

The Parish of Mill End and Heronsgate with West Hyde

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity: 23rd 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) 812

COLLECT: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 12:1-8*

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. This is the word of the Lord

GRADUAL HYMN: A&M 634

GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 16:13-20*

¹³When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' ¹⁴And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' ¹⁵He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For

flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven.

¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

OFFERTORY HYMN: A&M 421

COMMUNION HYMN: A&M 408

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: A&M 498

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 24th August
Bartholomew, the Apostle

8.00pm Symeons meet in the Parish Hall

Wed 26th August

9.30am Said Eucharist at St Peter's

Sun 30th August

Trinity 13

9.30am No Service at St Thomas'

10.30am Parish Eucharist at St John's

11.00am No Service 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.

Sunday 30th August (5th Sunday) will be a Parish Service, 10.30am at St John's Church, Heronsgate. All Welcome.

Parking spaces available on driveways with consent but limited - please text request to Chris Walton on 07931717975 or email chrism.walton@btopenworld.com in advance to secure a place.



PETE'S CAFÉ returns on Monday 7 September. Set-Up in Parish Hall at 3:15pm, opens at 4pm and closes at 5:15pm.

URGENT REQUEST. We are looking for an additional volunteer to help on Monday 7 September. If you can help, please let Chris Walton on 07931717975 / chrism.walton@btopenworld.com know asap. Thank-you.

General Synod - Nominations for candidates for election to the House of Laity of the General Synod for the 2026 to 2031 quinquennium will open on Friday 14th August and close on Monday 7th September. St. Albans Diocese can elect 5 lay members to the General Synod. If you are interested in standing for election, please apply for a nomination form to governance@stalbandsdiocese.org. Candidates may also submit election addresses by 7th September. Elections will follow in the autumn. As one of the electors, I will be happy to explain in more detail about the system if required. Thank you for your attention. Alan Wills



St Peter's Garden Tidy – We are very grateful to Pauline and Harry Nixon for offering to look after the church yard gardening as much as possible. There is still always lots to do though, so if anyone else can lend a hand occasionally to pull out a weed or cut back an unruly bush we would be grateful for that also.

Vacancies at Diocesan Office – The diocese are currently advertising for the following roles:

- PA to the Archdeacon of Hertford – Part Time (based in Hertingfordbury)
- Giving Communications Assistant – Part Time (would suit uni/college leaver)
- Property and Trust Adviser – Full Time

Further details on the Diocesan website: <https://www.stalbandsdiocese.org/vacancies-role/diocesan-roles/>

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 2nd September. Enquiries via the Parish Office. All welcome, always

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.

Symeons Socials – the next social will be on Monday 7th September for an evening of dominoes. Bar opens 8pm, food available for a small fee. All welcome 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 –

Hazel Clarke, Maria Mason, Ian Carpenter, Johanne Watson, David Gasper, Nigel Bunce, Sylvia Ball, Michael Ansell, Val Fear, Alison Sealy, Cameron Holder & family, Patsy Pickis, Charles & Sally Parry, Lynsey Austin, Ben Austin.

For the **repose of the souls of: and those whose anniversaries fall at this time:**

Beryl Pask, Alan Davenport, Joan Spencer, Harry Jinks, Vincent Cobb, Frederick Burchell, David Mallison.

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

Mark Harris, vicar [✉marknzharris@gmail.com](mailto:marknzharris@gmail.com) or Elaine, Parish Office ☎01923 772785, [✉office.parish@btinternet.com](mailto: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)

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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