St Thomas' Church Henbury and Broken Cross Sunday 10 September 2023 14th 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



Simon's Licensing Service



The exciting news this week is the licensing and installation of Rev. Canon Simon Bessant as vicar of our joint benefice. This service took place on Monday evening, 4 September, at St Thomas' Church and was led by the Bishop of

Stockport, Bishop Sam, and Reverend Lesley Currie (Interim) Assistant Archdeacon serving the Archdeaconry of Macclesfield, and the Reverend Doctor John Harries, the Rural Dean.

It was a beautiful evening. The church doors were open allowing a warm evening breeze to drift into the building, whilst the evening sun flooded the church with sunlight.

The church was full, and everyone was in good voice for the hymns. Simon was welcomed warmly into his new post by, amongst others, Bob Toms, Gail Robinson and Charlie Insley, the churchwardens, vicars from a number of local churches, local councillors, a representative from the Hope Group and the headteacher from St John the Evangelist Church of England Primary School. The evening service was followed by a fantastic spread of finger food, magnificent cakes and wine in the Church Hall. Many thanks to everyone who helped with the preparations, attended the service, provided food and wine, or helped in any other way to make this event such a splendid occasion.

If you were unable to attend, Lawrence Robinson very kindly recorded the service, which can be viewed by following the link below:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z5n1XnOU0FY

Message from Simon

I want to give a very big thank you to everyone who attended and was involved in my Licensing Service on Monday night. It was a wonderful service and reception which I found to be very moving, as did my family. I also want to say thank you to all those people who gave me cards, presents, hugs etc. It was a great official start to my time with you and I'm really looking forward to see what God can do with us.

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Coming Up at St Thomas'

Worship				
Sunday 10 September– Morning Worship 11.00 a.m. – Rev. Canon Simon				
Bessant and 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 – Baptism Service 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				
Sunday 26 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 15 September 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. – C.A.M.E.O. at St Thomas' Wednesday 20 September 8 p.m. – M.A.S.T. (Men At St Thomas') – Blacksmiths' Arms 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 Friday 13 October 7.00 p.m. – Harvest Supper St Thomas' Church Hall

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

27 August – 12th Sunday after Trinity – Holy Communion https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-td-oGAzPfU

3 September –13th Sunday after Trinity - Holy Communion https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M4LohJFCx6E

4 September – Simon's Licensing and Installation Service https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z5n1XnOU0FY

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Rota for Readers, Intercessors and Sides People

Date	First Reading	Second Reading	Intercessor	Sidesperson
Sunday 10 September – 14 th Sunday after Trinity	Exodus 12.1- 14 Jackie Booth	Romans 13.8- 14 Linda Craig	Linda Craig	Colin Marlow
Sunday 17 September 15 th Sunday after Trinity	Exodus 14.19-31 Jacky Toms	Bob Toms Romans 14.1- 12	Tony Dewdney	Janet Tute
Sunday 24 September	Exodus 16.2- 15	Roy Waller Philippians 1.21-30	Di Waller	Tony Dewdney

16 th Sunday	Judith		
after Trinity	Dewdney		

Readings

Exodus 12:1-14 New International Version

12 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, ² "This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. ³ Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb^[a] for his family, one for each household. ⁴ If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. ⁵ The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. ⁶ Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight.⁷ Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. ⁸ That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. ⁹ Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire—with the head, legs and internal organs. ¹⁰ Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. ¹¹ This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD's Passover.

¹² "On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. ¹³ The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

¹⁴ "This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD—a lasting ordinance.

Romans 13:8-14

New International Version

⁸ Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet,"^[a] and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbour as yourself."^[b] ¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbour. Therefore love is the fulfilment of the law.

¹¹ And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light. ¹³ Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴ Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.^[C]

The Collect for the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn of the Week

We have chosen this beautiful hymn as the hymn of the week, as it was sung during Simon's Licensing Service, as well as being in this Sunday's service.

Christ Be Our Light

In deepest night, shadows are lifted Now let your servant go forth in peace Your Word fulfilled, your promise honored Love that will never cease!

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts Shine through the darkness Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today

With our own eyes, we see salvation Within our hearts, we are set free Your Word made flesh, hope of the nations Light for the world to see!

Christ, be our light!...

Christ, be our hope! Christ, be our purpose! Christ, be our vision, radiant and bright! Christ, be our Way, shatt'ring our blindness Gifting us with your sight!

Christ, be our light!...

Christ, be our light!...

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qibAAo0JiEQ

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 <u>stthomashenbury@aol.com</u>

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, David Harrison.

R.I.P. Barbara Schofield, Stuart Crabtree

September Quiz

- 1. The name September comes from the Latin word 'septem', which means what?
- 2. Which two zodiac signs occur in the month of September?
- 3. True or false. September is the only month with the same number of letters in its name as the number of the month?
- 4. The Anglo-Saxons called the month Gerstmonath, after which crop usually harvested in September which they used to make beer?
- 5. September's birthstone is which precious gemstone, a variety of the mineral corundum?
- 6. In 1752, September had only 19 days in the UK as which calendar was changed to the Gregorian calendar?
- 7. In the United States, which federal holiday is observed on the first Monday of September?
- 8. Which biennial sporting event was postponed in 2001 after the September 11th terrorist attacks on New York City?
- 9. Which world-famous festival, held annually in Munich, Germany, is a folk festival running from mid-or late September to the first Sunday in October?
- 10. The birth of Queen Elizabeth I happened on 17 September, 1533, can you name her mother?

Answers to last fortnight's quiz:

 All Creatures Great and Small 2. Prime Suspect 3. Midsomer Murders 4. Christopher Robin 5. Brief Encounter 6. A Touch of Frost 7. The Wizard of Oz 8. The Little Mermaid 9. Countryfile 10. Ever Decreasing Circles

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 <u>stthomashenbury@aol.com</u>

Other News

Concert For All

The Hope Centre invites you to celebrate young, gifted musicians at a **Concert for All** to be held on **Friday 29 September at 7.30 p.m. in the United Reformed Church** on Park Green. Tickets are available at the Hope Centre on Park Green or from Carole Curzon (01625 611477). Adults £9 Children free.

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 <u>stthomashenbury@aol.com</u>

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: <u>henburyrainbows1@outlook.com</u>



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 <u>www.ukrainianaid.org.uk</u>

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

May God clothe you in the light of Christ; May Christ Jesus teach you his ways; And may the Holy Spirit keep you alert and prepared for the coming day of the 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**

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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