

**St Thomas' Church Henbury and Broken Cross
Sunday 21 May 2023 – the Seventh Sunday of Easter –
Sunday after Ascension Day**



Coming Up at St Thomas'

Worship

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

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

**Sunday 4 June – Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. - Rev. Canon Simon Bessant
and Linda Craig**

Sunday 11 June – Morning Worship 11.00 a.m. – Hellen Watson and Linda

**Sunday 18 June - Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant
and Linda Craig**

**Sunday 25 June – Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant
and Linda Craig**

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

Sunday 9 July - Morning Worship – Hellen Watson and Linda Craig

**Sunday 16 July - Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant
and Linda Craig**

**Sunday 23 July - Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant
and Linda Craig**

Sunday 30 July – Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant

**Sunday 6 August - Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. – Bishop William and Linda
Craig**

Sunday 13 August - Morning Worship 11.00 a.m. – Hellen Watson and Linda

**Sunday 20 August - Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant
and Linda Craig**

**Sunday 27 August - 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 2 June 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. – C.A.M.E.O. at St John's

Friday 16 June 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. – C.A.M.E.O. at St Thomas'

Wednesday 20 June 8 p.m. - 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 link below

The Fifth Sunday of Easter and the Coronation – 7 May 2023

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mivvU-92bCY>

The service on 14 May was not recorded.

On-line Archive of Newsletters

View back copies of our newsletters online by clicking here:

<https://www.stthomashenbury.org.uk/newsletter/>

April Baptisms

We warmly welcome into God's family Jake Smith, Hallee Peterson and Reuben Peterson who have been baptised at St Thomas' this month.

Rota for Readers, Intercessors and Sides People

Date	First Reading	Second Reading	Intercessors	Sidesperson
Sunday 21 May	Acts 1.6-14 Judith Dewdney	1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11 Jackie Booth	Linda Craig	Janet Tute
Sunday 28 May Pentecost	Acts 2.1-21 Jacky Toms	1 Corinthians 12.3b-13 Bob Toms	Bishop William	Colin Marlow
Sunday 4 June	Isaiah 40.12-17, 27- end	2 Corinthians 13.11-end	Di Waller	Christine Glynn

Trinity Sunday	Anne Brown	Roy Waller		
Sunday 11 June Trinity 1	tbc Janet Tute	tbc	Hellen Watson	Tony Dewdney
Sunday 18 June Trinity 2	Genesis 18.1-15 Judith Dewdney	Romans 5.1-8 David Plews	Tony Dewdney	Colin Marlow
Sunday 25 June Trinity 3	Genesis 21.8-21 Jacky Toms	Romans 6.1b-11 Bob Toms	Linda Craig	Janet Tute

Readings

Acts 1:6-14 New International Version - UK

⁶ Then they gathered round him and asked him, 'Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?'

⁷ He said to them: 'It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ 'Men of Galilee,' they said, 'why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.'

Matthias chosen to replace Judas

¹² Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk^[a] from the city. ¹³ When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 New International Version - UK

Suffering for being a Christian

Chapter 4

¹² Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

Chapter 5

⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

⁸ Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

¹⁰ And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. ¹¹ To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

John 17:1-11

New International Version - UK

Jesus prays to be glorified

17 After Jesus said this, he looked towards heaven and prayed:

'Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. ² For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. ³ Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

Jesus prays for his disciples

⁶ 'I have revealed you^[a] to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸ For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. ⁹ I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹ I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of^[b] your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

The Collect for Sunday 21 May

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.**

Casting the Net Wide Talk

Henbury MU are hosting a Deanery event in Henbury Church Hall on **Thursday, 8th June at 7.30 p.m.** where the speaker will be Harriet Roberts (Director of Development in Chester Diocese). She will be doing an interactive presentation on the Prodigal Son painting by Rembrandt, talking about home coming which links with the Visioning journey - Casting The Net Wide. If you are interested in the future of the Church of England, you should hopefully find this very interesting. Entrance fee is £5 which includes tea/coffee and lots of homemade cakes. There will also be a raffle. The proceeds from this event will be sent to support one of our MU projects in Chester Diocese.

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

R.I.P. Gail Robinson's mother, Sybil, and Margaret Janes' son, Steven.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

Our Vestry and APCM meetings took place on 10 May. 14 people were present. We are pleased to report that Bob Toms was reappointed as Churchwarden, and Di Waller and Jenifer Maguire were elected to serve on the PCC for a period of three years. Other elections were:

Electoral Roll Officer – Tony Dewdney

Parish Safeguarding Officer – Linda Craig

The current number on the electoral roll is 77 and increase of 2 since last year.

St Thomas' CAMEO Coronation Celebrations



St Thomas' CAMEO celebrated the King's coronation in style last Friday. Over 30 people attended – including members of both St John's and St Thomas', as well as other local people. And a good time was had by all. We received £53 in donations which will be given to Christian Aid. Our next CAMEO meeting will be on Friday June 16th from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. – all are welcome.



Hymn of the Week

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k1xflx1d1w>

Hail the day that sees Him rise, Alleluia!

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To His throne above the skies, Alleluia!

Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia!

Reascends His native heaven, Alleluia!

There the glorious triumph waits, Alleluia!

Lift your heads, eternal gates, Alleluia!

Christ hath conquered death and sin, Alleluia!

Take the King of glory in, Alleluia!

Tune Llanfair

Him though highest Heav'n receives, Alleluia!
Still He loves the earth He leaves, Alleluia!
Though returning to His throne, Alleluia!
Still He calls mankind His own, Alleluia!

See! He lifts His hands above, Alleluia!
See! He shows the prints of love, Alleluia!
Hark! His gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!
Blessings on His church below, Alleluia!

Still for us His death He pleads, Alleluia!
Prevalent He intercedes, Alleluia!
Near Himself prepares our place, Alleluia!
Harbinger of the human race, Alleluia!

Grant, though parted from our sight, Alleluia!
Far above yon azure height, Alleluia!
Grant our hearts may thither rise, Alleluia!
Seeking Thee beyond the skies, Alleluia!

There we shall with Thee remain, Alleluia!
Partners of Thy endless reign, Alleluia!
There Thy face unclouded see, Alleluia!
Find our heaven of heavens in Thee, Alleluia!

Charles Wesley and Thomas Cotterill

Christian Aid

Christian Aid week ran from 14 – 20 May 2023. There will be a retiring collection for this charity again in Church on Sunday May 21 and we will also be donating all payments received for refreshments after the service on those dates. Envelopes for donations will be available in Church and if you wish to give online there is a page dedicated to St Thomas' on the Christian Aid website – the link is below:

https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/st-thomas-church-henbury?utm_medium=sharedbuttons&utm_campaign=CAM-004478

May Quiz

1. Who did Queen guitarist Brian May marry in November 2000?
2. 'The Third of May 1808', is a painting completed in 1814 by which Spanish painter?
3. How long is the lifespan for the adult female Mayfly, *Dolania americana*: 5 minutes, 5 hours, or 5 days?
4. According to a 1732 traditional saying, what should you never cast till May be out?
5. What is the more common name for the Mayflower shrub?

6. Theresa May was born in which town?
7. Victory in Europe Day, generally known as V-E Day, was celebrated on which day in May, 1945?
8. In the nursery rhyme 'Nuts in May', on what sort of morning are the nuts gathered?
9. Which American federal holiday, sometimes called Decoration Day, is currently observed every year on the last Monday of May?
10. The Mayflower left England for the Virginia Colony with which other ship on the 15 August, 1620?

Answers to last fortnight's quiz:

1. 8 September 2022
2. Operation Golden Orb
3. 1948
4. The Duke of Norfolk
5. 2,000
6. Jony Ive
7. William IV
8. Dominic West
9. St Edward's Crown
10. Queen Mary's Crown

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

Re-Opening of the Cock Inn

The Cock Inn on Chelford Road (midway between Broken Cross and Henbury) has now re-opened. We wish the new landlord every success in his new venture.



Broken Cross Junction Update

Local councillor, Nick Mannion has issued the following update regarding the new layout of the junction at Broken Cross.

Many of you will have recently seen comments on FaceBook and in the local press about a 'safety audit' on the remodelled junction.

So, what happens next? Bellway (who paid for and did the job) now have to come up ASAP with an action plan to deal with the list of issues listed in the audit.

Obviously, some of these will be bigger jobs than others. Their plan along with timescale is expected to be written and shared by the middle of May. Hopefully it will be made public.

The safety audit for the new zebra crossing on Gawsworth Road is still awaited.

It is my understanding that until all major issues have been put right for both jobs, Bellway will not be able to allow any more people to move into their new estate off Chelford Road.

The Hope Centre – Call to Prayer

This event will take place on Sunday 21 May between 6 and 7 p.m. at the Hope Centre 16-18 Park Green Macclesfield SK11 7NA.

The aim of this meeting is to gather together as many people as possible to pray so that we may hear God's plans for our future.

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



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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

Father, help me to live each day to the full,
being true to You in every way.

Jesus, help me to give myself away to others,
being kind to everyone I meet.

Spirit, help me to love the lost,
proclaiming Christ in all I do and say.

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**

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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.

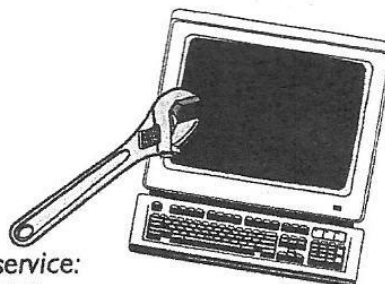
Fabric Committee – We are also looking to create a Fabric Committee to oversee the fabric of the Church and the Church Hall. This would entail being notified of repairs/maintenance work required, obtaining quotes and letting workmen in and out of the buildings. If you might be interested, please ring 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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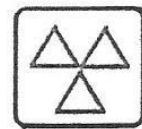
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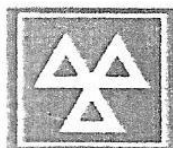
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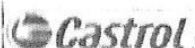
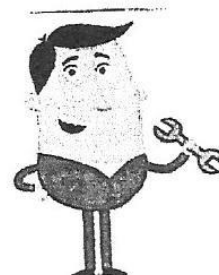
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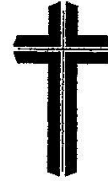


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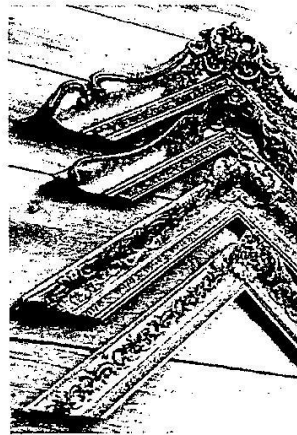
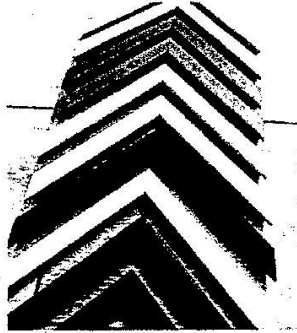
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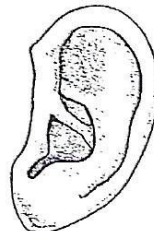
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