



**in the Parish of Mill End
and Heronsgate with West Hyde**

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**Community Christmas Festival –
Saturday 28th November 2026 11am-2pm**

We have been organising our Christmas Festival for a number of years now with a great deal of success. This year, to celebrate the National Year of Reading, Queen Camilla will be gifting a book to every year 6 child across the UK. We are therefore asking community groups and individuals to provide a display for our windowsills of “**Favourite Children’s Book**” to go in church for people to come and view and then enjoy our mini–Christmas Market in the church and hall with mince pies, bacon rolls, and a few stalls. The displays will then stay in the church during the lead-up to Christmas and into early 2027.

I am writing to ask whether you would like to take part in this venture again by providing a display for the church. It can be traditional or contemporary, however you would like to show your ‘**Favourite Children’s Book**’. It could be made out of playdough, paper cut outs, lego, washing up bottles, recycled tin cans, used plastic, knitted; let your imagination take over, decorated in a way that somehow reflects your group. To accompany your display, we would also like a card giving the viewers some information about yourselves and why you chose your ‘**Favourite Children’s Book**’. There is a competition again this year for the best display, so get your thinking caps on for something original!

It would be useful to know your planned display in advance and perhaps have an alternative idea in case we get duplicates. Please let the Parish Office know that you wish to take part and your preferred display by Friday 23rd October which then gives you a few weeks if you need to change it.

I look forward to hearing from you and very much hope you will join us again for this festive venture.

Best wishes

Elaine

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