

**St Thomas' Church Henbury and Broken Cross  
Sunday 22 January 2023 – The Third Sunday of Epiphany**



**Coming Up at St Thomas'**

**Worship**

**Sunday 22 January - Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. - Rev. Canon Simon Bessant**

**Sunday 29 January - Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. - Rev. Canon Simon Bessant  
and Linda Craig**

**Sunday 5 February - Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. - Rev. Canon Simon Bessant  
and Linda Craig**

**Sunday 12 February – Morning Worship 11.00 a.m. – Hellen Watson and Linda  
Craig**

**Sunday 19 February - Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. - Rev. Canon Simon  
Bessant and Linda Craig**

**Wednesday 22 February – Ash Wednesday Holy Communion 8 p.m. - Rev.  
Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig (joint service at St John's)**

**Sunday 26 February - Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. - Rev. Canon Simon  
Bessant and Linda Craig**

**Sunday 5 March - Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. - Rev. Canon Simon Bessant**

**Sunday 12 March - Morning Worship 11.00 a.m. – Hellen Watson and Linda  
Craig**

**Sunday 19 March - Holy Communion for Mothering Sunday 11.00 a.m. - Rev.  
Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig**

**Sunday 26 March - Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. - Rev. Canon Simon Bessant  
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 **tjdewdney@talktalk.net**

### Other Events

**Friday 3 February 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. – C.A.M.E.O. at St John's**

**Wednesday 15 February 8 p.m. - M.A.S.T. (Men at St Thomas') in the Bull's Head, Broken Cross**

**Friday 17 February 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. – C.A.M.E.O. at St Thomas'**

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### **Rota for Readers, Sidespeople and Intercessors**

<b>Date</b>	<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Intercessors</b>	<b>Sidesperson</b>
Sunday 22 January	Isaiah 9.1-4 Jackie Booth	1 Corinthians 1.10-18 Roy Waller	Di Waller	Christine Glynn
Sunday 29 January	Malachi 3.1-5 David Plews	Hebrews 2.14- 18 Tony Dewdney	Judith Dewdney	Colin Marlow
Sunday 5 February	Janet Tute Isaiah 58.1-12	Roy Waller 1 Corinthians 2.1-16	Di Waller	Tony Dewdney
Sunday 12 February	Tbc Anne Brown	none	Hellen Watson	Janet Tute
Sunday 19 February	Exodus 24.12- 18 Tony Dewdney	2 Peter 1.16-21 Janet Tute	Judith Dewdney	Christine Glynn
Sunday 26 February	Genesis 2.15- 17; 3.1-7 Jacky Toms	Romans 5.12- 19 Bob Toms	Linda Craig	Colin Marlow

## Readings

### Isaiah 9.1-4

### New International Version - UK

**9** <sup>[a]</sup>Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honour Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan –

**2** The people walking in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
on those living in the land of deep darkness  
a light has dawned.

**3** You have enlarged the nation  
and increased their joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as people rejoice at the harvest,  
as warriors rejoice  
when dividing the plunder.

**4** For as in the day of Midian's defeat,  
you have shattered  
the yoke that burdens them,  
the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor.

### 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

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#### A church divided over leaders

**10** I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, <sup>[a]</sup>in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. **11** My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. **12** What I mean is this: one of you says, 'I follow Paul'; another, 'I follow Apollos'; another, 'I follow Cephas<sup>[b]</sup>'; still another, 'I follow Christ.'

**13** Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? **14** I thank God that I did not baptise any of you except Crispus and Gaius, **15** so no one can say that you were baptised in my name. **16** (Yes, I also baptised the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptised anyone else.) **17** For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the gospel – not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

#### Christ crucified is God's power and wisdom

**18** For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

### Matthew 4:12-23

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#### Jesus begins to preach

**12** When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. **13** Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali – **14** to fulfil what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

<sup>15</sup> ‘Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,  
the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan,  
Galilee of the Gentiles –

<sup>16</sup> the people living in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
on those living in the land of the shadow of death  
a light has dawned.’<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>17</sup> From that time on Jesus began to preach, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’

### **Jesus calls his first disciples**

<sup>18</sup> As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup> ‘Come, follow me,’ Jesus said, ‘and I will send you out to fish for people.’ <sup>20</sup> At once they left their nets and followed him.

<sup>21</sup> Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, <sup>22</sup> and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

### **Jesus heals the sick**

<sup>23</sup> Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and illness among the people.

## **The Collect**

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**For our Prayers:** Amy Roberts, Pat Wain, John Louca, Anthony Westnedge, Margaret Williams, Dylan Belt, Melissa, Jane Burghall, Glenys Crabtree, Christina Klatsia.

**R.I.P.** Shirley Riddlesworth, Bob Ashcroft, Edward Perry, Beryl Beresford, Phyllis Curzon.

## **Hymn of the Week**

This week our organist, Judith, has selected:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xTMwn6xxgPg>

### **Bind us together Lord**

*Bind us together, Lord, bind us together  
With cords that cannot be broken.*

*Bind us together, Lord,  
Bind us together, Lord,  
Bind us together with love.*

There is only one God,  
There is only one King;  
There is only one Body,  
That is why we sing:

*Refrain*

Made for the glory of God,  
Purchased by His precious Son;  
Born with the right to be clean,  
For Jesus the victory has won.

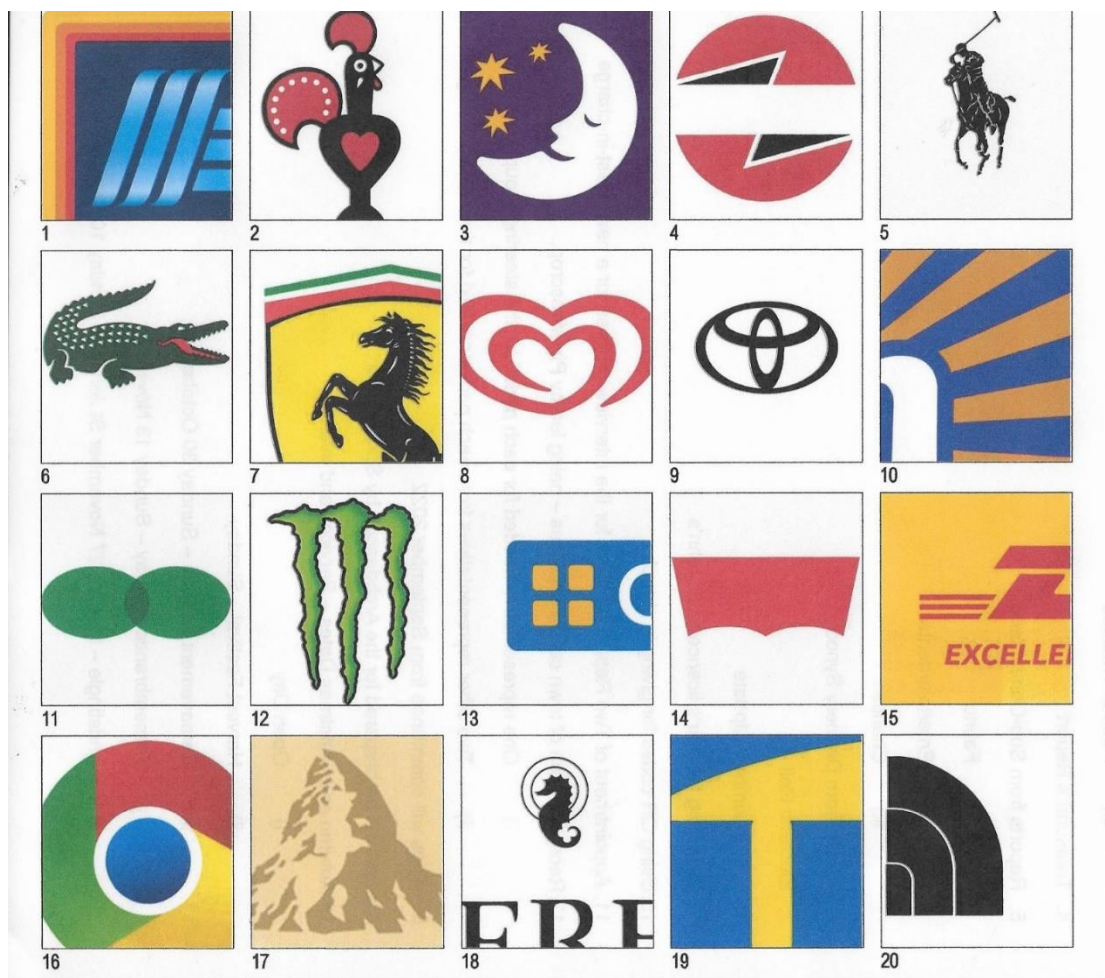
*Refrain*

You are the family of God,  
You are the promise divine;  
You are God's chosen desire,  
You are the glorious new wine.

*Refrain*

### Quiz

This week we have some logos for you to identify.



## Answers to last fortnight's quiz:

1. Aquarius
2. Janus
3. Queen Elizabeth I
4. garnet
5. Snowdrop
6. 6<sup>th</sup> January
7. March
8. Martin Luther King Junior Day
9. Falkland Islands
10. carnation

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](mailto:stthomashenbury@aol.com)

## Other News Be Vigilant!

Henbury Online has received the following message from the PCSO.

***Please be extra vigilant as there has been an attempted burglary at Hightree Drive, Henbury 00.10hrs 12th Jan 23. If you have any information or CCTV regarding the incident, please call 101 quoting 23000034080 crimestoppers 0800 555 111***

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***Message Sent By***

***Julia Short***

***(Cheshire Police, PCSO, Macclesfield LPU – Gawsworth and Chelford)***

Can anyone offer the Police any help on this on this one please?

## Broken Cross Dementia Club

Broken Cross Methodist Church has started a club on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month (1.30 to 3.30 p.m.) for people with dementia and their carers. It includes singing, music, craft work, games, and armchair exercises, as well as refreshments.

Further info: John Morrell 07915 252535 or Jean Sillifant 01625 402446



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

## The Hope Centre – 16-18 Park Green

Sells cards, gifts and Christian resources. New opening times are Tues – Fri 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. There is also a café which sells drinks and snacks.

## SilkLife FoodBank

Your support for the SilkLife Foodbank is greatly appreciated. It provides a vital service to the people of Macclesfield throughout the year, so please, if you are able, please support them by leaving items in the box at the back of church.



## Closing Prayer

May God the Father bless us;  
may Christ take care of us;  
may the Holy Spirit enlighten us all the days of our life.  
The Lord be our Defender and Keeper of body and soul,  
both now and forever, to the ages of ages. 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](mailto:lesley-brown@hotmail.co.uk)**

## COVID Restrictions

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:tjedwdney@talktalk.net) or [judith.torview@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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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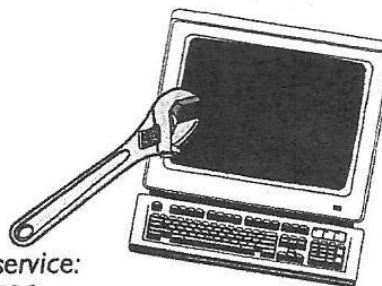


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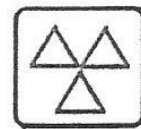
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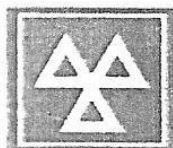
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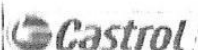
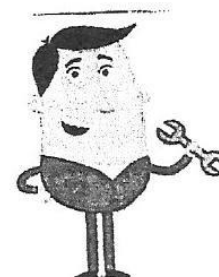
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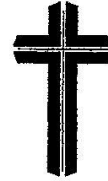


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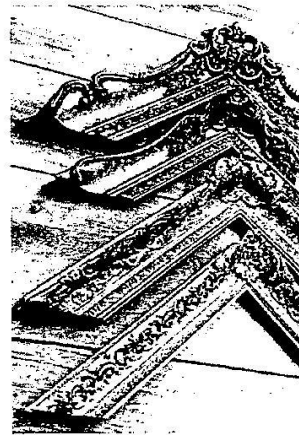
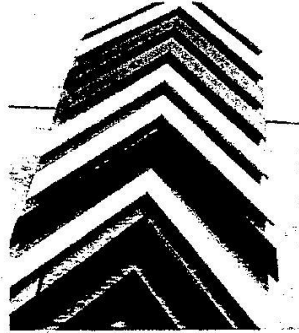
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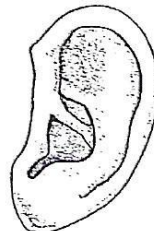
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