

The Parish of Mill End and Heronsgate with West Hyde
Fifth Sunday of Trinity: 5th July 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)

O when the saints go marching in,
O when the saints go marching in,
I want to be in that number
when the saints go marching in.

O when they crown him Lord of all,
O when they crown him Lord of all,
I want to be in that number,
when they crown him Lord of all.

O when all knees bow at his name,
O when all knees bow at his name,
I want to be in that number
when all knees bow at his name.

O when they sing the Saviour's
praise,

O when they sing the Saviour's
praise,

I want to be in that number
when they sing the Saviour's
praise.

O when the saints go marching in,
O when the saints go marching in,
I want to be in that number
when the saints go marching in.

COLLECT: Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

NEW TESTAMENT READING: *Romans 7.15-25*

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! This is the word of the Lord

GRADUAL HYMN: A&M 638

GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 11.16-19, 25-30*

At that time Jesus said, ¹⁶‘To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,

¹⁷“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.”

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”;

¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.

²⁵I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants;

²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

OFFERTORY HYMN: A&M 494

COMMUNION HYMN: A&M 800

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul;
Worship his holy name
Sing like never before,
O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.*

**The sun comes up,
It's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass,
And whatever lies before me.
Let me be singing
When the evening comes
You're rich in love
And You're slow to anger.**

**Your name is great
And Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness,
I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons
For my heart to find.**

**And on that day,
When my strength is failing,
The end draws near
And my time has come;
Still, my soul will sing Your praise
unending
Ten thousand years,
And then forever more!**

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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 6th July

4-5.15pm Pete's Café trial session in the Parish Hall
8.00pm Symeons BBQ in the Parish Hall

Tue 7th July

7.30pm Helen & Maggie's Home Group meeting

Wed 8th July

9.30am Said Eucharist at St Peter's
12.30pm Why Group lunch & bible study in Parish Hall

Sat 11th July

Benedict, Abbot

3.00pm Barbara Smith 100th Birthday Tea Party at St Thomas'

Sun 12th July

Trinity 6

9.30am Said Eucharist at St John's
9.30am Service of the Word at St Thomas'
11.00am Sung Eucharist at St Peter's followed by coffee in the Parish Hall
12.30pm Christening Service at St Peter's: Olivia & Isabella

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

Symeons Socials – BBQ. Symeons will be holding their annual Socials BBQ on Monday 6th July. All are welcome. Bar opens 8pm, food available soon after. Cost will be £5 per person; please let Tony Funnell know if you will be attending: amfunnell@gmail.com / 07876 133199

Open Deanery Synod meeting – all are welcome to attend the next Deanery Synod meeting on Wednesday 8th July, St Mary's Rickmansworth at 7.30pm. The guest speaker will be Bishop Rob Wickham, the CEO of the Church Urban Fund,

Pete's Café returns. The café will hold 3 'taster' sessions for St Peter's School Year 6 leavers on Mondays 29th June, 6th and 13th July, then starting weekly in the Autumn Term on Monday 7th September. Opening hours are 4-5.15pm. Venue is 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? Helpers arrive from 3.15pm onwards for set up. Please contact Chris Walton if you want to sign up or know more: chrism.walton@btopenworld.com / 07931 717975.

Junior Church - the next meeting will be Sunday 5th July (no meeting in June), 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 8th July. Enquiries via the Parish Office. All welcome, always

Keyboard players: are there any instrumentalists (particularly keyboard players), that might be interested in playing the keyboard to accompany hymns for our Sunday services. Please speak to our Wardens or Mark if you are able to help.

The Bishop of St Albans' Garden will open for 4 dates in summer – come and wander around the two-acre city centre oasis. All proceeds support the **Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust**.

Dates: 5th, 12th & 19th July; **Time:** 2–4pm; **Location:** Abbey Gate House, Abbey Mill Lane, AL3 4HD; **Entry:** £5 per adult. Dogs on leads welcome, no toilet facilities.

Prayers: For **Olivia & Isabella** and **Luca & Amelia Channele** being christened in July.

For the **sick at home or in hospital**, especially those on our sick list –

Robert Clarke, Diane Pitts, Maria Mason, Ian Carpenter, Johanne Watson, David Gasper, Nigel Bunce, Sylvia Ball, Michael Ansell, Val Fear, Alison Sealy, Brooke Cornwell, Andrew Case, Anne Peat, Oliver Talbot.

For the **repose of the souls of:** *Rose Fulker and those whose anniversaries fall at this time: Billy Stratton, Monica Neuhuys, Roderick Gibbons, Jane Cameron, Harriet Walker, Sheila Williams, Frederick West.*

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.

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

Safeguarding: Safeguarding (ensuring the care and welfare of children and vulnerable adults) is a responsibility we all share. There are information cards at the back of church which you are welcome to pick up which give useful information: contact numbers and websites for information and support. Parish Safeguarding Officer: safeguarding@mehwh.org.uk