

Sunday 29 May 2022 -The Sunday after Ascension Day – 7th Sunday of Easter



Coming Up at St Thomas'

Worship

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

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

Sunday 7 August – Holy Communion – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig

Sunday 14 August – Morning Worship – Hellen Watson and Linda Craig

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 **tidewdney@talktalk.net**

Other Events

Friday 3 June 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. – C.A.M.E.O. at St John's – Jubilee Special

Wednesday 15 June - 7.30 p.m. – M.A.S.T. (Men at St Thomas') in the Bull's Head, Broken Cross

Friday 17 June 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. – C.A.M.E.O. at St Thomas' Church Hall

Friday 1 July 2 p.m. St Thomas' Mothers Union – Strawberries and Prosecco Afternoon at St Thomas' Church Hall

Friday 1 July 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. – C.A.M.E.O at St John's

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

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

Henbury Mothers' Union – Strawberries and Prosecco Afternoon

Henbury MU are holding a Strawberries and Prosecco afternoon on Friday 1st July commencing at 2 pm at the Church Hall. Tickets £5 each. Every one welcome. Tickets can be obtained from Lynne Hibbert 01625 610701.

Civic Award for Harry Newton

Macclesfield marathon runner Harry Newton has received a Mayor Civic Award at Macclesfield Town Hall. Harry has completed over 40 marathons for charity, including two last year which raised £3500 for The Christie Macclesfield. Congratulations Harry from everyone at St Thomas'.

Parochial Church Council

We would like to express our thanks to Peter and Carolyn Bullivent who have recently stepped down from the PCC after several decades of service.

Our Parochial Church Council now consists of the following members:

Bob Toms (Churchwarden), Lesley Brown (Treasurer), Linda Craig (Secretary), Carole Curzon, Tony Curzon, Tony Dewdney, Christine Glynn, Di Waller, Roy Waller.

Christian Aid Week 2022 – Turn Hunger into Hope

Thank you to everyone who supported the 2022 Christian Aid Week, which ran from Sunday 15 May – Saturday 21 May. There is still chance to donate by using the following link:

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We will be able to give you a final total in next fortnight's newsletter.

C.A.M.E.O. – 20 May 2022, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. – St Thomas' Church Hall



Our Platinum Jubilee Party was a great success with 36 people attending. It was a wonderful afternoon. And a huge thank you to everyone who helped



to make it such a great success, especially to Chris

Royle for making such a beautiful cake.

Readings for the 7th Sunday of Easter – the Sunday after Ascension Day Acts 16:16-34 New International Version

Paul and Silas in Prison

¹⁶ Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a female slave who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved." ¹⁸ She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so annoyed that he turned around and said to the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!" At that moment the spirit left her.

¹⁹ When her owners realized that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to face the authorities. ²⁰ They brought them before the magistrates and said, "These men are Jews, and are throwing our city into an uproar ²¹ by advocating customs unlawful for us Romans to accept or practice."

²² The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. ²³ After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. ²⁴ When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. ²⁷ The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"

²⁹ The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ He then brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

³¹ They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.” ³² Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. ³³ At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized. ³⁴ The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household.

Revelation 22:12-14

New International Version

Epilogue: Invitation and Warning

¹² “Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

¹⁴ “Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city.

¹⁶ “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you^[a] this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star.”

¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let the one who hears say, “Come!” Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life.

²⁰ He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.”

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God’s people. Amen.

John 17:20-26

New International Version

Jesus Prays for All Believers

²⁰ “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— ²³ I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

²⁴ “Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

²⁵ “Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I have made you^[a] known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.”

The Collect

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Hymn of the Week

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8HHYt40whHQ>

Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it.

Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it.
for by his power each tree and flower was planned and made.
Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it;
sun, moon and stars in heaven cry Jesus is Lord!
Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise him with alleluias for Jesus is Lord!

Jesus is Lord! Yet from his throne eternal
in flesh he came to die in pain on Calvary's tree.
Jesus is Lord! From Him all life proceeding,
yet gave his life a ransom thus setting us free.
Jesus is Lord!

Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror,
from death he rose and all his foes shall own his name.
Jesus is Lord! God send his holy Spirit
to show by works of power that Jesus is Lord!
Jesus is Lord!

Words and music by David J Mansell

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, John Louca, Anthony Westnedge, Margaret Williams, Derek Barber, Lawrie Brown, Jean Osborne, Wyn Belt, Dylan Belt, Melissa.

RIP: Margaret Bowen, Ted Hefford, Leslie Lewis.

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

Prayer for the Ukraine

We pray for all who have lost loved ones in this war
For all the families who grieve that they may know your comfort.
We pray for those who desperately search for the missing, not knowing whether they are still alive or what happened to them.
Amidst all the suffering in this war we pray for the innocent victims caught up in the violence and horror. Give them your courage and let them feel your love surrounding them.
We pray that world leaders will soon resume peace negotiations so that a lasting solution to the conflict in this area may be found.
Amen.

St Anne's Worksop

Quiz

Many thanks to Jackie Hulme for compiling this quiz for us. All the answers are letters of the alphabet.

1. A bird
2. A line of people
3. A river in Devonshire
4. Organ of sight
5. Insect
6. A vegetable
7. A drink
8. River which flows through Chester
9. Observe
10. Not me.

Answers to last fortnight's Quiz:

1. Helsinki 2. William 3. Black, green, blue, yellow and red 4. Cheese and Onion
5. 1958 6. Reykjavík 7. Leonardo Da Vinci 8. Mercury 9. Coco Chanel 10. Four.

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).

Come and Sing With Us - Claritas – East Cheshire Hospice Choir



Would you like to join Claritas – the East Cheshire Hospice Choir. They meet in Macclesfield each Monday evening. They are a mixed voice choir that sings popular music. All funds raised from their performances are donated to the East Cheshire Hospice. For more details e-mail



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or visit www.claritaschoir.com for more information.

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

Christ, the ascended Lord be with you always,
to uplift you out of darkness and death,
to inspire, guide and give you a glimpse of his glory.
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

It's no longer necessary to wear masks or social distance in Church. It is up to individual choice. However, 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.

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.

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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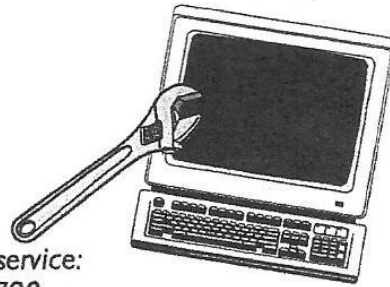
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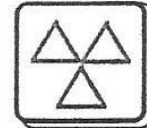
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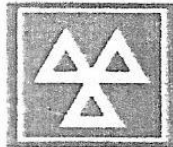
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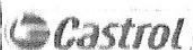
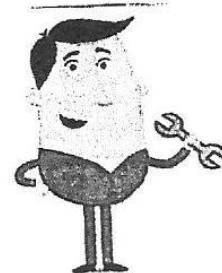
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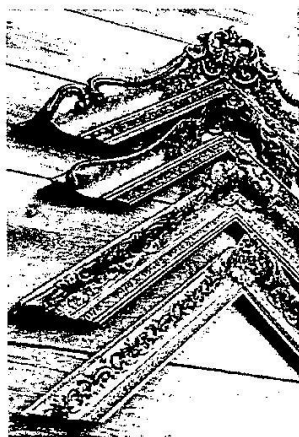
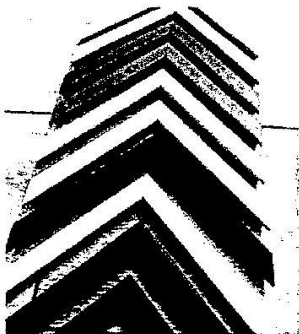
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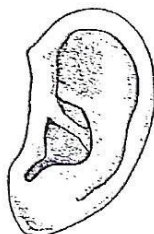
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