St Thomas' Church Henbury and Broken Cross Sunday 27 August 2023 12th Sunday after Trinity

Our Mission Statement: To provide a focal point within Henbury and Broken Cross for the community

to engage in and develop Christian worship and fellowship



Coming Up at St Thomas'

Worship

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

Monday 4 September – Installation and Licensing Service for Rev. Canon Simon Bessant 7 p.m. – Bishop Sam and Rev. Lesley Currie 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 Sunday 12 November Remembrance Sunday 10.50 a.m. Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig
 - Sunday 19 November 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 1 September 2 p.m. – 4p.m. – C.A.M.E.O. at St John's Saturday 2 September 8.30 a.m. – Prayer Breakfast at St John's Tuesday 5 September 8 p.m. – Prayers in the Savage Chapel for the future of Macclesfield Anglican Churches

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Friday 15 September 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. - C.A.M.E.O. at St Thomas'

Tuesday 19 September 8 p.m. – Prayers in the Savage Chapel for the future of Macclesfield Anglican Churches

Wednesday 20 September 8 p.m. – M.A.S.T. (Men At St Thomas') – Blacksmiths' Arms

- Tuesday 26 September 8 p.m. Prayers in the Savage Chapel for the future of Macclesfield Anglican Churches
 - Tuesday 3 October 8 p.m. Prayers in the Savage Chapel for the future of Macclesfield Anglican Churches

Friday 6 October 2 p.m. – 4p.m. – C.A.M.E.O. at St John's

Saturday 7 October – 8.30 a.m. – Prayer Breakfast at St John's

Tuesday 10 October 8 p.m. – Prayers in the Savage Chapel for the future of Macclesfield Anglican Churches

Friday 13 October 7 p.m. – Harvest Supper – at St Thomas' Saturday 14 October 3.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. – Messy Church 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

13 August – 10th Sunday after Trinity – Family Service https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TO-qQJtT_20

20 August –11th Sunday after Trinity - Holy Communion https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M4LohJFCx6E

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Rota for Readers, Intercessors and Sides People

Date	First	Second	Intercessors	Sidesperson
	Reading	Reading		_
Sunday 27 th	Exodus 1.8 -	Romans 12.1-	Linda Craig	Tony
August	2.10	8		Dewdney
12 th Sunday	Judith	Tony		
after Trinity	Dewdney	Dewdney		
Sunday 3 rd	Exodus 3.1-	Romans 12.9-	Linda Craig	Christine
September 13 th	15	21		Glynn
Sunday after	Janet Tute	Anne Brown		
Trinity				

Readings

Exodus 1:8-2:10

New International Version

⁸ Then a new king, to whom Joseph meant nothing, came to power in Egypt. ⁹ "Look," he said to his people, "the Israelites have become far too numerous for us. ¹⁰ Come, we must deal shrewdly with them or they will become even more numerous and, if war breaks out, will join our enemies, fight against us and leave the country."

¹¹ So they put slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labor, and they built Pithom and Rameses as store cities for Pharaoh. ¹² But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread; so the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites ¹³ and worked them ruthlessly. ¹⁴ They made their lives bitter with harsh labour in brick and mortar and with all kinds of work in the fields; in all their harsh labour the Egyptians worked them ruthlessly.

¹⁵ The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, whose names were Shiphrah and Puah, ¹⁶ "When you are helping the Hebrew women during childbirth on the delivery

stool, if you see that the baby is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, let her live." ¹⁷ The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live. ¹⁸ Then the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and asked them, "Why have you done this? Why have you let the boys live?"

- ¹⁹ The midwives answered Pharaoh, "Hebrew women are not like Egyptian women; they are vigorous and give birth before the midwives arrive."
- ²⁰ So God was kind to the midwives and the people increased and became even more numerous. ²¹ And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families of their own.
- ²² Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: "Every Hebrew boy that is born you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live."

The Birth of Moses

- 2 Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, ² and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. ³ But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket^[a] for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. ⁴ His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.
- ⁵ Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the riverbank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her female slave to get it. ⁶ She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. "This is one of the Hebrew babies," she said.
- ⁷Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?"
- ⁸ "Yes, go," she answered. So the girl went and got the baby's mother. ⁹ Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you." So the woman took the baby and nursed him. ¹⁰ When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, ^[b] saying, "I drew him out of the water."

Romans 12.1-8Romans 12:1-8 New International Version A Living Sacrifice

12 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Humble Service in the Body of Christ

³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. ⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your action is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ³ if it is to encourage, then give

encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, [b] do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Matthew 16.13-20

Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Messiah

- ¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"
- ¹⁴ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."
- ¹⁵ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"
- ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."
- ¹⁷ Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, [a] and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades [b] will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be [c] bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be [d] loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Collect for the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,

forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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

This week's 'Hymn of the Week' is 'The Church's One Foundation'. Thank you for choosing this, Judith:

1 The church's one Foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; she is His new creation, by water and the Word; from heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride; with His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

2 Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth; one holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

3 Tho' with a scornful wonder, men see her sore oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed, yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?" And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

4 The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord, to defend, to guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end; tho' there be those that hate her and false sons in her pale, against the foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

5 'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace for evermore; till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

6 Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won. O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TQCHzian_Kk

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

For our Prayers

Baptisms: We warmly welcome Penelope Emma Porter into God's family. Penelope was baptised at St Thomas' Church by the Reverend Canon Simon Bessant on Sunday 13 August.

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

R.I.P. Barbara Schofield, Stuart Crabtree

Quiz – Films, Musicals, TV Programmes

- 1. Lions, tigers, mice and insects (3, 9, 5, 3, 5)
- 2. The top of Morse's list (5, 7)
- 3. This sounds like no crimes happen in the winter (8, 7)
- 4. Did he visit royalty with Alice (11, 5)
- 5. Short meeting (5, 9)
- 6. Might you find this in winter (1, 5, 2, 5)
- 7. Does this person perform magic down under (3,6,2,2)
- 8. Does she come from Copenhagen (3, 6, 7)
- 9. Pastoral paperwork (11)
- 10. Diminishing shapes (4, 10, 7)

Answers to last fortnight's quiz:

1. Blackpool Illuminations 2. Chesil Beach 3. Fountains Abbey 4. Runnymede 5. Flamingo Land 6. Shakespeare's Globe 7. Fingal's Cave 8. Gulliver's World 9. Dove Cottage 10. Cheddar Gorge

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

Request for Views on Flexilink bus service

FlexiLink is a flexible bus service providing shared transport to users from their desired location and time of pick-up and drop-off.

It provides access to key services (such as shopping and health services) for those residents who are eligible:

- The service is available to those who are aged 80+, have a disability, or live beyond the reach of any other public transport
- The current fare is £3 per journey or free if you have a concessionary bus pass
- The core hours of the service are between 9.30am and 2.30pm Monday to Friday
- The FlexiLink service currently picks service users up from their own home
- All journeys must be pre-booked at least 48 hours in advance via telephone Cheshire East Council are currently reviewing the FlexiLink service looking at performance, efficiency, affordability and value for money. The identified issues are low levels of demand, under-utilised vehicles and often inefficient vehicle use. They are proposing
 - Expanding the eligibility criteria to serve a wider population
 - Expanding the current operating hours and days
 - Improving the integration with the mainstream bus network
 - Modernising the booking and scheduling system
 - Introducing a new fare structure, including a charge for concessionary pass holders.

The public consultation will run for eight weeks from 7 August until 30 September 2023. To have your say complete this <u>survey</u>

Andertons Lane Closure Warning

The closure is necessary for works to be carried out by Cadent.

The alternative route will be via the following streets: – Church Lane, Chelford Road, Whirley Road, Whirley Lane and vice versa which is considered the most suitable route.

It is anticipated that the works will be carried out between Friday 1st September 2023 and Thursday 28th September 2023

If you have any enquiries relating to the works, please contact temporaryroadclosures@cheshireeasthighways.org

Cleaning Appeal

We are temporarily without a cleaner for the Church and the Church Hall. Is there anyone out there who could help us at all for a few weeks? If so, please contact Linda on 01625 424505 or email stthomashenbury@aol.com

Ambassadors Needed for the Hope Centre – Could This Be You?

Do you have a heart to help the Hope Centre? They are looking for Church Ambassadors to spread the word about their Christian books and gifts, and excellent coffee. Could this be you? Contact Bob on 07774238844

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



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

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. We have supported this charity in the past and will be doing so again during the month of October. 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

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

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**

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.

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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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.

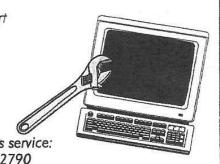
Fabric Committee – We are also looking to create a Fabric Committee to oversee the fabric of the Church and the Church Hall. This would entail being notified of repairs/maintenance work required, obtaining quotes and letting workmen in and out of the buildings. If you might be interested, please ring 01625 424505 or email **stthomashenbury@aol.com**

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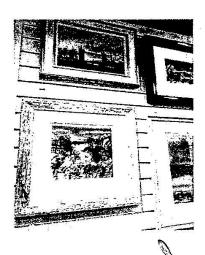
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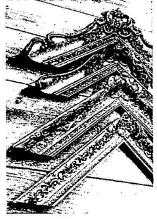
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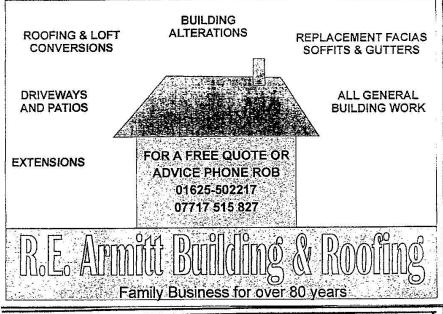
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