

**St Thomas' Church Henbury and Broken Cross  
Sunday 7 May 2023 – the Fifth Sunday of Easter**



**Coming Up at St Thomas'**

**Worship**

- Sunday 7 May – A special service of Holy Communion to mark the Coronation of King Charles III 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 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 Craig**
- 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. – 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](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 **[tjdewdney@talktalk.net](mailto: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**

**Friday 16 June 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:

The Third Sunday of Easter – 23 April 2023

[https://youtu.be/8rBpmFq\\_IQY](https://youtu.be/8rBpmFq_IQY)

### **On-line Archive of Newsletters**

View back copies of our newsletters online by clicking here:

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

### **Baptisms**

We warmly welcome the following children into God's family.

Jake Christopher Smith baptised by Rev. Canon Simon Bessant on 16 April 2023.

Lewis Jake Peterson and Hallie Eleanor Isla Peterson baptised by Rev. Dr John Harries on 30 April 2023.

### **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.

## Rota for Readers, Intercessors and Sides People

Date	First Reading	Second Reading	Intercessors	Sidesperson
Sunday 7 May	Isaiah 40.12,17,25-end Janet Tute	none	Di Waller	Christine Glynn
Sunday 14 May	Acts 17.22-31	1 Peter 3.13-22	Linda Craig	Tony Dewdney
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 or Numbers 11.24- 30 Jacky Toms	1 Corinthians 12.3b-13 or Acts 2.1-21 Bob Toms	?	Colin Marlow

## Readings

### Isaiah 40.12-17, 25-end

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand  
and marked off the heavens with a span,  
enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure,  
and weighed the mountains in scales  
and the hills in a balance?

Who has directed the spirit of the Lord,  
or as his counsellor has instructed him?

Whom did he consult for his enlightenment,  
and who taught him the path of justice?

Who taught him knowledge,  
and showed him the way of understanding?

Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket,  
and are accounted as dust on the scales;  
see, he takes up the isles like fine dust.

Lebanon would not provide fuel enough,  
nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering.

All the nations are as nothing before him;  
they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.

To whom then will you compare me,  
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high and see:  
Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them,  
calling them all by name;  
because he is great in strength,

mighty in power,  
not one is missing.  
Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,  
'My way is hidden from the Lord,  
and my right is disregarded by my God'?  
Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The Lord is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.  
He gives power to the faint,  
and strengthens the powerless.  
Even youths will faint and be weary,  
and the young will fall exhausted;  
but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.

### **Luke 22.24-30**

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

'You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

### **The Collect for Sunday 7 May**

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, bless our Sovereign Lord, King Charles, and all who are in authority under him; that they may order all things in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace, to the honour of your name, and the good of your Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

**R.I.P.** Vera Blume, Shirley Martin, Jet Longridge, John Albert Mayers

## **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](mailto:stthomashenbury@aol.com)), if you have any queries about the meeting.

### **Hymn of the Week – Christ is Made the Sure Foundation (Westminster Abbey)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cR9NHXnbxIU>

1. Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and cornerstone;  
chosen of the Lord and precious,  
binding all the church in one;  
holy Zion's help forever,  
and her confidence alone.

2. To this temple, where we call thee,  
come, O Lord of Hosts, today!  
With thy faithful loving-kindness  
hear thy people as they pray,  
and thy fullest benediction  
shed within its walls always.

3. Here vouchsafe to all thy servants  
what they ask of thee to gain;  
what they gain from thee forever  
with the blessed to retain,  
and hereafter in thy glory  
evermore with thee to reign.

4. Laud and honour to the Father,  
laud and honour to the Son,  
laud and honour to the Spirit,

ever three and ever one;  
one in might and one in glory,  
while unending ages run.

### **Christian Aid**

Christian Aid week will run from 14 – 20 May 2023. As usual, we will be donating the collections taken in Church on Sundays 14 and 21 May, together with the payments received from refreshments 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](https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/st-thomas-church-henbury?utm_medium=sharedbuttons&utm_campaign=CAM-004478)

### **King Charles III Quiz**

1. On what date did Charles ascend to the throne?
2. Due to Elizabeth II's age, Charles' coronation had been planned for years under what code name?
3. In what year was Charles born?
4. The duke of what county is, by tradition, in charge of organising the event as earl marshal?
5. Approximately how many guests are expected to be invited to Westminster Abbey? Is it 500, 1000, or 2000?
6. What is the name of the designer of Charles' Coronation Emblem?
7. The Gold State Coach has been used at the coronation of every British monarch since which King?
8. Who played Charles in Season 4 of Netflix's The Crown?
9. What is the name of the crown that will be used to crown Charles as King?
10. Similarly, what is the name of the crown that will crown Camilla as Queen?

### **Answers to last fortnight's quiz:**

1. Aries, Taurus
2. 1984
3. 23<sup>rd</sup>
4. The Waste Land
5. The Grand National
6. Diamond
7. Daisy
8. National Arbor Day
9. Argentinian forces invaded the Falklands Islands.
10. Emmerdale

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 Congratulations Harry!

Huge congratulations to Harry Newton, a familiar face at St Thomas', who at the tender age of 85 has just completed his 19th London marathon. Well done, Harry! And he achieved his third fastest time! Harry and other members of his family, pictured below, all ran the Marathon to raise money for Alzheimer's Research UK. They have already raised an amazing total of just under £4,000. If you would like to make a donation here is the JustGiving link.



<https://www.justgiving.com/fundrai.../familyrunforalzheimers>

An amazing achievement! Well done all of you.

### 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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**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

Hear our prayers, O Lord, we beseech thee,  
and so direct and support your servant King Charles,  
that he may not bear the Sword in vain;  
but may use it as the minister of God to resist evil and defend the good,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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)**

### **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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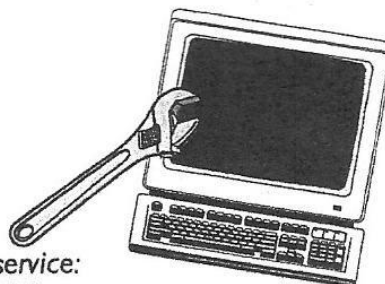
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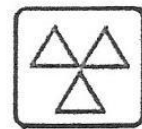
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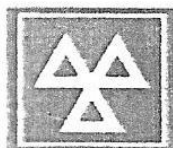
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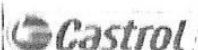
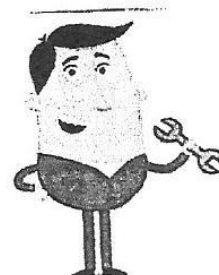
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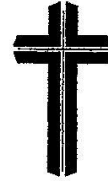


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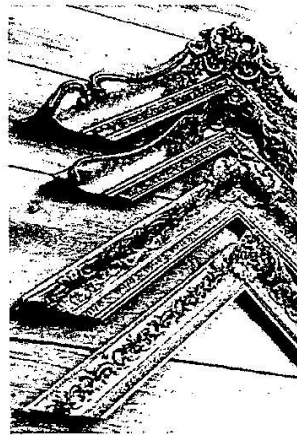
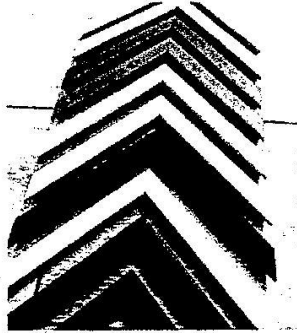
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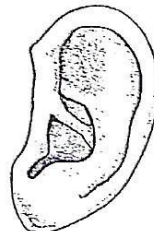
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