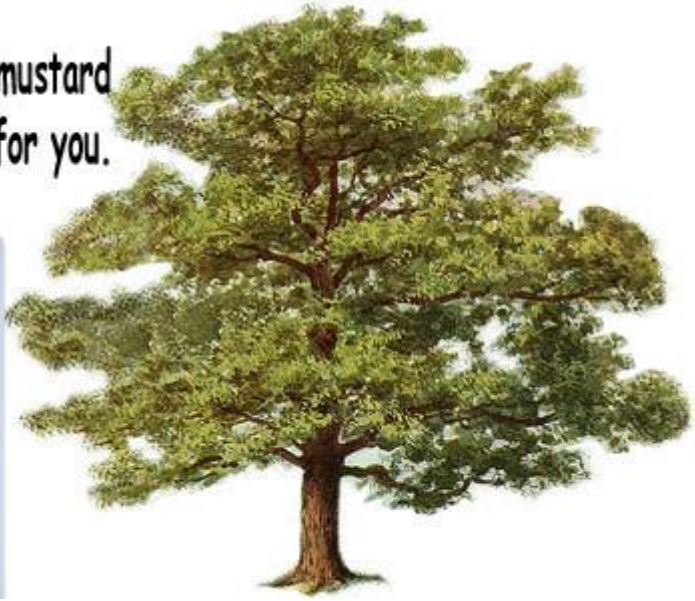


**St Thomas' Church Henbury and Broken Cross
Sunday 30 July 2023 – Eighth Sunday after Trinity**

If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, nothing will be impossible for you.



Good News!

We are delighted to confirm that Rev, Canon Simon Bessant who has worked so hard as our liturgical priest over the last two and a half years has now been appointed as our new priest in charge for St Thomas' and St John's churches for a period of two years. He will work 2.5 days per week, plus Sundays. Simon's licensing will take place in St Thomas' Church on Monday September 4th at 7 p.m. with refreshments being served in the Church Hall afterwards. This news was very well-received by the congregations in both parishes when it was announced last Sunday morning.



Coming Up at St Thomas'

Worship

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

Sunday 22 October - Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig

Sunday 29 October - Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig

Sunday 5 November - Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig

Sunday 5 November – Service of Reflection and Remembrance 4 p.m. (Joint with St John’s at St Thomas’) – 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 4 August 2 p.m. – 4p.m. – C.A.M.E.O. at St John’s

Wednesday 16 August – M.A.S.T. (Men At St Thomas’) – 8 p.m. – Blacksmiths’ Arms

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

16 July – 6th Sunday after Trinity – Holy Communion

We are sorry but due to a technical problem we have no recording of the service on this Sunday

23 July – 7th Sunday after Trinity – Holy Communion

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sQ7I4vRI36U>

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Benefice BBQ



This year's Benefice BBQ took place on **Saturday 15 July** and despite the inclement weather a great time was had by all. Thanks to everyone for all their hard work in making it such a success and for coming along and making it such a fabulous social occasion.

Rota for Readers, Intercessors and Sides People

Date	First Reading	Second Reading	Intercessors	Sidesperson
Sunday 30 July 8 th Sunday after Trinity	Genesis 29.15-28 Anne Brown	Romans 8.26- 39 Tony Dewdney	Judith Dewdney	Janet Tute
Sunday 6 August The Transfiguration of our Lord	Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14 Jacky Toms	2 Peter 1.16- 19 Bob Toms	Linda Craig	Christine Glynn
Sunday 13 August 10 th Sunday after Trinity	Genesis 37.1-4,12-28 Anne Brown	Romans 10.5- 15 Hellen	Hellen Watson	Colin Marlow
Sunday 20 th August 11 th Sunday after Trinity	Genesis 45.1-15 Jackie Booth	Romans 11.1- 2a, 29-32 Roy Waller	Di Waller	Janet Tute
Sunday 27 th August 12 th Sunday after Trinity	Exodus 1.8 - 2.10 Judith Dewdney	Romans 12.1- 8 Tony Dewdney	Linda Craig	Tony Dewdney

Readings

Genesis 29:15-28 New International Version

¹⁵ Laban said to him, "Just because you are a relative of mine, should you work for me for nothing? Tell me what your wages should be."

¹⁶ Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. ¹⁷ Leah had weak^[a] eyes, but Rachel had a lovely figure and was beautiful. ¹⁸ Jacob was in love with Rachel and said, "I'll work for you seven years in return for your younger daughter Rachel."

¹⁹ Laban said, "It's better that I give her to you than to some other man. Stay here with me." ²⁰ So Jacob served seven years to get Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his love for her.

²¹ Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife. My time is completed, and I want to make love to her.”

²² So Laban brought together all the people of the place and gave a feast. ²³ But when evening came, he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and Jacob made love to her. ²⁴ And Laban gave his servant Zilpah to his daughter as her attendant.

²⁵ When morning came, there was Leah! So Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? I served you for Rachel, didn’t I? Why have you deceived me?”

²⁶ Laban replied, “It is not our custom here to give the younger daughter in marriage before the older one. ²⁷ Finish this daughter’s bridal week; then we will give you the younger one also, in return for another seven years of work.”

²⁸ And Jacob did so. He finished the week with Leah, and then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to be his wife.

Romans 8:26-39

New International Version

²⁶ In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. ²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God.

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who^[a] have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

More Than Conquerors

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³ Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”^[b]

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,^[c] neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

New International Version

The Parables of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast

³¹ He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. ³² Though it is the smallest of all

seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.”

³³ He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds^[a] of flour until it worked all through the dough.”

The Parables of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶ When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

The Parable of the Net

⁴⁷ “Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. ⁴⁸ When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. ⁴⁹ This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ “Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked.

“Yes,” they replied.

⁵² He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”

The Collect for the Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 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

This week’s ‘Hymn of the Week’:

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be

Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above

Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine with 10, 000 beside

Great is Thy faithfulness
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All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
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T.O. Chisholm (1923)

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Home Communion

Are you, or anyone you know, unable to come to church. If so, and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact us and we will arrange to visit you. Contact: **Linda** on **01625 424505** or **Carole** **01625 611477** or email [**stthomashenbury@aol.com**](mailto:stthomashenbury@aol.com)

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

General Knowledge Quiz

1. Where would you find the Spanish Steps?
2. Who was the last Tsar of Russia?
3. Which fictional character has been played by both Benedict Cumberbatch and Robert Downey Junior?
4. Which planet is closest to the sun?
5. What is the 4th letter of the Greek alphabet?
6. In which country is the Chernobyl nuclear power station situated?
7. What is the name for a group of crows?

8. What is aerophobia?
9. Where would you find Mount Kilimanjaro?
10. What do you call the art of beautiful handwriting.

Answers to last fortnight's quiz:

1. St Swithin 2. Ronald Reagan 3. Donna Summer 4. Homer Simpson 5. Bleak House 6. sirius 7. Indian summer 8. Sonnet 18 9. Norman 10. December

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

Other News

Can you help?

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

They are currently in need of two adult volunteers, to help 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



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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 1st 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

And their Just-Giving page is:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/jc-hancock?utm_term=94GEpAaRX

Tony Dewdney

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

Into the Sacred Three I immerse you.
Into their power and peace, I place you.
May their breath be yours to live.
May their love be yours to give.
Amen.

Simpson, R. (1997) *Celtic Worship Through the Year*. p. 12.

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 tidewdney@talktalk.net or judith.torview@gmail.com. Thank you.

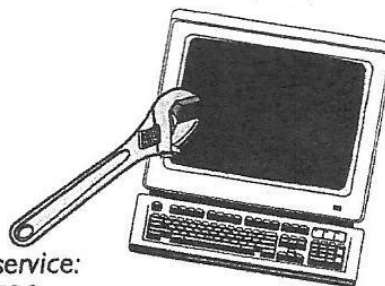
Fabric Committee – We are also looking to create a Fabric Committee to oversee the fabric of the Church and the Church Hall. This would entail being notified of repairs/maintenance work required, obtaining quotes and letting workmen in and out of the buildings. If you might be interested, please ring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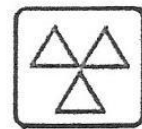
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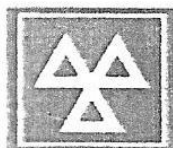
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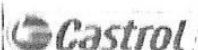
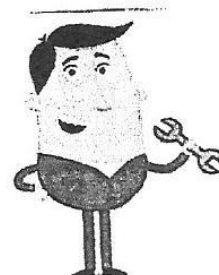
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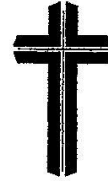


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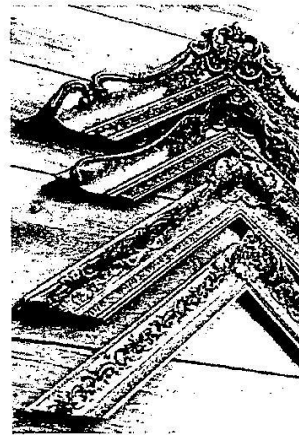
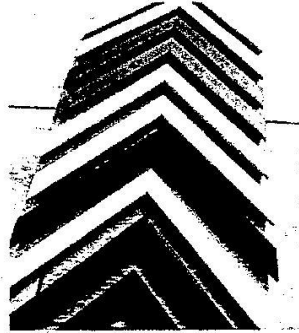
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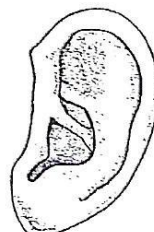
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