

The Parish of Mill End and Heronsgate with West Hyde
First Sunday of Advent: 30th 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) 41

ADVENT WREATH:

We have this Advent Ring to remind us of the coming of Jesus, the light of the world.

All sing: The holly and the ivy
Are dancing in a ring,
Round the purple advent candles
And the white and shining King.

We light this candle to remind us of God's people who in every age watch for him coming

All sing: And one is for God's people
in every age and day,
we are watching for his coming.
We believe and we obey.

COLLECT: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

NEW TESTAMENT READING: *Isaiah 2:1-5*

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. ³Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

This is the word of the Lord

GRADUAL HYMN: A&M 50

GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 24:36-44*

Jesus spoke to his disciples: ³⁶'About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

OFFERTORY HYMN: A&M 54

COMMUNION HYMN: A&M 409

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: A&M 51

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

Could you help us make
Christmas special for
those who may have
little or nothing under
the tree on Christmas
morning?



Sunday 7th December,
9.30am at St Thomas' Church
11.00am at St Peter's Church

We are again collecting new toys and gifts for the
Salvation Army Christmas Present Appeal. You can help
spread the joy of Christmas to families whose children
would otherwise not receive a gift. Over the years
millions of children and young people have benefited
from gifts donated to the Salvation Army.

Gift ideas on separate flyer

Bring your new toys/donations to the services on
7th December, or drop them in at the Parish Office
any time before then. Gift Wrap/bags and tags are
also welcome.



**Be a Star
and donate
a gift**

Diary for this week:

Mon 1st December

Andrew the Apostle (transf)

Tue 2nd December

Wed 3rd December

Thu 4th December

Fri 5th December

Sat 6th December

Nicholas, bishop

Sun 7th December

Second Sunday of Advent

8.00pm Symeons meet in the Parish Hall

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

7.30-9pm Art in Advent in the Parish Hall

9.30am Said Eucharist at St Peter's

7.30pm Hamper making in St Peter's Church

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

11am-2pm Community Christmas Festival at St Peter's

9.30am Said Eucharist with Salvation Army Toy collection

9.30am Said Eucharist at St John's

11.00am All Age Eucharist with Band and Junior Church at St Peter's. Salvation Army Toy Collection.

All items for inclusion in the weekly pewsheets must be forwarded to the parish office by Thursday morning at the latest.



Advent Evenings – join Mark for mulled wine, mince pies and a discussion about the meaning of Advent, seen through the eyes of works of Art. Two evenings in the Parish Hall - come to either or both! Tuesdays 2nd and 9th December, 7.30-9pm. See you there!

Community Christmas Festival – Saturday 6th December 11am-2pm. CAKES, CAKES, CAKES required for the Cake stall. If you are able to make a cake or cakes please bring to the Parish Office on Friday 5th December 9am-12pm or drop into hall early on Saturday morning. 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 – *David Gaspar, Nigel Bunce, Raymond Williamson, Sylvia Ball, Michael Ansell, Michelle Barrett, Val Fear, Alison Sealy, Rose Fulker, Marlene Tweedy.*

For the **repose of the souls of: and those whose anniversaries fall at this time:** *Samuel Knight, Vincent Cobb, Betty Gray, Gordon Floyd, Cyril Dunn, Albert Cox.*

Please let us know if anyone is sick, in hospital, bereaved or in need of a visit:

Mark Harris, vicar marknzharris@gmail.com or 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.

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

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Advent and Christmas

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Toy Service

Sunday 7th December

St Thomas' 9.30am & St Peter's 11am

We will be collecting new toys & gifts for the Salvation Army 'Be a Star' Christmas present campaign.

Carols and Cakes

Sunday 21st December, 2.30pm

St Thomas' Church
West Hyde
WD3 9XP

Family Christingle Eucharist

Sunday 14th December, 11am
St Peter's, WD3 7HQ

Christmas Eve

Family Crib Service, 3pm

come dressed as any
nativity character

Family Carol Service, 6pm

Midnight Mass, 11.30pm

All at St Peter's Church, WD3 7HQ

Christmas Day

St Thomas' 9.30am

St John's 9.30am

St Peter's 11.00am