

The Parish of Mill End and Heronsgate with West Hyde
Seventh Sunday after Trinity: 19th 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) 758 *omit vs 2

COLLECT: Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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: *Romans 8:12-25*

¹²Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - ¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

This is the word of the Lord

GRADUAL HYMN: A&M 713

GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43*

²⁴Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" ²⁸He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" ²⁹But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" ³⁶Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' ³⁷He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!'

OFFERTORY HYMN: A&M 546

COMMUNION HYMN: A&M 466

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: A&M 652

Diary for this week:

Mon 20th July

9.00am St Peter's School End of Year Service
8.00pm Symeons meet in the Parish Hall

Tues 21st July

Parish Office Closed

11.00am Care Home Service at Dapplemere
7.45pm PCC Meeting in the Parish Hall

Wed 22nd July

Mary Magdalene

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

Sun 26th July

Trinity 8

9.30am Said Eucharist at St John's
9.30am Sung Eucharist at St Thomas'
11.00am Sung Eucharist at St Peter's followed by coffee in the Parish Hall

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

The Parish Office will be closed for 1 day on Tuesday 21st July, back to normal Wed 22nd – Friday 24th then closed from Monday 27th – Monday 3rd August, re-opening Tuesday 4th August. Urgent enquiries should be directed to our wardens:

Premi – premiowill@gmail.com / 07595 279760 Helen – ford814@gmail.com / 07879 448347

St Thomas' Flower Festival raised £472 for St Thomas' Church Funds. Congratulations to all involved in a brilliant weekend.

Also, congratulations to everyone who organised Barbara's 100th Birthday Tea Party. It was a lovely way for members of the parish to come together to celebrate a much-loved member of the community.

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 22nd July. Enquiries via the Parish Office. All welcome, always



Garden Tidy – Saturday 22nd August Join us on Saturday 22nd August to help tidy the church gardens and Garden of Remembrance. There's lots to do so many hands make light work. Any time from 9am. Refreshments provided for the weary! Please bring your own garden tools.

Tony is finding it increasingly difficult to maintain the gardens and Garden of Remembrance on his own. It would be good therefore to set up a more regular garden tidy to keep on top of the work. If you would be interested in helping more regularly, please contact the Parish Office.

Junior Church - the next meeting will be Sunday 6th September (no meeting in August), during the 11am All Age & Band Service at St Peter's; please invite any families with children to join us.

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**.

Final date: Sunday 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: Luca & Amelia-Chanelle being christened in August.

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

Diane Pitts, Maria Mason, Ian Carpenter, Johanne Watson, David Gasper, Nigel Bunce, Sylvia Ball, Michael Ansell, Val Fear, Alison Sealy, Louise Humphrey, Jo Neal, Barbara Smith, Alice Fryer, Graham Daw.

For the **repose of the souls of:** *Robert Clarke, and those whose anniversaries fall at this time: Arthur Mills, Alan Brereton, Paul Sykes, Samuel Clark, Reginald Brothers, George Pickis, Wilfred Welch, Louisa Wallington.*

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

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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.

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