

**St Thomas' Church Henbury and Broken Cross
Sunday 23 April 2023 – the Third Sunday of Easter**



Coming Up at St Thomas'

Worship

Sunday 23 April - Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant

**Sunday 30 April - Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. – Bishop William and Linda
Craig**

Sunday 7 May - Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant

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

**Sunday 21 May - Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. – Bishop William and Linda
Craig**

Sunday 28 May - Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. – Bishop William

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

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

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

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

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

Sunday 10 July - Morning Worship – Hellen Watson and Linda Craig

**Sunday 17 July - Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant
and Linda Craig**

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

Most of the 11.00 a.m. services listed above also take 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 5 May 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. – C.A.M.E.O. at St John's

Friday 12 May 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. – C.A.M.E.O. at St Thomas' (Coronation theme)

Wednesday 17 May- M.A.S.T. (Men at St Thomas') in the Blacksmiths' Arms at Henbury

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

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:

Easter Sunday – 9 April

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2iMPVwSOKX4>

The 2nd Sunday of Easter 16 April - Holy Communion

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3z6k0L3vDJ0>

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Maundy Thursday

Our service on Maundy Thursday, included a meal which was shared by 25 people. Many thanks to all those involved in the preparations and especially to all of you who attended.

Men at St Thomas' (MAST)

The next MAST meeting will be at the Blacksmith's Arms, Henbury at 8 pm on

Wednesday 17 May. All **M**en **A**t **S**t. **T**homas are welcome to come along for a Noggin n' Natter.



Easter Lilies

Many thanks for the following donations received for Easter lilies.

Derek Barber in loving memory of his wife, Teresa Barber

May Bostock and family in loving memory of Peter

Di Waller in loving memory of her parents and sister Veronica

Home Communion

If you, or someone you know, is unable to get to Church, we can bring Holy Communion to you at home. If you would like to arrange this, please ring **Linda 01625 424505** or **Carole 01625 611477** or email stthomashenbury@aol.com

Rota for Readers, Intercessors and Sides People

Date	First Reading	Second Reading	Intercessors	Sidesperson
Sunday 23 April	Acts 2.14a,36-41 Tony Dewdney	1 Peter 1.17-23 Jackie Booth	Judith Dewdney	Janet Tute
Sunday 30 April	Acts 2.42-47 Anne Brown	1 Peter 2.19-25 Roy Waller	Di Waller	Tony Dewdney
Sunday 7 May	Isaiah 40.12,17,25-end	Tbd		
Sunday 14 May	Acts 17.22-31	1 Peter 3.13-22		
Sunday 21 May	Acts 1.6-14	1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11		
Sunday 28 May Pentecost	Acts 2.1-21 or Numbers 11.24-30	1 Corinthians 12.3b-13 or Acts 2.1-21		

Readings

Acts 2.14a,36-41

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them.

³⁶ 'Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.'

³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?'

³⁸ Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off – for all whom the Lord our God will call.'

⁴⁰ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' ⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptised, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

1 Peter 1:17-23 New International Version - UK

¹⁷ Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. ¹⁸ For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. ²⁰ He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹ Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

²² Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart.^[a] ²³ For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

¹⁷ If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸ You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰ He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹ Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

²² Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth^[a] so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply^[b] from the heart.^[c] ²³ You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.^[d]

Luke 24:13-35 New International Version - UK

On the road to Emmaus

¹³ Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles^[a] from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ but they were kept from recognising him.

¹⁷ He asked them, 'What are you discussing together as you walk along?' They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, 'Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?'

¹⁹ 'What things?' he asked.

'About Jesus of Nazareth,' they replied. 'He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹ but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day

since all this took place. ²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.'

²⁵ He said to them, 'How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?' ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

²⁸ As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going further. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, 'Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognised him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They asked each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?'

³³ They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, 'It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' ³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognised by them when he broke the bread.

The Collect for the Third Sunday after Easter

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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. Vera Blume, Shirley Martin, Jet Longridge, John Albert Mayers

MACRI (Macclesfield Anglican Churches Revitalisation Initiative)

MACRI is the lay-led organisation that is currently reviewing the organisation of the Anglican Church in Macclesfield. The aim of this group is to establish a Christ-centred, mission-focussed, integrated Anglican organisation which is sustainable, financially viable and aligned to Chester Diocese's future strategy.

Can we encourage you to pray for the work of this group. MACRI has suggested the following 5 prayer points:

1. We pray that God's Holy Spirit will guide all those who are working to make this Initiative a success showing us all how to make Macclesfield Christ-centred and mission-focussed.

2. We pray that all those in our Churches will come to embrace the opportunity to build relationships, working together with other Churches to help transform our Town.
3. We pray that we quickly find ways of working together more closely so that we can showcase to both the Diocese and our congregations what can be achieved through co-operation and sharing.
4. We pray for our Clergy in Macclesfield thanking them for their faithful commitment and for all they do, their local discipleship and their mission. We pray that they will have the confidence, time and energy to take an active part in establishing a vision for our Churches working together.
5. We pray for Bishop Mark, Bishop Julie and Bishop Sam, and the Venerable Ian Bishop, our Archdeacon, and all those leading our Diocese. We pray that they will provide the leadership, advice and support that visibly shows their commitment to helping us to bring together the Macclesfield Anglican Churches making them truly Christ-centred and mission-focussed.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place at 7.15 p.m. on Wednesday 10 May in the Church Hall.

Anyone who is registered on the electoral roll of either the Church or the Civil Parish is entitled to attend.

A copy of the Church's Electoral Roll has been printed out and is attached to your email and in church. If you're not sure whether or not you are included, you can check and if necessary complete an application form (attached with this email and available at the back of church)

The annual report is being prepared and copies will be available in Church. (If you are on the mailing list for the newsletter, a copy will be sent to you via email)

The APCM is where we elect new PCC members – we would welcome anyone who is interested to join the PCC - there are application forms attached to this email and at the back of church. You will need someone to nominate you and second you. If you want to know more about what being a member of the PCC entails, please speak to Bob, Tony Dewdney after the service or contact Linda before the 10 May. Please contact Linda (01625 424505 or email stthomashenbury@aol.com), if you have any queries about the meeting.

Hymn of the Week – Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2U1MuOCHon4>

Refrain:

*Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.*

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation. *Refrain.*
2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth.
Jesus has died and has risen. *Refrain.*
3. We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live forever. *Refrain.*
4. God has proclaimed the just reward:
Life for all men, alleluia! *Refrain.*
5. Come, let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Saviour. *Refrain.*

April Quiz

1. What star sign are you if your birthday falls between March 21 and April 19? And what about April 20 - May 20?
2. 'It was a bright cold day in April, and the clocks were striking thirteen.', is a quote from which book?
3. On what date in April is St George's Day?
4. 'April is the cruellest month', is the first line of which T.S. Eliot poem?
5. Which major UK sporting event will be held on April 14th, 2018?
6. What is April's birthstone?
7. April's birth flower is often listed as *Bellis perennis* - this is the Latin name of which flower?
8. On which holiday in the United States, on the last Friday in April, are individuals and groups encouraged to plant trees?
9. Which event made British news headlines on the 2nd of April, 1982?
10. April Windsor, played by Amelia Flanagan, is a character in which soap?

Answers to last fortnight's quiz:

1. Beatrix Potter
2. Cuckoo
3. With a kiss
4. Paques
5. Cadburys
6. Maundy Thursday
7. Rabbit
8. True
9. A pocket watch
10. fish

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

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. Easter cards are now available. 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

Be with me and for me, dear Lord,
as I walk upon the road of brightness
that runs between earth and thy glory. Amen

From the Island of Coll, Hebridean Altars, p. 91.

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**

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 **tjedwdney@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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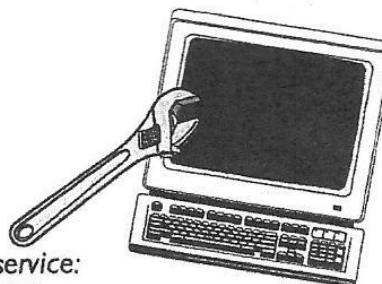


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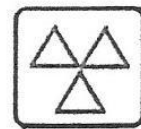
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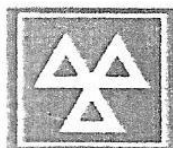
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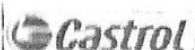
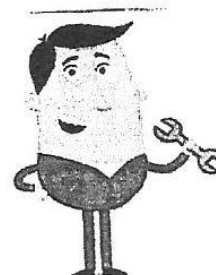
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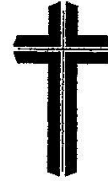


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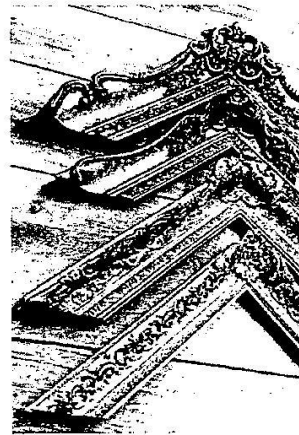
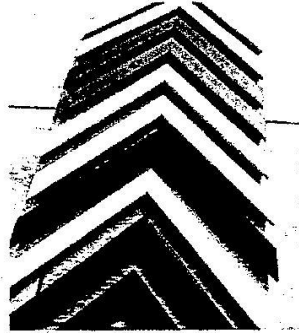
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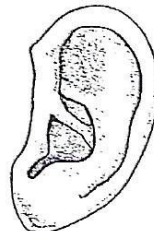
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