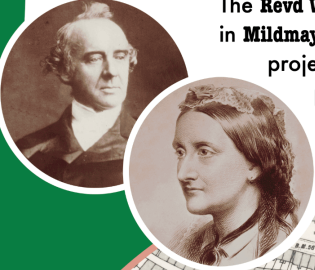


Mildmay Hospital: From our Historic Beginnings to Modern Care

From Islington to Shoreditch - a legacy of compassionate care

The Revd William Pennefather, vicar of **St Jude and St Paul's Church** in **Mildmay Grove**, and his wife **Catherine** developed a number of projects known collectively as **Mildmay Institutions**, providing spiritual guidance and care. The first **Mildmay Cottage Hospital** opened in 1866 near **Mildmay Road** in **Newington Green**.



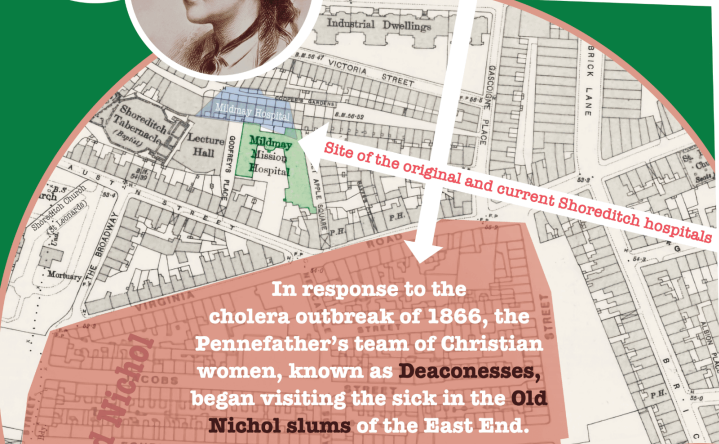
In 1988, Mildmay opened **Europe's first AIDS hospice**.

Over the next decade, **Diana, Princess of Wales**, visited 17 times, helping to challenge the **stigma** around HIV/AIDS.

Mildmay is still internationally renowned for its specialised care, particularly for those suffering from **HIV-related neurological conditions**.



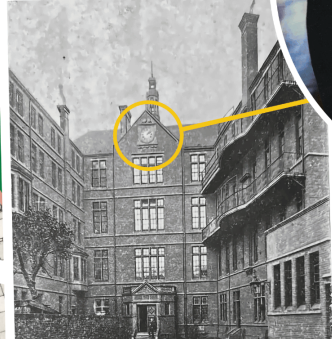
One of few objects we retain from the original hospital is our clock, positioned above the main entrance, just as in 1892.



Site of the original and current Shoreditch hospitals

In response to the cholera outbreak of 1866, the Pennefather's team of Christian women, known as **Deaconesses**, began visiting the sick in the **Old Nichol** slums of the East End.

This compassionate outreach laid the foundation for **Mildmay's nursing service**, establishing an ethos of caring for those in greatest need. In 1877, the **Mildmay Medical Mission** was founded in a disused warehouse in **Cabbage Court** (now **Bacon Street**), offering vital support to the city's most vulnerable.



The need was so great that the **first purpose-built Mildmay Mission Hospital** opened nearby in 1892.

Mildmay Mission Hospital, Asudra Street, Bethnal Green E. 1. go here, supported by voluntary contributions

Today, Mildmay Hospital is a key partner of the NHS, operating from a modern, purpose-built facility on its original site, officially opened by Prince Harry in 2015. Since 2020, Mildmay has also been a critical resource for London's homeless population, offering medical care and rehabilitation services for those in desperate need. In 2022, we again expanded our services to include post-detox stabilisation, helping people regain control of their lives.



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The Mildmay line

Connecting London's past, present and future

In 2024, recognising our hospital's **lasting impact on London's health care and community**, the Mayor of London and Transport for London named one of the London Overground lines the **Mildmay line**. This **honour** is a tribute to our ongoing work in **transforming lives** and supporting society's most vulnerable people.

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Although it was closed down briefly in the early 1980s, Mildmay was reborn as a charitable institution in 1985, returning to its roots in **compassionate, community-driven care**.

In 1948, Mildmay became part of the NHS, continuing its work as a **cottage hospital**.

Support us today

Mildmay has been proudly serving London's communities for over 150 years. Your support is crucial in helping us continue this vital work. Together, we can ensure that everyone has access to the care they need. Please consider making a donation today to help us save more lives.

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