

The Parish of Mill End and Heronsgate with West Hyde
Eighth Sunday after Trinity: 26th 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) 584

COLLECT: Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 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 8.26-39*

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. This is the word of the Lord

GRADUAL HYMN: A&M 653

GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52*

³¹He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵²And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

OFFERTORY HYMN: A&M 787

COMMUNION HYMN: A&M 383

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.

Amen

RECESSIONAL HYMN: A&M 569

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 2nd August. Thank you for your generosity.

Diary for this week:

Mon 27th July

Parish Office Closed 27th July – 3rd August

8.00pm Symeons meet in the Parish Hall

Tues 28th July

7.30pm GSS Guild Office and Benediction at St Peter's followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall

Wed 29th July

9.30am Said Eucharist at St Peter's

Sun 2nd August

9.30am Service of the Word at St John's

Trinity 9

9.30am Said Eucharist at St Thomas'

11.00am All Age Eucharist with band at St Peter's (no junior church this month) 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 from Monday 27th – Monday 3rd August, re-opening Tuesday 4th August. Urgent enquiries should be directed to our wardens:

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

GSS Service - The local branch of the Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary (GSS) will hold their summer service of Guild Office and Benediction at St. Peter's Church at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 28th July, followed by meeting for light refreshments in the Church Hall. All are welcome to attend."

UK Power networks – St Peter's. Roadworks are taking place along Berry Lane between 21st July and 4th August. We have been advised there will be some carriageway incursions between Church Lane and Field Way. Berry Lane is to remain open but parking may be suspended. There will also be multiway lights in operation in Field Way 5th – 12th August.

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

Also congratulations go 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 5th August. Enquiries via the Parish Office. All welcome, always



St Peter's Garden Tidy – Join us on Saturday 22nd August to help tidy the church gardens and Garden of Remembrance at St Peter's. 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 or Tony Funnell.

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.

Prayers:

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, Cameron Holder & family, Patsy Pickis, Charles & Sally Parry, Lynsey Austin, Ben Austin.

For the **repose of the souls of:** *Robert Clarke, and those whose anniversaries fall at this time: Frank Thorn, Edith Gibbons, Derek Phillips, Joy West, Roy Hurst, Nell Morgan, Leonard Barnes.*

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)

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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