

Sunday 17 April 2022



Wishing you all a very Happy Easter.

Coming Up at St Thomas'

Worship

- Thursday 14 April (Maundy Thursday) 7.30 p.m. – Joint Service with St John's at St John's – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig**
- Friday 15 April (Good Friday) 10.00 a.m. – Joint service with St John's at St Thomas' - Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig**
- Saturday 16 April (Easter Eve Service) 8 p.m. – joint service with St John's at St John's – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig**
- Sunday 17 April (Easter Sunday) 11.00 a.m. – Holy Communion - Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig**
- Sunday 24 April 11.00 a.m. – Holy Communion – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig**
- Sunday 1 May 11.00 a.m. – Holy Communion – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig**
- Sunday 8 May 11.00 a.m. – Morning Worship – Hellen Watson and Linda Craig**
- Sunday 15 May 11.00 a.m. – Holy Communion – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig**
- Sunday 22 May 11.00 a.m. – Holy Communion – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig**
- Sunday 29 May 11.00 a.m. – Holy Communion – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant**

Most of the 11.00 a.m. services listed above will also be taking place at St John's at 9.30 a.m. each Sunday. These services are accessible via Zoom for anyone who is not ready, or able, to attend services in person. Members of St Thomas' Church are very welcome to share in this online worship. If you would like the **Zoom** link, please **ring 427453 or email lawrobinson@btinternet.com or stthomashenbury@aol.com**

If you would like to join the team of people who deliver the readings and/or intercessions at these services, please contact: Tony Dewdney on **01625 439753** or **tjdewdney@talktalk.net**

Other Events

Wednesday 20 April 7.30 p.m. – M.A.S.T. (Men at St Thomas') in the Bull's Head, Broken Cross

Friday 22 April 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. C.A.M.E.O. at St Thomas' Church Hall

Friday 6 May 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. – C.A.M.E.O. at St John's

Friday 20 May 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. – C.A.M.E.O. at St Thomas' Church Hal

Wednesday 25 May - 7.30 p.m. – M.A.S.T. (Men at St Thomas') in the Bull's Head, Broken Cross

Update on the Future of St Thomas'

We are delighted to report that a proposal by the Archdeacon has been approved by the PCCs at St Thomas' and St John's and has now been sent to the Bishop of Chester for his consent. This proposal means that the two parishes will remain as a united benefice. An excellent relationship has developed between the two churches since they were first united in 2014, and we look forward to working together under the leadership of a new priest-in-charge.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place in the Church Hall at 7.15 p.m. on Thursday 5 May 2022.

If you would like to become a member of the Parochial Church Council, please email stthomashenbury@aol.com or ring 01625 424505.

We are also in need of a second churchwarden, as Bob is currently carrying out this role singlehandedly. If you would like to know more about what this job entails please contact Bob for more details via stthomashenbury@aol.com or **07753583555**

Easter Lilies

Many thanks to everyone who has made a donation towards the Easter lilies. Below is a list of those donations which have been made in memory of a loved one.
Keith Littler in memory of Dot
Jen Maguire in memory of Iona Leach

St Thomas' Memories

Once again thank you to Jean Lysons for sharing another memory with us. This week's photograph is from the opening of the Church Hall in the early 1970s.



If you have any photos of past events in Henbury, or Macclesfield, we would love to see them. Please contact stthomashenbury@aol.com or ring 424505.

Readings for Easter Sunday

Isaiah 65:17-25

New International Version

New Heavens and a New Earth

¹⁷ "See, I will create

new heavens and a new earth.

The former things will not be remembered,
nor will they come to mind.

¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I will create,

for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight
and its people a joy.

¹⁹ I will rejoice over Jerusalem

and take delight in my people;
the sound of weeping and of crying
will be heard in it no more.

²⁰ “Never again will there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not live out his years;
the one who dies at a hundred
will be thought a mere child;
the one who fails to reach^[a] a hundred
will be considered accursed.
²¹ They will build houses and dwell in them;
they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
²² No longer will they build houses and others live in them,
or plant and others eat.
For as the days of a tree,
so will be the days of my people;
my chosen ones will long enjoy
the work of their hands.
²³ They will not labor in vain,
nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune;
for they will be a people blessed by the LORD,
they and their descendants with them.
²⁴ Before they call I will answer;
while they are still speaking I will hear.
²⁵ The wolf and the lamb will feed together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox,
and dust will be the serpent’s food.
They will neither harm nor destroy
on all my holy mountain,”
says the LORD.

Acts 10:34-43

New International Version

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism ³⁵ but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. ³⁶ You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷ You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

³⁹ “We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, ⁴⁰ but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. ⁴¹ He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Empty Tomb

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ² So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

³ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴ Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷ as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. ⁸ Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

¹¹ Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹² and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

¹³ They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." ¹⁴ At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

¹⁵ He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

¹⁷ Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

Hymn of the Week

This week's hymn of the week is:

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
Praise him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rMwPEmUMP7U>

The Collect

Lord of all life and power,
Who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.

Amen

Baptisms: We warmly welcome George William John Streets who was baptised at St Thomas' by Rev. Canon Simon Bessant on Sunday 20th February 2022.

For our Prayers: Amy Roberts, Pat Wain, Luke Pateman, Dylan Belt, John Louca, Anthony Westnedge, Anne Potts, Margaret Williams, Derek Barber, Lawrie Brown.

RIP: Margaret Bowen

Prayer for the Ukraine

Gracious God, give comfort to those who suffer because of the violence.
Give comfort to those who mourn their dead, and strength to neighbouring countries
to welcome the refugees.
Convert the hearts of those who resort to arms and protect those who work to
promote peace.
God of hope, inspire leaders to choose peace instead of violence and to seek
reconciliation with enemies.

Inspire compassion in the universal Church for the Ukrainian people and give us hope for a future of peace based on justice for all.
 We ask this through Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace and Light of the world.
 Amen.

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Answers to last fortnight's quiz:

1. Mask 2. Netherlands 3. Honolulu 4. CC (for Copy Cat) 5. trees 6. Jamie Vardy 7. Ferrari 8. Cabaret 9. The Brothers Grimm 10. Randy Newman 11. Holborn and St Pancras

A huge thank you to everyone who has sent in contributions to the newsletter over the last two years. Please continue to do so – all contributions are most welcome – memories of St Thomas' or Macclesfield, musical memories, poems, quizzes etc. Anything that you think might be of interest to our readers. Please email stthomashenbury@aol.com

Other News SilkLife FoodBank

A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to the FoodBank and helped to transport the donations left in church. Your support is greatly appreciated. The FoodBank provides a vital service to the people of Macclesfield throughout the year, so please, if you are able, continue to support them by leaving items in the box at the back of church.

Quiz in Aid of Ukraine

Jackie Hulme has very kindly compiled a quiz to raise money which will help the people of the Ukraine. Copies of the quiz are £2 each and can be obtained direct from Jackie (01625 429075). Many thanks to Jackie for coming up with this fundraising initiative. If anyone else has any fundraising ideas, please let us know either by ringing 01625 424505 or emailing stthomashenbury@aol.com.

Closing Prayer

Alleluia to our God, who has given us the victory.

Alleluia to our God, who has broken the power of death.

Alleluia to our God, who has defeated the depths of darkness.

Alleluia to our God, who has triumphed over evil.

Alleluia to our God, who has won for us life eternal.

In love we give ourselves to you, holy Lord.

In joy we worship you, mighty Son of the Father.

In you is our hope, O Christ, who died and now is risen, and lives with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

Amen

God bless,

Bob (07753583555), Carole (611477) and Linda (424505)

For Church bookings please contact: **Bob 07753583555.**

For Church Hall bookings please contact: **Lesley 07789 744473/lesley-brown@hotmail.co.uk**

Restrictions now Removed

There is no longer a strong recommendation to wear masks or social distance in Church. It is up to individual choice. If you are shielding or feel uncomfortable and

wish to socially distance, please mention this to Bob, our churchwarden, or someone else on duty and they will arrange this for you.

If you would like to talk to someone, please don't hesitate to call one of us. The Hope Centre also offers a listening service.

Prayers

We are very willing to pray for anyone who wishes us to pray for them or for the people they are concerned about. It is not necessary to already be associated with the Church for you to request our prayers. We are also here to listen if you have a problem you wish to talk through. Please feel free to contact us via letter, email (stthomashenbury@aol.com) or by ringing 611477 or 424505.

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Volunteers Needed!

If you would like to become more involved in Church life, we have a number of areas in which we would welcome more volunteers:

Auditor - We are in desperate need of an auditor. Every year our Church accounts need approval from an independent auditor. Do you know of anyone who has some accounting experience, they don't need to be a fully qualified accountant, who could check our accounts. Please let us know by ringing 01625 424505 or emailing stthomashenbury@aol.com

St Thomas' Choir

The choir will be back in St Thomas' Church from Easter Sunday. If anyone is interested in joining the choir, please contact Judith by phone (4397453) or via email (judith.torview@gmail.com). Many thanks.

Refreshments – Maybe you could help with the refreshments after the service each Sunday? The task involves setting out the table and chairs before Church starts and then leaving Church during the last hymn to switch the kettles on and brew the tea. If you think you might be able to help, please ring Carole on **01625 611477** or email stthomashenbury@aol.com. Thank you.

Hymnal Plus – Or maybe you might want to learn how to operate the Hymnal Plus, which provides the music at services when our organist, Judith, is away? It is very simple to operate and doesn't require any computer skills. If you might be interested in helping with this please contact Tony or Judith on **01625 439753** or tjedwdney@talktalk.net or judith.torview@gmail.com. Thank you.

Churchwarden – At the end of April, we will be looking to elect new churchwardens. Bob has been our sole churchwarden for the last two years and it would be wonderful if someone else would come forward as a second churchwarden to share the responsibility. If you think that you might like to become a churchwarden, please contact Bob for details of what is involved. Thank you. **07753583555** or email stthomashenbury@aol.com

Church Hall Committee - it would be really helpful if we could organise a committee to help with the running of the Church Hall. If you might be interested, please ring 01625 424505 or email stthomashenbury@aol.com
Many thanks.

Fabric Committee – We are also looking to create a Fabric Committee to oversee the fabric of the Church and the Church Hall. This would entail being notified of repairs/maintenance work required, obtaining quotes and letting workmen in and out of the buildings. If you might be interested, please ring 01625 424505 or email stthomashenbury@aol.com

Thank You

We would like to thank all of you who have been contributing financially to the mission and ministry of the parish. It is much appreciated. If you'd like to make a donation, you can either post it to Mr Bob Toms at 48 Grasmere, Macclesfield SK11 8PL or, if you prefer online banking, our details are St Thomas' Parochial Church Council, sort code 20 53 77, account number 40775819. Many thanks for your support.

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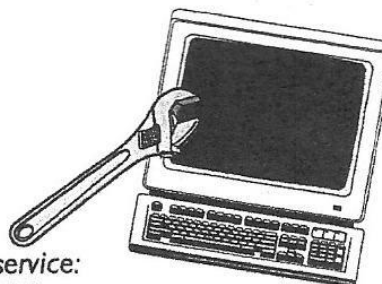


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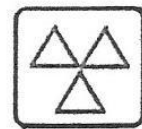
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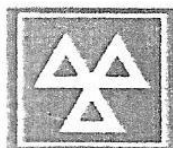
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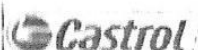
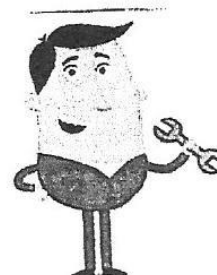
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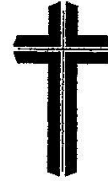


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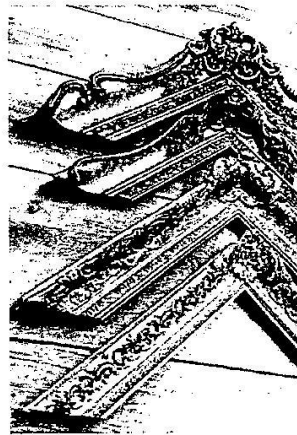
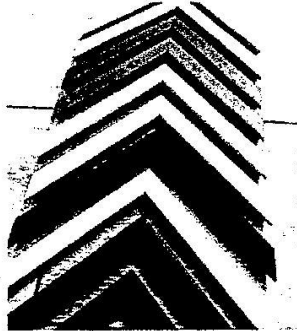
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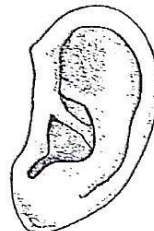
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