

**St Thomas' Church Henbury and Broken Cross  
Sunday 19 February 2023 – Sunday Next Before Lent**



**Coming Up at St Thomas'**

**Worship**

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

**Wednesday 22 February – Ash Wednesday Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig**

**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 - Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig**

**Sunday 19 March - Morning Worship Mothering Sunday 11.00 a.m. – Hellen Watson and Linda Craig**

**Sunday 26 March – Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. – Bishop William and Linda Craig**

**Sunday 2 April – Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig**

**Sunday 9 April - Easter Day Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. - Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig**

**Sunday 16 April - Morning Worship Mothering Sunday 11.00 a.m. – Hellen Watson**

**Sunday 23 April - Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. – 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](mailto:lawrobinson@btinternet.com)** or **[stthomashenbury@aol.com](mailto: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 [\*\*tjedewdney@talktalk.net\*\*](mailto:tjedewdney@talktalk.net)

### **Other Events**

- Friday 17 February 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. – C.A.M.E.O. at St Thomas'**  
**Tuesday 28 February – Bible Study Week 1 10.00 a.m. – St John's Church Hall**  
**Friday 3 March 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. – C.A.M.E.O. at St John's**  
**Tuesday 7 March – Joint Bible Study Week 2 10.00 a.m. – St Thomas' Church Hall**  
**Sunday 12 March – 12.15 p.m. – Lenten Lunch – St Thomas' Church Hall**  
**Tuesday 14 March – Joint Bible Study Week 3 10.00 a.m. – St John's Church Hall**  
**Wednesday 15 March 8 p.m. - M.A.S.T. (Men at St Thomas') in the Blacksmiths at Henbury**  
**Friday 17 March 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. – C.A.M.E.O. at St Thomas'**  
**Saturday 18 March 3.30 p.m. – Messy Church – at St John's**  
**Tuesday 21 March – Joint Bible Study Week 4 10.00 a.m. – St Thomas' Church Hall**  
**Tuesday 28 March – Joint Bible Study Week 5 10.00 a.m. – St John's Church Hall**  
**Tuesday 4 April – Joint Bible Study Week 6 10.00 a.m. – St Thomas' Church Hall**  
**Friday 7 April 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. – C.A.M.E.O. at St John's**  
**Friday 14 April 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. – C.A.M.E.O. at St Thomas'**

### **Catch Up with our Online Services**

If you've been unable to attend Church, you can catch up with our online services recorded at St John's. Here are the links to the last two weeks' services. Just click on the links to watch:

Third Sunday Before Lent 5 February – Holy Communion  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WsC2BZcqU4>

Second Sunday before Lent 12 February – Family Service  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kawKxFi82ns>

### **Retiring Collection – Earthquake Disaster**

For the next two Sundays (19 and 26 February), there will be a plate at the back of Church for a retiring collection in aid of the Turkish/Syrian Earthquake Disaster, which will be sent to ShelterBox - a charity we have supported in the past. Thank you in advance for your support. Many thanks also to Janet Tute for overseeing this. If you would like to donate directly there is a link below:

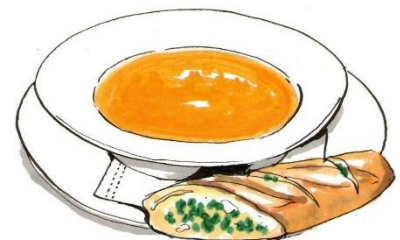
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## Lent Bible Study

There will be a series of six weekly Joint Bible Study meetings during Lent. These will take place on Tuesday mornings, alternating between St John's Church Hall and St Thomas' Church Hall. You don't have to commit to all six meetings – just join us when you can. The first meeting will be on **Tuesday 28 February** at St John's and will begin at **10.00 a.m.** for coffee and a chat, with the Bible study, which will be based on the Lord's Prayer, starting at 10.30 a.m. and lasting for about an hour. Everyone welcome. There is a course booklet if you wish to purchase one. For more details contact: Lawrence on **427453** or email [lawrobinson@btinternet.com](mailto:lawrobinson@btinternet.com) or Linda **424505** or email [stthomashenbury@aol.com](mailto:stthomashenbury@aol.com).

## Lenten Lunch

Mothers' Union will be holding a Lenten Lunch at approx. 12.15 pm on **Sunday, 12th March** in St Thomas' Church Hall. Tickets are £5 each and any funds raised will go towards items for the local Refuge. Contact Di (827763) or Lynne (610701) for tickets and further information.



## Rota for Readers, Intercessors and Sides People

Date	First Reading	Second Reading	Intercessors	Sidesperson
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
Sunday 5 March	Genesis 12.1-4a Roy Waller	Romans 4.1-5, 13-17 Janet Tute	Di Waller	Janet Tute
Sunday 12 March	Exodus 17.1-7 Bob Toms	Romans 5.1-11 Jacky Toms	Linda Craig	Harry Newton
Sunday 19 March Mothering Sunday	Tbd Judith Dewdney	Tbd	Tbd Hellen Watson	Tony Dewdney

## Readings

### Exodus 24:12-18

### New International Version

<sup>12</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction.”

<sup>13</sup>Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>He said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them.”

<sup>15</sup>When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, <sup>16</sup>and the glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from within the cloud. <sup>17</sup>To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. <sup>18</sup>Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

### 2 Peter 1:16-21

### New International Version

<sup>16</sup>For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

<sup>19</sup>We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup>Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation of things. <sup>21</sup>For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

### Matthew 17:1-9

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#### The Transfiguration

<sup>17</sup>After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup>There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. <sup>3</sup>Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

<sup>4</sup>Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

<sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!”

<sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.” <sup>8</sup>When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, “Don’t tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

## The Collect

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; 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.** Beryl Beresford, Phyllis Curzon.

## Hymn of the Week

This week, Judith has chosen:

**Christ whose glory fills the skies**

**Tune Ratisbon**

Christ, Whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true, the only Light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise,  
Triumph o'er the shades of night;  
Dayspring from on high be near;  
Day-star, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn  
Unaccompanied by Thee;  
Joyless is the day's return  
Till Thy mercy's beams I see;  
Till they inward light impart,  
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,  
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
Fill me, Radiance divine,  
Scatter all my unbelief;  
More and more Thyself display,  
Shining to the perfect day.

*Charles Wesley*

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EjB\\_bKGhkM4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EjB_bKGhkM4)



## Pancake Day Quiz

1. In France, the big day is known as Mardi Gras. But what does this mean in English?
2. Which country produces 80% of the world's maple syrup?
3. How many pancakes are eaten on average per person on Pancake Day?
4. The largest pancake ever made was how many metres wide?
5. What is the record for the number of times a pancake was flipped in five minutes?
6. How many days before Easter Sunday does Shrove Tuesday fall?
7. How many eggs are consumed on Pancake Day in the UK?
8. True or false: People used to cook snow into their pancakes to make them extra fluffy.
9. Why are pancakes traditionally eaten on Shrove Tuesday?
10. Which day follows Shrove Tuesday?

### Answers to last fortnight's quiz:

1. Aquarius
2. Latin (it means to cleanse)
3. 14<sup>th</sup>
4. Decimalisation
5. Purification
6. A cheque
7. August
8. amethyst
9. 29<sup>th</sup> February

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



*featuring musicians from the Ukrainian community of Macclesfield*

## Concert for Ukraine

*Entry free;  
donations welcomed to charities supporting  
victims of the war*

*1.15 – 2pm Saturday 18th February  
St. Michael's Church, Macclesfield, SK10 1DY*

### **Broken Cross Junction Update**

This is an update received from HA Civils, the contractors who are currently working on Broken Cross Junction.

*Access to Gawsworth Road will resume from the 9th of February.*

*From the 9 of February road closures will be in place from the Broken Cross Junction up to No. 29 Fallibroome Road.*

*This will remain in place until 24th of February. During this period there will be 3-way temporary lights on Broken Cross, Chelford Road and Gawsworth Road. Diversions via A537, Prestbury Road and Priory Lane.*

### **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**

Lord, please help me to remember all the good things  
you have done for me in the past,  
all the ways you have helped me to overcome problems and difficulties,  
and then remind me that you will be at my side as I face tomorrow.

**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 [tjdewdney@talktalk.net](mailto:tjdewdney@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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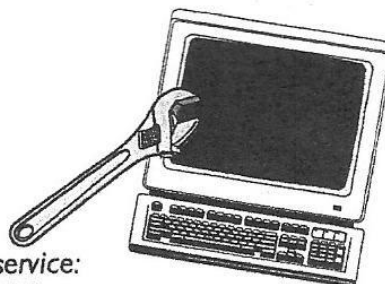
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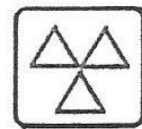
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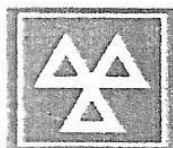
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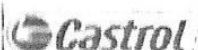
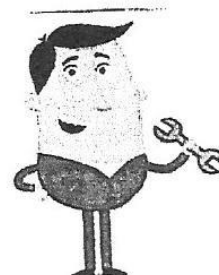
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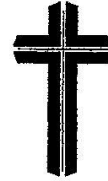


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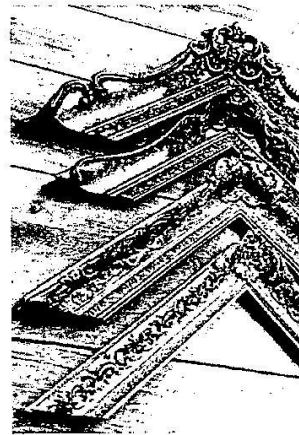
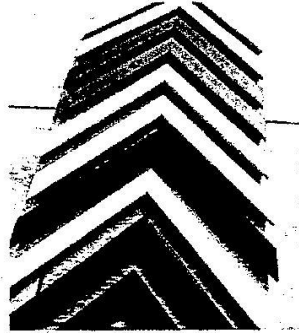
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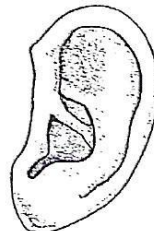
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