St Peter's Church & Parish Hall, WD3 7HQ



St Peter's Church
Celebrating our
150th
ANNIVERSARY
All welcome, always

Come and see the window displays on the theme
'Celebrating 150 years'
To mark the 150th Anniversary of St Peter's Church.
bacon rolls; drinks; mince pies; choc, bottle & teddy tom-
bola; raffles; gifts stall; games; George's quiz; cake stall

Admission **FREE** for children
£2 per adult incl a hot drink and a mince pie

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 24th November	8.00pm Symeons meet in the Parish Hall
Tue 25th November	9.30-11am St Peter's Toddlers meet in the Parish Hall
Wed 26th November	9.30am Said Eucharist at St Peter's 12.30pm Why Group lunch & bible study in the Parish Hall
Sun 30th November <i>Advent Sunday</i>	10.30am Parish Eucharist at St Thomas' 9.30am No Service at St John's 11.00am No Service 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.

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 26th November. Enquiries via the Parish Office. All welcome, always

Community Christmas Festival – Saturday 6th December 11am-2pm. Are you able to help on the day – it could be setting up, running a stall, helping to tidy away at the end. WE NEED YOU! Add your name to the list at the back of church. Thank you 😊

Hamper Making – if you are around from 7.30pm on Wednesday 3rd December, come along to St Peter's Church to help put hampers together.

Junior Church - the next meeting will be Sunday 7th December, during the 11am All Age & Band Service at St Peter's; please invite any families with children to join us.

Salvation Army Christmas Toy Collection – we are once again taking part in the 'Be a Star' Christmas toy campaign collecting new toys for children & teens. Our Toy collection services will be on Sunday 7th December at St Thomas' & St Peter's Churches. Let this be another bumper year of donations. More details of what to give on the flyers in church.

Come and sing with the choir this Christmas! We are currently planning this year's Christmas music and are looking for extra singers for the carol service on Christmas Eve at 6pm. Rehearsals will be on Thursdays in December at 8pm (4th, 11th, 18th) and at 4.30pm before the 6pm service. Please talk to/email Richard:

millendmusic@gmail.com

Prayers:.

For the **sick at home or in hospital**, especially those on our sick list – *Nigel Bunce, Raymond Williamson, Sylvia Ball, Michael Ansell, Michelle Barrett, Val Fear, Alison Sealy, Rose Fulker, Marlene Tweedy, Cameron Holder & family, Graham Daw, Patsy Pickis, Charles & Sally Parry, Sylvia Carter.*

For the **repose of the souls of: and those whose anniversaries fall at this time:** *Lucy Anderson, Isabel Watson, Mary Butler, David Pitts, Rose Southam, Derek Drury.*

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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Art In Advent

Join Mark for mulled wine, mince pies
and discussion about Art in Advent

A cosy, relaxed evening to get to know each other

Tuesday 2nd and 9th December

7.30-9pm

in the Parish Hall

All welcome, always