

The Parish of Mill End and Heronsgate with West Hyde
Last Sunday after Trinity: 25th October 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: A&M 676

COLLECT: Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our 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: *1 Thessalonians 2:1-8*

¹You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ²but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; ⁶nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

This is the word of the Lord

GRADUAL HYMN: A&M 804

GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 22:34-46*

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' ³⁷He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.' ⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked

them this question: ⁴²‘What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?’ They said to him, ‘The son of David.’ ⁴³He said to them, ‘How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,
⁴⁴“The Lord said to my Lord,
‘Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet’”?
⁴⁵If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?’ ⁴⁶No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

OFFERTORY HYMN: A&M 634

COMMUNION HYMN: A&M 454 *omit vs 2, 5 & 6

POST COMMUNION PRAYER: God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

RECESSIONAL HYMN: A&M 814 *omit vs 2 & 4

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Service of Loving Remembrance



A chance to give thanks for those who have died and light a candle in their memory

Sunday 25th October 2026
3.00pm,
St Peter the Apostle,
Mill End, WD3 7HQ
All Welcome

Names of those who have died in the past three years will be read out - if you wish to add a name to be remembered please contact the Parish Office:
☎01923 772785 ✉office.parish@btinternet.com

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Remembrance Sunday

8th November 2026
Services within our Parish

St Thomas' Church West Hyde, WD3 9XP	9.30am Communion Service 10.50am Act of Remembrance
St John's Church, Heronsgate, WD3 5DD	10.50am Act of Remembrance
St Peter's Church Mill End, WD3 7HQ	10.50am Act of Remembrance*

*8th Rickmansworth Guides will be selling cakes in aid of the Forces Children's Trust in the Parish Hall after this service

All Welcome, always

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 26th October

Alfred, king

8.00pm Symeons meet in the Parish Hall

Tue 27th October

Wed 28th October

Simon and Jude, Apostles

9.30am Said Eucharist at St Peter's

12.30pm Why Group meet for lunch & bible study

Sun 1st November

All Saints

9.30am Service of the Word at St Thomas'

9.30am Said Eucharist at St John's

11.00am All Age Eucharist at St Peter's with band. Junior Church meet today

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

A message from Rickmansworth Foodbank - Thank you all so much for your very generous donations to the foodbank - an amazing amount was generated - bless you all. *Iris Bangs Rickmansworth foodbank manager*

General Synod - 14 candidates will compete for the 5 positions in the House of Laity to represent St. Albans Diocese on the General Synod. Elections will open on Monday 21st September and close on Tuesday 13th October, with the votes due to be counted on Thursday 15th October. I will keep you updated. Alan Wills.

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 28th October. Enquiries via the Parish Office. All welcome, always

Junior Church - the next meeting will be Sunday 1st November, 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 2nd November for Darts Tournament Finals. Bar opens 8pm, food available for a small fee. All welcome.

Trinity Project 'Countdown to Launch' - An open invitation to a light supper to hear what has been happening, where the project is heading and how local churches can continue to play a part. Tuesday 3rd November, 7.30pm at St Oswalds, Croxley Green 7.30-9.15pm.

Jo Neal party – many of you will know Jo, she is a regular at Symeons Socials and church activities. Jo is having a party for her birthday and would like to invite anyone who knows her to be there. Saturday 14th November 7.30-11pm in the Parish Hall. RSVP to Jo 07701 097409

Symeons Quiz – the ever-popular quiz night is back, Saturday 21st November in the Parish Hall, 7pm for prompt 7.30 start. £20 per person which includes a delicious 2 course supper. Please order your tickets from Tony Funnell (07876 133199) or John Ridgeway (07702 213827).

Annual Christmas Festival – Saturday 28th November 2-4pm. Please see flyers for donation requests and sign up to help on the sheet at the back of St Peter's.

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 – *Shamus Kelly, Lynsey Austin, Ben Austin, Maria Mason, Johanne Watson, David Gasper, Nigel Bunce, Sylvia Ball, Michael Ansell, Val Fear, Alison Sealy, Cameron Holder & family, Patsy Pickis, Charles & Sally Parry.*

For the **repose of the souls of: and those whose anniversaries fall at this time:** *John Brading, Nancy Bellingham, Robert Cameron, Charles Marchant, Gwendoline Thorn, Edith Finill, Thomas Ford, Peter Bayliss*

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)

elizabethannwoods37@gmail.com

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