

The Parish of Mill End and Heronsgate with West Hyde
Second Sunday before Advent: 16th 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) 580

COLLECT: Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

NEW TESTAMENT READING: *2 Thessalonians 3:6-13*

⁶We command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

This is the word of the Lord

GRADUAL HYMN: A&M 217

GOSPEL READING: *Luke 21:5-19*

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, ⁶'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'

⁷They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' ⁸And Jesus said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them.

⁹When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' ¹⁰Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹²But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.'

OFFERTORY HYMN: A&M 646 *omit vs 2

COMMUNION HYMN: A&M 456

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: A&M 818

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 17th November

Hugh, Bishop

4.00pm Pete's Café meet in the Parish Hall
8.00pm Symeons meet in the Parish Hall

Tue 18th November

Elizabeth, princess

9.30-11am St Peter's Toddlers meet in the Parish Hall
11.00am Care Home Service at Dapplemere
7.30pm Deanery Confirmation Service at All Saints,

Croxley

Wed 19th November

Hilda, abbess

9.30am Said Eucharist at St Peter's
7.45pm PCC Meeting in St Peter's Church

Thu 20th November

Edmund, King, Martyr

Fri 21st November

Sat 22nd November

7.00pm Symeons Quiz Night in the Parish Hall – fully booked

Sun 23rd November

Christ the King

9.30am Healing Eucharist at St Thomas'
9.30am Said Eucharist at St John's
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.

Deanery Confirmation Service is taking place at All Saints, Croxley Green this Tuesday, 18th November at 7.30pm. We have 2 candidates being confirmed; please pray for Aemelia and Venessa as they continue their journey of faith and if you want to support them in person, all are welcome at the service.

Symeons Quiz – apologies if you were waiting until the last minute to buy your quiz tickets – the quiz is now fully booked, no entries on the door will be accepted.

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

Art in Advent – join Mark in the Parish Hall for mulled wine, mince pies and discussion around Art in Advent. A chance to get to know each other better. Tuesdays 2nd and 9th December, 7.30-9pm. See you there!

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 😊

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

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, Louise Humphrey, Jo Neal, Barbara Smith, Alice Fryer.*

For the **repose of the souls of: James Thompson and those whose anniversaries fall at this time:** *Daniel Dand, John Watson, Peter Brownsell, Valerie Newberry, Sheila Gwyn-Thomas, Barrie Watkinson.*

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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