

The Parish of Mill End and Heronsgate with West Hyde

Conversion of Paul: 25th January 2026

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) 507

COLLECT: Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth; through 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: Galatians 1.11-16

¹¹I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; ¹²for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

¹³You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. ¹⁴I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. ¹⁵But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased ¹⁶to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being.

This is the word of the Lord

GRADUAL HYMN: A&M 631

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 19.27-30

²⁷Peter said to Jesus: 'Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?' ²⁸Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. ³⁰But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

OFFERTORY HYMN: A&M 675

COMMUNION HYMN: A&M 587

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: A&M 498

Ash Wednesday 18th February 2026

9.30am
Quiet Eucharist with
Imposition of Ashes at St Peter's

7.30pm
Sung Eucharist with
Imposition of Ashes at St Peter's

All welcome, always

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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 26th January

Timothy & Titus, companions of Paul

8.00pm Symeons meet in the Parish Hall

Tue 27th January

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

7.30pm Helen & Maggie's Home Group meeting

9.30am Quiet Eucharist at St Peter's

Wed 28th January

Thomas Aquinas, priest

9.30am Healing Eucharist at St Thomas'

9.30am Said Eucharist at St John's

11.00am Sung Eucharist at St Peter's

Sun 1st February

Candlemas

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.

George Birthday wishes - George wishes to thank everyone who wished him well, either last Sunday or at Symeons a day later when he was about to join the other nonagenarians, John Dunkley, Tony Burkett and Frederick Frater. It was a super and very memorable celebration and the cards and presents were great. And yes, he did make it through the next day to the true date.

Symeons Social – Chinese Night - Monday 2nd February - Come and celebrate the start of the year of the horse with a Chinese Banquet at £10 per person. Bar opens 8pm, food served 8.30pm. To assist with catering, please let Tony Funnell (07876 133199) know if you are coming to ensure we order the right amount of food.

Junior Church - the next meeting will be Sunday 1st February, during the 11am All Age & Band Service at St Peter's; please invite any families with children to join us.

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 4th February. Enquiries via the Parish Office. All welcome, always

Chronicle subscriptions – just a reminder that Chronicle subscriptions are now due. All regular subscribers should have received a reminder letter with the December/January edition. If you wish to receive the February edition, please make sure the office has received your payment before the end of January.

Gift Bags/Unwanted Gifts – if you have any spare gift bags or unwanted Christmas Gifts suitable for our 2025 Christmas Festival Gift stall please leave at the back of church or bring to the Parish Office. Thank you

Christian Aid Events: There are 2 Christian Aid events in the Deanery that people may be interested in: ¹ Animal Heroes in War & Peace – an entertaining talk about the role of animals in art by Hilary Hope Guise, who entertained us with her Wine and the Vine talk a couple of years ago. **Saturday 14th February 2026**, St Mary's Church Hall, Rickmansworth, 6.45pm for 7pm start: talk with glass of wine followed by supper, raffle and art auction - £15 per ticket. Tickets now available from Chris Gregory 07818 412869 / cq@chrisgregory.uk or from your church Christian Aid reps Gill and Martyn Gowing gmgowing@btopenworld.com / 07882761471

² Arts Café – St Oswald's Church and Hall, Saturday 18th April 2026 – 11am to 4pm.

London Landmarks Half Marathon - My son, Robert Sykes is fundraising for Muscular Dystrophy research in memory of his dad and in support of his brother. Any donations, however small would be gratefully received. Here's his JustGiving page, if you'd like to donate:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/robertsykes?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=WA

With many thanks Margaret Sykes.

Snowdrop Garden – Possibly for the Last Time: The Bishop of St Albans' Garden will open for what may be **the final time** this February, with thousands of snowdrops and early bulbs in bloom. All proceeds support the **Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust**.

Dates: 14 & 15 Feb; 21 & 22 Feb; **Time:** 2–4pm; **Location:** Abbey Gate House, Abbey Mill Lane, AL3 4HD; **Entry:** £5 per adult. A warm invitation to enjoy the garden's early spring beauty and help care for our historic churches.

Prayers:

For the **sick at home or in hospital**, especially those on our sick list – *Duncan Woods, Johanne Watson, David Gasper, Nigel Bunce, Raymond Williamson, Sylvia Ball, Michael Ansell, Val Fear, Alison Sealy, Rose Fulker, 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:**
Robert Presswell, Betty Carroll, Ivy Maizey, Clive Fenner, George Tingay, Alice Knight, Kitty Pitts, Arthur Horwood, Ellen Horwood, Binnie Bowes.

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)
dianneharris@live.co.uk

St. Thomas's: Elizabeth Woods 01923 462618(h) 07752 416434(m)
elizabethannwoods37@gmail.com

Collection for Rickmansworth Foodbank – Items URGENTLY needed: ♦Carrier Bags ♦Tinned Meat e.g. casseroles / mince ♦Long Life Juice/Squash ♦Biscuits ♦Size 5 & 6 nappies ♦Laundry products ♦Sanitary Towels ♦Dog Food. Please leave items in basket at back of church until Sunday 1st February. Thank you for your generosity.