

The Parish of Mill End and Heronsgate with West Hyde
Ninth Sunday after Trinity: 2nd August 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) 585

COLLECT: Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

NEW TESTAMENT READING: *Romans 9:1-5*

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ – I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit – ²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord

GRADUAL HYMN: A&M 358

GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 14:13-21*

¹³When Jesus heard that Herod had beheaded John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' ¹⁶Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' ¹⁷They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' ¹⁸And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

OFFERTORY HYMN:

I am the Bread of Life,
He who comes to Me shall not
hunger,
He who believes in Me shall not
thirst.
No one can come to Me
Unless the Father draw him.

*And I will raise him up,
And I will raise him up,
And I will raise him up on the last
day.*

The bread that I will give
Is My flesh for the life of the world,
And he who eats of this bread,
He shall live for ever,
He shall live for ever.

And I will raise ...

Unless you eat

COMMUNION HYMN:

In bread we bring you Lord, our bodies' labour.
In wine we offer you our spirits' grief.
We do not ask you, Lord, who is my neighbour,
But stand united now, one in belief.
O we have gladly heard your Word, your holy Word,
And now in answer Lord our gifts we bring.
Our selfish hearts make true, our failing faith renew,
Our lives belong to you, our Lord and King.

The bread we offer you is blessed and broken,
And it becomes for us our spirits' food.
Over the cup we bring your Word is spoken;
Make it your gift to us, your healing blood.
Take all that daily toil plants in our hearts' poor soil,
Take all we start and spoil, each hopeful dream,
The chances we have missed, the graces we resist,
Lord, in thy Eucharist, take and redeem. Kevin Nicholls ©1976 Kevin Mayhew Ltd CCL810402

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: Holy Father, who gathered us here
around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of
God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather
people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus
Christ our Lord. **Amen**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: A&M 484 (sing twice)

Of the flesh of the Son of man
And drink of his blood,
And drink of his blood,
You shall not have life within you.

And I will raise ...

I am the resurrection,
I am the life,
He who believes in Me
Even if he die,
He shall live for ever.

And I shall raise ...

Yes, Lord we believe,
That You are the Christ,
The Son of God
Who has come
Into the world.

And I shall ...

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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:

Parish Office Closed 27th July – 3rd August

Mon 3rd August

8.00pm Symeons meet in the Parish Hall

Wed 5th August

Oswald, king, martyr

9.30am Said Eucharist at St Peter's

12.30pm Why Group meet for lunch & bible study

Friday 7th August

2-4pm Let's Get Together meet in the Parish Hall

Sun 9th August

Transfiguration of our Lord

9.30am Said Eucharist at St John's

9.30am Said 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 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

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, Brooke Cornwell, Andrew Case, Anne Peat, Oliver Talbot.

For the **repose of the souls of:** *Robert Clarke, and those whose anniversaries fall at this time: William Coverly, Hugh O'Hanlon, Joyce Widdowson, Lillian Coventry, Robert Shorter, Mary Plowman, Archibald Johnson.*

Please let us know if anyone is sick, in hospital, bereaved or in need of a visit:

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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 2nd August. 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