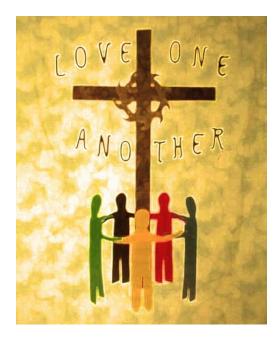
Sunday 15 May 2022 -The Fifth Sunday of Easter



Coming Up at St Thomas'

Worship

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 Sunday 5 June 9.30 a.m. Joint service with St John's – Pentecost - Holy Communion at St John's - Bishop Mark (Bishop of Chester) Sunday 12 June 11.00 a.m. – Morning Worship – Linda Craig

Sunday 19 June 11.00 a.m. – Holy Communion – Bishop William and Linda Craig

Sunday 26 June 11.00 a.m. – Holy Communion – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig

Sunday 3 July 11.00 a.m. – Holy Communion – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig

Sunday 10 July 11.00 a.m. Morning Worship – Hellen Watson and Linda Craig Sunday 17 July 11.00 a.m. – Holy Communion– Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig

Sunday 24 July 11.00 a.m. – Holy Communion– Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig

Sunday 31 July 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

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

Wednesday 18 May - 7.30 p.m. – M.A.S.T. (Men at St Thomas') in the Bull's Head, Broken Cross

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Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting took place on Thursday 5 May 2022. Bob Toms continues as our churchwarden, Roy Waller was re-elected to the PCC for a term of three years. David Plews and Anne Potts, who have both given many years of service to the PCC, have stepped down. We thank them both for all their hard work over the years. David Plews also created the original church website and has managed it for the last 25 years, for which we are all very grateful. We would also like to thank those who have taken on new responsibilities and wish them well in their new roles.

Christian Aid Week 2022 - Turn Hunger into Hope

Christian Aid Week 2022 runs from Sunday 15 May – Saturday 21 May. There will be retiring collections for the charity on Sundays 15th and 22nd May and donations for refreshments on these two Sundays will also be given to the charity. It's also possible to give online to a Henbury specific collection via the following link: https://giving.give-star.com/microsite/christian-aid/christian-aid-

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C.A.M.E.O. – 20 May 2022, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. – St Thomas' Church Hall This month's C.A.M.E.O. has a royal theme. We will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and, in addition to the usual cakes and scones, we will be having a few sausage-rolls and sandwiches. Please come and join us. If you need a lift, please ring 01625 611477 or 01625 424505.

Quiz for Ukraine

Many thanks to Jackie Hulme for compiling a quiz to raise money for the people of Ukraine. And thank you to everyone who took part. A total of £210 was raised. There were four winners – all of whom scored maximum points (50/50). They are Janet Tute, Elizabeth Black, Linda Craig and Hazel Morrow. Well done all of you! The answers appear below:

1. Charlie Chaplin	14. Crab	27. Jerry	40. Dylan Thomas
2. Balaclava	15. Maundy Thursday	28. Captain Matthew Webb	41. 5
3. 1971	16. Downton Abbey	29. Princess Anne	42. Manchester City
4. Kinder Scout	17. 100 years	30. 3	43. Lazarus
5. Sean Connery	18. Sir Francis	31. The Goons	44. Calcutta
	Drake		(Kolkata)
6. Sheffield	19. Texas	32. A Hard Day's	45.
		Night	Boudica/Bodicea
7. Waterloo	20. Pig	33. Tourist Trophy	46. Dick
			Whittington
8. Denmark	21. Vermicelli	34. Saint Cecilia	47. The Gabba
9. Muhammad Ali	22. Brontes	35. Birmingham	48. Grace Kelly
10. Pegasus	23. feet	36. Saturn	49. Cave
11. Rum	24. a cloak	37. Watling Street	50. M6
12. Duck-	25. cheese	38. Geiger	
billed platypus		Counter	
13. 9	26. Iceland	39. Gold	

Readings for the 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18 New International Version

Peter Explains His Actions

11 The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him ³ and said, "You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them."

⁴ Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: ⁵ "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. ⁶ I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. ⁷ Then I heard a voice telling me, 'Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.'

⁸ "I replied, 'Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.'

⁹ "The voice spoke from heaven a second time, 'Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.' ¹⁰ This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again.

¹¹ "Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. ¹² The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, 'Send

to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. ¹⁴He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.'

¹⁵ "As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. ¹⁶ Then I remembered what the Lord had said: 'John baptized with^[a] water, but you will be baptized with^[b] the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷ So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?"

¹⁸ When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, "So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life."

Revelation 21:1-6 A New Heaven and a New Earth

New International Version

21 Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," [all for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

John 13:31-35 New International Version

³¹ When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, ^[a] God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

³³ "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

³⁴ "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Hymn of the Week

In Christ there is no East or West, in Him no South or North, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Him shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find: His service is the golden chord close binding all mankind.

⁶ He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.

Join hands then, brothers of the faith whate'er your race may be! Who serves my Father as a son is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both East and West, in Him meet South and North, all Christly souls are one in Him, throughout the whole wide earth.

John Oxenham 1852-1941

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TpITJOShix0&t=2s

The Collect

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Baptisms: We warmly welcome Harley Rose Ruby Hockney who was baptised at St Thomas' by Bishop William on Sunday 24 April 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

Interment of Ashes: Teresa Barber, Alan Corbishley, Kathleen Rawle, Peter Rawle, Margaret Waller

Prayer for the Ukraine

As we lift to you the people of Ukraine and Russia, we pray especially for those held captive in this war, both Russian and Ukraine

We pray for humanitarian treatment for all:

that the basic rights of all wartime civilians and military personnel are upheld, and that the wounded and sick are treated humanely.

We pray for protection for all civilians in this war zone and that the rights of every person both young and old are upheld, under the terms of the Geneva Conventions.

We pray for a swift end to this war, and the suffering endured by so many.

We ask for a blessing on all those who are working for peace and safety for all in this region.

Amen

St Anne's Worksop

Quiz

- 1. What is the capital of Finland?
- 2. What is the name of Bridget Jones' baby in the third Bridget Jones film?
- 3. Which five colours make up the Olympic rings?
- 4. What is the most sold flavour of Walkers crisps?
- 5. What year was Heinz established?
- 6. What is the capital of Iceland?
- 7. Who painted the Mona Lisa?
- 8. Which planet is closest to the sun?
- 9. Which fashion designer reportedly had a relationship with Winston Churchill?
- 10. How many valves does the heart have?

Answers to last fortnight's Logo Quiz:

Renault 2. Shell 3. Nike 4. Vodafone 5. Pepsi 6. Atari 7. Puma 8. Toyota 9. FaceBook 10. Peugeot 11. Sony 12. BMW 13. Citroen 14. McDonalds 15. World Wildlife Fund 16. Honda 17. Starbucks 18. Yahoo 19. Adidas 20. Motorola 21 Mercedes 22. Lacoste 23. AOL 24. Walt Disney 25. Yamaha 26. Michelin 27. Volkswagen 28. Rolex 29. Wikipedia 30. Guinness 31. Twitter 32. Chanel 33. Audi. 34. Windows 35. Dream Works 36. Apple

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

Celebrations in Henbury

There are two reasons to celebrate in Henbury on the upcoming Bank Holiday. Firstly, the Queen's Platinum Jubilee of course, but also the 20 year anniversary(postponed) of the Millennium Green!

So – why not come and enjoy some wonderful Henbury Community spirit. With funding support from Henbury Parish Council, the Henbury Society and Cheshire East, our fantastic volunteers have arranged 2 events.

Friday 3rd June on the Green

Family Afternoon Fun 2 – 4:30 pm. Everybody welcome!

Adults £1 Children 12 and Under Free!!

- Magician
- Jazz Band
- Lots of fun and games

- Refreshments at reasonable prices
- For further info on this event contact 01625 610059

Evening Hog Roast in the Marquee 7:30 pm onwards

Adults only – Tickets £10

- Music provided by the Wabash Swing Trio
- Bar with reasonable prices
- Tickets are limited, and provided on a "first come, first-served" basis.
- Reserve your tickets by calling 01625 912100 (pay on the night).

SilkLife FoodBank

A big 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.

Closing Prayer

God of love, may we abide in your presence and so abide in your love: as we freely receive your love,

let us freely share with others all that you have given to us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, 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/**<u>lesley-brown@hotmail.co.uk</u>

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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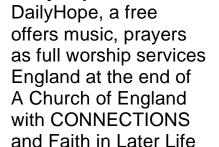
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Volunteers Needed!

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

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 **tjdewdney@talktalk.net** or **judith.torview@gmail.com**. Thank you.

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' Henbury Parochial Church Council, sort code 20 53 77, account number 40775819. Many thanks for your support.

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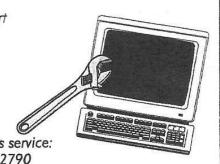
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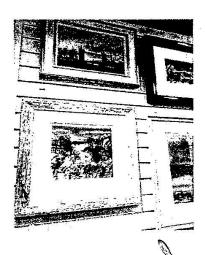
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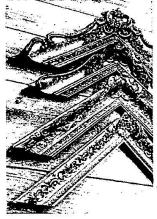
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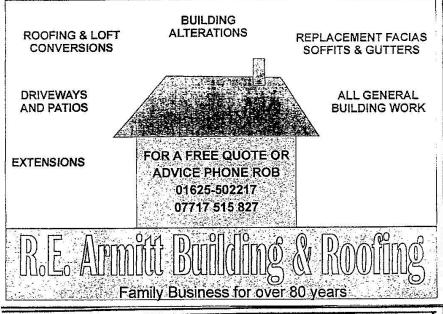
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