

**St Thomas' Church Henbury and Broken Cross  
Sunday 16 July 2023 – Sixth Sunday after Trinity**



**Coming Up at St Thomas'**

**Worship**

- 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**
- Sunday 1 October - Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig**
- Sunday 8 October – Harvest Service – Hellen Watson and Linda Craig**
- Sunday 15 October - 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 14 July 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. - C.A.M.E.O. at St Thomas'**

**Saturday 15 July 3.30 p.m. – 5 p.m. - Messy Church at St John's**

**Saturday 15 July 5.30 p.m. onwards – Benefice BBQ at St John's Vicarage**

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

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

**Friday 18 August 2 p.m. – 4p.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 link below

2 July – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity – Holy Communion

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=akJYtlzkJI4>

9 July – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity – Family Service

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v5rJ6NjYNz8>

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

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### **Benefice BBQ**

This year's Benefice BBQ will take place on **Saturday 15 July** at 5.30 p.m. onwards in the Vicarage Garden. There is no charge, but should you wish to make a donation towards the cost this will be welcome. Tea/coffee and other soft drinks will be provided but please bring your own wines and beers etc (and perhaps a chair to sit on!)



## Rota for Readers, Intercessors and Sides People

Date	First Reading	Second Reading	Intercessors	Sidesperson
Sunday 16 July 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	Genesis 25.19-34 David Plews	Romans 8.1- 11 Roy Waller	Di Waller	Tony Dewdney
Sunday 23 July 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	Genesis 28.10-19a Janet Tute	Romans 8.12- 25 Jackie Booth	Linda Craig	Colin Marlow
Sunday 30 July 8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	Genesis 29.15-28 Anne Brown	Romans 8.26- 39 Tony Dewdney	Judith Dewdney	Janet Tute

### Readings

#### **Genesis 25:19-34**

#### **New International Version**

#### **Jacob and Esau**

<sup>19</sup> This is the account of the family line of Abraham's son Isaac.

Abraham became the father of Isaac, <sup>20</sup> and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah daughter of Bethuel the Aramean from Paddan Aram<sup>[a]</sup> and sister of Laban the Aramean.

<sup>21</sup> Isaac prayed to the LORD on behalf of his wife, because she was childless. The LORD answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant. <sup>22</sup> The babies jostled each other within her, and she said, "Why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the LORD.

<sup>23</sup> The LORD said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb,  
and two peoples from within you will be separated;  
one people will be stronger than the other,  
and the older will serve the younger."

<sup>24</sup> When the time came for her to give birth, there were twin boys in her womb. <sup>25</sup> The first to come out was red, and his whole body was like a hairy garment; so they named him Esau.<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>26</sup> After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob.<sup>[c]</sup> Isaac was sixty years old when Rebekah gave birth to them.

<sup>27</sup> The boys grew up, and Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the open country, while Jacob was content to stay at home among the tents. <sup>28</sup> Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

<sup>29</sup> Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, famished. <sup>30</sup> He said to Jacob, "Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I'm famished!" (That is why he was also called Edom.<sup>[d]</sup>)

<sup>31</sup> Jacob replied, "First sell me your birthright."

<sup>32</sup> "Look, I am about to die," Esau said. "What good is the birthright to me?"

<sup>33</sup> But Jacob said, “Swear to me first.” So he swore an oath to him, selling his birthright to Jacob.

<sup>34</sup> Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left.

So Esau despised his birthright.

## **Romans 8:1-11**

## **New International Version**

### **Life Through the Spirit**

**8** Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup> because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you<sup>[a]</sup> free from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup> For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh,<sup>[b]</sup> God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering.<sup>[c]</sup> And so he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

<sup>5</sup> Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. <sup>6</sup> The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so. <sup>8</sup> Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup> You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life<sup>[d]</sup> because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of<sup>[e]</sup> his Spirit who lives in you.

## **Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23**

## **New International Version**

### **The Parable of the Sower**

**13** That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. <sup>2</sup> Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. <sup>3</sup> Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. <sup>4</sup> As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. <sup>5</sup> Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. <sup>6</sup> But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. <sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. <sup>8</sup> Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. <sup>9</sup> Whoever has ears, let them hear.”

<sup>18</sup> “Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: <sup>19</sup> When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. <sup>20</sup> The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and

at once receives it with joy. <sup>21</sup> But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. <sup>22</sup> The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. <sup>23</sup> But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

### **The Collect for the Sixth Sunday after Trinity**

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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.

### **Hymn of the Week**

Thanks to Judith, our organist for selecting the following:

**Thy hand, O God, has guided....**

**Tune Thornbury**

Thy hand, O God, has guided  
thy flock, from age to age;  
the wondrous tale is written  
full clear, on every page;  
our fathers owned thy goodness  
and we their deeds record  
and all to this bear witness,  
one church, one faith, one Lord.

Thy heralds brought glad tidings  
from greatest as to least;  
they bade men rise and hasten  
to share the great King's feast;  
and this was all their teaching,  
in every deed and word,  
to all alike proclaiming,  
one church, one faith, one Lord.

Through many a day of darkness  
through many a scene of strife,  
the faithful few fought bravely, to  
to guard the nation's life..  
Their gospel of redemption,  
sin pardoned, man restored,  
was all in this enfolded  
one church, one faith, one Lord.

And we, shall we be faithless,  
and all seem sunk in night;  
shall we evade the conflict  
and cast away our crown?  
No so, God's in deep counsels  
some better thing is stored;  
we will maintain, unflinching,  
one church, one faith, one Lord.

Thy mercy will not fail us,  
nor leave thy work undone;  
with thy right hand to help us,  
the victory shall be won;  
and then by men and angels,  
thy name shall be adored,  
and this shall be their anthem,  
one church, one faith, one Lord.

E.H. Plumptree 1821-1891

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bLQk7m7Edzq>

## For our Prayers

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

**RIP:** Peter Plant

**Burial of Ashes:** May Willock

## Summer Quiz

1. Which feast day falls on July 15 every year?
2. Who was credited with saving 77 lives during seven summers working as a lifeguard at Lowell Park, Illinois, starting in 1926?
3. Which singer was known as the 'Queen of Disco'?
4. Who met and fell in love with Marge Bouvier in a 1974 summer camp?
5. Which novel is told partly by its heroine Esther Summerson?
6. The "dog days of summer" are named after the Dog Star; what is the better known name of this star?
7. What term is often given to a period of dry hot weather that occurs in the autumn?
8. 'Shall I compare thee to a summer's day' is the first line of which William Shakespeare sonnet?
9. What was the first name of Clegg in the sitcom *Last of the Summer Wine*?
10. The summer solstice occurs in the Southern Hemisphere during which month?

## Answers to last fortnight's quiz:

1. Julius Caesar
2. larkspur
3. 14 July
4. HMS Bellerophon
5. Carnation
6. Mariah Carey
7. 15 July
8. 1969
9. Dog Days
10. Born on the 4 July.

A huge thank you to everyone who has sent in contributions to the newsletter over the last three 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

Many congratulations to Kate Pwasiho, who was ordained on 1 July. We wish her every blessing in her ministry. You can see Kate talking about her calling by following the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bFMER4zMLic>



### Ukrainian Aid

In Macclesfield there is a remarkable group of some 70 volunteers who, since the beginning of the war, have delivered £2 million of life-saving critical medical and humanitarian aid, food, water purification tablets; also purchased and donated 100 vehicles for army and humanitarian use. "Delivered" means driven convoys of vehicles, including articulated lorries, almost to the front line, then returning by train or bus to Poland and flying home from there. They have made over 17 trips. There was an article in the July 1<sup>st</sup> edition of the Telegraph Magazine describing a delivery journey, which I found very moving.

We have supported this charity in the past and hope to do so again in the near future. If you wish to help this group in the meantime, their website is

[www.ukrainianaid.org.uk](http://www.ukrainianaid.org.uk)

And their Just-Giving page is:

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/jc-hancock?utm\\_term=94GEpAaRX](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/jc-hancock?utm_term=94GEpAaRX)

*Tony Dewdney*

### Christian Aid

Carole Curzon has received the following message from Christian Aid regarding this May's Christian Aid Week, which we supported at St Thomas'.

*We're so thankful for another wonderful Christian Aid Week – and so grateful to our amazing supporters who made it happen. We're thrilled to share that our income*

*currently stands at just over £2.3m with funds raised still coming in. That's because of you! Thank you. Through giving your time, skills and donations, you have helped create long term change for people living in poverty. Without you, there would be no Christian Aid Week. Thank you so much for standing with our global neighbours, and helping us get closer to a world where everyone can live full lives, free from poverty.*

### **Appeal from St Thomas' Rainbows and Guides**

Henbury Rainbows and Guides need help!! Can you spare an hour a week on a Monday evening, term time only?

We are currently in need of two adult volunteers, to help us each week at Rainbows or Guides – full training and support provided, plus lots of fun!

If you want to know more about this opportunity, please contact **Karen Taylor** on **07776101807** or email: [henburyrainbows1@outlook.com](mailto:henburyrainbows1@outlook.com)

### **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. 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**

May the God of grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus our Lord, restore, establish and strengthen you in all goodness. 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)**



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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.

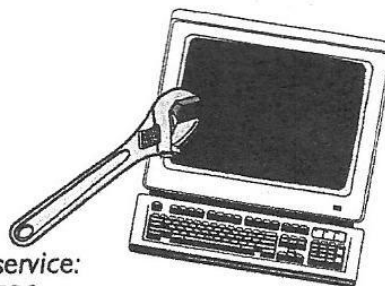
**Fabric Committee** – We are also looking to create a Fabric Committee to oversee the fabric of the Church and the Church Hall. This would entail being notified of repairs/maintenance work required, obtaining quotes and letting workmen in and out of the buildings. If you might be interested, please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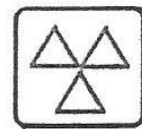
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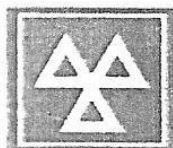
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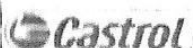
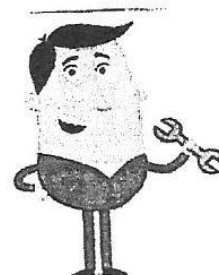
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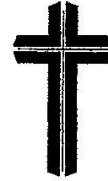


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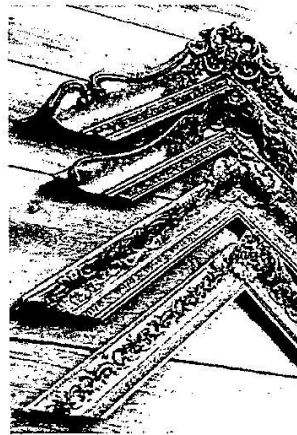
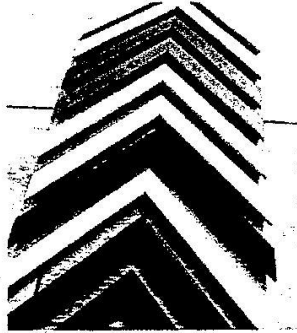
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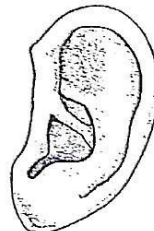
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