

**St Thomas' Church Henbury and Broken Cross  
Sunday 18 June 2023 – Second Sunday after Trinity**



**Coming Up at St Thomas'**

**Worship**

**Sunday 18 June – No service at St Thomas' or St John's. Town centre open air service in the Market Place 10.30 – 11.30 a.m. (you may want to take a fold up chair)**

**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**

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

**Sunday 10 September– Morning Worship 11.00 a.m. – Linda Craig**

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

**Sunday 24 September - 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 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**

**Friday 7 July 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 link below

Trinity Sunday – Holy Communion – June 4<sup>th</sup>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9GaokbcQAuc>

First Sunday after Trinity – Morning Worship – June 11<sup>th</sup>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rp778ntHxq4>

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### **Rota for Readers, Intercessors and Sides People**

<b>Date</b>	<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Intercessors</b>	<b>Sidesperson</b>
Sunday 18 June Trinity 2	<b>No service</b>	<b>Open-air service in the Market Place 10.30 – 11.30 a.m.</b>		
Sunday 25 June Trinity 3	Genesis 21.8-21 Judith Dewdney	Romans 6.1b-11 Tony Dewdney	Linda Craig	Janet Tute

## Readings

### Genesis 18:1-15

### New International Version

**18** The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup> Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

<sup>3</sup> He said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord,<sup>[a]</sup> do not pass your servant by. <sup>4</sup> Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. <sup>5</sup> Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant."

"Very well," they answered, "do as you say."

<sup>6</sup> So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. "Quick," he said, "get three seahs<sup>[b]</sup> of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread."

<sup>7</sup> Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. <sup>8</sup> He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.

<sup>9</sup> "Where is your wife Sarah?" they asked him.

"There, in the tent," he said.

<sup>10</sup> Then one of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son."

Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. <sup>11</sup> Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. <sup>12</sup> So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?"

<sup>13</sup> Then the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really have a child, now that I am old?' <sup>14</sup> Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son."

<sup>15</sup> Sarah was afraid, so she lied and said, "I did not laugh."

But he said, "Yes, you did laugh."

### Romans 5:1-8

### New International Version

**5** Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we<sup>[a]</sup> have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we<sup>[b]</sup> boast in the hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only so, but we<sup>[c]</sup> also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup> perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup> And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**Matthew 9:35-10:8****New International Version**

<sup>35</sup> Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup> Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

**10** Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

<sup>2</sup> These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. <sup>6</sup> Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. <sup>7</sup> As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' <sup>8</sup> Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy,<sup>[a]</sup> drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

**The Collect for the Second Sunday after Trinity**

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.

Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Hymn of the Week  
To God be the Glory**

To God be the glory, great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that we may go in.

*(Refrain)*

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;  
the vilest offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.

*(Refrain)*

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he has done!

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer and higher and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

*(Refrain)*

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he has done!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-15v9iworAU>

## **For our Prayers**

**The Sick:** Amy Roberts, Pat Wain, John Louca, Anthony Westnedge, Margaret Williams, Dylan Belt, Melissa, Jane Burghall, Glenys Crabtree, Christina Klatsia.

## **Happy Birthday**

A very Happy Birthday to Carolyn Andrew, who celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 10<sup>th</sup>. The members of St John's and St Thomas' Churches wish her many happy returns.



## **Christian Aid Collection**

Many thanks for all your donations to Christian Aid this year. The total from the two retiring collections, coffee donations and May CAMEO amounted to £245.70, plus there was also £100.00 donated via the St Thomas' online giving page, making a total of £345.70. Thank you.

## Literary Quiz

1. Who wrote the book 'Les Miserables'?
2. What is the second Harry Potter book called?
3. In *The Hobbit*, what sort of creature is Smaug?
4. Which Dickens character says "Please, Sir, I want some more"
5. Which author created Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn?
6. Which Jules Vern character travelled around the world with Passe Partout?
7. To which kingdom of living things do the Triffids, who take over the Earth in a famous John Wyndham novel, belong?
8. In which 18th century novel does the protagonist eventually marry Mr. Rochester?
9. Which prolific US author wrote *It*, *The Shining* and *Misery*?
10. Who was Bertie Wooster's valet in the series of P.G. Wodehouse stories?

### Answers to last fortnight's quiz:

1. Horse Guards Parade
2. Fathers' Day
3. Daisy Duck
4. Pearl
5. Les Miserables
6. 20, 21 or 22 June
7. Tiananmen Square
8. Terry Scott
9. Carousel
10. 1920s (1925)

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

#### Lower Church Car Park

Henbury Parish Council has recently taken on responsibility for the maintenance of the lower Church car park and the land around it, for which the Church is extremely grateful. This is the triangle of land between the bottom of Church Lane and Chelford Road.

A small team of volunteers have carried out some initial work to tidy up the edges and clear some pathways through the foliage!

Unfortunately, as part of that work, a pile of corrugated material (possibly asbestos) has been discovered at the far end of the land. It looks like a case of fly-tipping. The Parish Council will now have to pay for this to be removed and ask residents to report any future suspicious activity in the area.

#### Meet the Millennium Green Trustees

The Millennium Green Trust is trying out a new AGM format on **Saturday June 17th**. If you are a user and/or a lover of the Green, or just walking by, do please pop in **between 10.00 and 11.30** for a chat and bring the family too.

As well as chatting we'll be offering a short walk to tell you about all the plants and insects that make their home in the **Wildflower Meadow**, and there'll be a **Children's Crafts group** using some of the many things that grow around the Green.

And , until stocks run out, there'll be a **free copy** for you of the 226 Page book "Henbury – History of a Village" that was researched and written by the Henbury

Society and covers the period from the Domesday Book to the publication date in 2003. (You could even make a donation if you really like it?)

The Trustees look forward to meeting you on Saturday.

### **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. 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**

Open our eyes, O God, to behold your presence around us. Let us be anxious for nothing, save the doing of your will and the assurance that all things are possible to us in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen. *Richard Meux Benson (1824–1915)*

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)**

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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](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)**

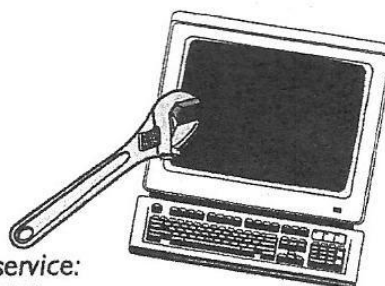
### **Thank You**

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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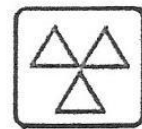
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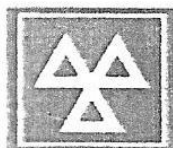
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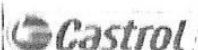
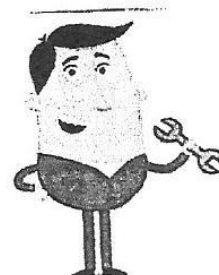
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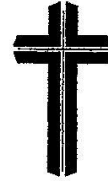


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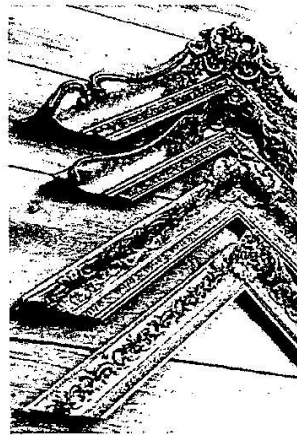
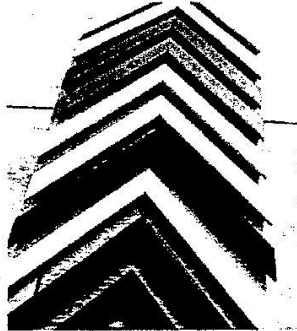
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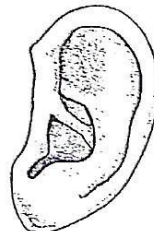
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