St Thomas' Church Henbury and Broken Cross Sunday 9 April 2023



Wishing you joy this Easter!





Coming Up at St Thomas'

Worship

Thursday 6 April – Joint Maundy Thursday Agape and Service at St John's 7.30 p.m. - Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig

Friday 7 April – Joint Good Friday Service at St Thomas' 11.00 a.m. - Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig

Saturday 8 April – Joint Easter Saturday Service at St John's 8.00 p.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 11.00 a.m. – Hellen Watson 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

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 31 March 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. – C.A.M.E.O. at St John's
Tuesday 4 April – Joint Bible Study Week 6 10.00 a.m. – St Thomas' Church
Hall

Wednesday 19 April 8 p.m. - M.A.S.T. (Men at St Thomas') in the Blacksmiths' Arms at Henbury

Friday 21 April 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. – C.A.M.E.O. at St Thomas' 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'

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

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:

5th Sunday of Lent 26 March – Holy Communion https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c8OznEyn-FI

Palm Sunday 2 April – Holy Communion – we are sorry but due to illness the service on Palm Sunday was not recorded.

On-line Archive of Newsletters

View back copies of our newsletters online by clicking here: https://www.stthomashenbury.org.uk/newsletter/

Maundy Thursday

We have an informal agape and service on Maundy Thursday (April 6^{th)}. It is being held at St John's Church and will begin at 7.30 p.m. There will be a meal and Holy Communion, followed by the Watch. If you would like to come along, please let us know, so that we can make enough food. stthomashenbury@aol.com or 01625 424505

Men at St Thomas' (MAST)

The next MAST meeting will be at the Blacksmith's Arms, Henbury at 8 pm on Wednesday 19th April. All Men At St. Thomas are welcome for a Noggin n' Natter.

Easter Lilies

Many thanks for the following donations received for Easter lilies.

Derek Barber in loving memory of Teresa Barber

If anyone would like to make a donation towards this year's Easter Lilies, please contact Lynne Hibbert (610701), Bob or Linda.

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 9	Jeremiah 31.1-	Acts 10.34-43	Linda Craig	Colin Marlow
April Easter	6	Bob Toms	_	
Day	Jacky Toms			
Sunday 16	1 Peter 1.3-9	John 20.19-31	Hellen	Christine
April	David Plews	Hellen Watson	Watson	Glynn
Sunday 23	Acts 2.14a,36-41	1 Peter 1.17-23	Judith	Janet Tute
April	Tony Dewdney	Jackie Booth	Dewdney	
Sunday 30	Acts 2.42-47	1 Peter 2.19-25	Di Waller	Tony
April	Anne Brown	Roy Waller		Dewdney

Readings

Jeremiah 31:1-6

New International Version

31 "At that time," declares the LORD, "I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they will be my people."

- ² This is what the LORD says:
- "The people who survive the sword will find favor in the wilderness;

I will come to give rest to Israel."

- ³ The LORD appeared to us in the past, [a] saying:
- "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.
- ⁴ I will build you up again,

and you, Virgin Israel, will be rebuilt.

Again you will take up your timbrels and go out to dance with the joyful.

Again you will plant vineyards
 on the hills of Samaria;
 the farmers will plant them
 and enjoy their fruit.
 There will be a day when watchmen cry out
 on the hills of Ephraim,
 Come, let us go up to Zion,
 to the LORD our God."

Acts 10:34-43

New International Version

Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism ³⁵ but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. ³⁶ You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷ You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

³⁹ "We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, ⁴⁰ but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. ⁴¹ He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

John 20:1-18

New International Version

The Empty Tomb

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ² So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

³ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴ Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷ as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. ⁸ Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

¹¹ Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹² and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

¹³ They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." ¹⁴ At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

¹⁵ He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

¹⁷ Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Collect for Easter Day

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

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, Jed Longridge, John Albert Mayers

Hymn of the Week -'Thine Be the Glory'

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won. Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes where Thy body lay. Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb.
Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let His church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.
Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life!!

Life is nought without Thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors, through Thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above.

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hrwJcTx_tj4&t=25s

Poem for Good Friday

Many thanks to Christine for bringing this moving poem to our attention. It's based on Matthew 25:31-46.

Indifference

When Jesus came to Golgotha
They hanged Him on a tree,
They drave great nails through hands and feet,
And made a Calvary.
They crowned Him with a crown of thorns;
Red were His wounds and deep,
For those were crude and cruel days,
And human flesh was cheap.

When Jesus came to Birmingham,
They simply passed Him by;
They never hurt a hair of Him,
They only let Him die.
For men had grown more tender,
And they would not give Him pain;
They only just passed down the street,
And left Him in the rain.

Still Jesus cried, "Forgive them,
For they know not what they do."
And still it rained the winter rain
That drenched Him through and through.
The crowds went home and left the streets
Without a soul to see;
And Jesus crouched against a wall
And cried for Calvary.

Geoffrey Studdert-Kennedy (1883-1929

Easter Quiz

- 1. Who wrote The Tale of Peter Rabbit?
- 2. What kind of bird delivers eggs to children in Switzerland for Easter?
- 3. According to the Bible, how did Judas identify Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane?
- 4. What is Easter known as in France?
- 5. Which company makes Creme Eggs?
- 6. What is the day before Good Friday called?
- 7. What is the name of the rabbit in Winnie the Pooh?
- 8. True or false Easter is named after the pagan goddess Eostre?
- 9. What does the rabbit from Alice in Wonderland always carry?

10. What food is traditionally eaten on Good Friday?

Answers to last fortnight's quiz:

1. War 2. Pisces/Aries 3. A book 4. 15 March 5. Lamb 6. An iron curtain 7. Emily Dickinson 8. 17 March 9.Lady Day 10. 5 March

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

Scouts Out and About in Henbury

Did you., like me, see lots of Scouts and Guides with rucksacks walking through Henbury on Sunday morning and wonder what they were up to?

They were taking part in the Cheshire Hike – a challenging yet rewarding, two-day expedition completed in parties of 2- 5 people, open to Scouts, Guides, Explorers and Senior Section.



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

Organised by Cheshire Scouts it's a great

adventure for many, many young people from all over the county. There's lots of information about this year's Hike <u>HERE</u>.

Their route in Henbury village today took them up Pepper Street and along Church Lane to a checkpoint on the Green where they could take a break and top up their water bottles before heading off to Henbury Rise towards the Moss Cottages and onwards to their final destination.

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

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

Dear Lord.

Let your truth sink deep down into our hearts and souls this Easter. Help us to stay focused on you.

We pray for the many who will understand for the first time this Easter Sunday that you are risen.

Wash over every soul with fresh hope and overwhelming joy.

Bring new life as only you can. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Lysa Terkeurst

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 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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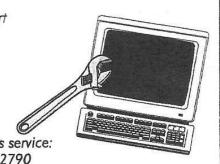
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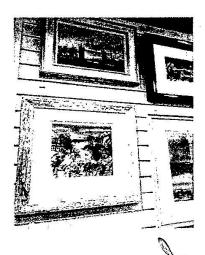
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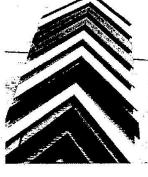
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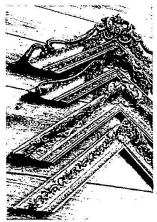
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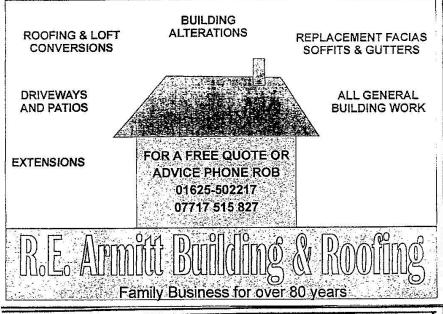
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