

**St Thomas' Church Henbury and Broken Cross
Sunday 24 September 2023
16th 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

Worship

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 (please note this service does not include Holy Communion but there is a service of Holy Communion at our sister church, St John's, at 9.30 a.m., on this day)

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

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

Sunday 4 December – Christingle Service 4.00 p.m. at St John's

Sunday 10 December – Family Service – Christingle 11.00 a.m. – Hellen Watson 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

Tuesday 2 October 10.30 a.m. Pre-Advent Study Group at St John's (all welcome)

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 10.30 a.m. Pre-Advent Study Group at St Thomas' (all welcome)

Friday 13 October 7.00 p.m. – Harvest Supper St Thomas' Church Hall

Saturday 14 October 3.30 – 5 p.m. – Messy Church at St John's

Tuesday 17 October 10.30 a.m. Pre-Advent Study Group at St John's (all welcome)

Wednesday 18 October 8 p.m. - M.A.S.T at the Blacksmiths' Inn, Henbury

Friday 20 October 2 p.m. – 4 p.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

4 September – Simon's Licensing and Installation Service

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

10 September – 14th Sunday after Trinity – Morning Worship

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=daoFt0txs5g>

17 September 15th Sunday after Trinity – Holy Communion

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

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Rota for Readers, Intercessors and Sides People

Date	First Reading	Second Reading	Intercessor	Sidesperson
Sunday 24 September 16 th Sunday after Trinity	Genesis 2:15-17, 3.1- 7 Jacky Toms	Romans 5:12-19 Bob Toms	Linda Craig	Tony Dewdney
Sunday 1 October Baptism	Genesis 1:26-31 Di Waller	No 2 nd reading	Linda Craig	Christine Glynn
Sunday 8 October Harvest Celebration	Psalm 65 Roy Waller	Luke 12.22- 31 Hellen Watson	Di Waller	Colin Marlow

Genesis 2:15-17, 3.1-7 New International Version

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

The Fall

³Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

⁴"You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. ⁵"For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

⁶When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

Romans 5:12-19 New International Version

Death Through Adam, Life Through Christ

¹² Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—

¹³ To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. ¹⁴ Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

¹⁵ But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! ¹⁶ Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. ¹⁷ For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

¹⁸ Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. ¹⁹ For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

Matthew 4:1-11 New International Version

Jesus Is Tested in the Wilderness

4 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted^[a] by the devil. ² After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

⁴ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'^[b]"

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶ "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

"He will command his angels concerning you,
and they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'^[c]"

⁷ Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'^[d]"

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. ⁹ "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'^[e]"

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

The Collect for the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.**

Harvest Appeal

Our family service on Sunday 8 October at 11.00 a.m. will be our Harvest festival. All are welcome to attend. If you wish to donate a gift of food, please can it be non-perishable i.e. a tin or a packet, as we will be passing these items on to the local Food Bank. You can donate anytime from Monday 25 September – there will be a box outside the front door to the Church Hall, if you would like to leave any tins/packets/toiletries etc in there. Many thanks.

Pre-Advent Study Group

Following on from the success of our Lent Study Group, we are going to run 6 more sessions, beginning on 3 October at St John's Church at 10.30 a.m. The following week (10 October) we will meet at the same time at St Thomas' Church Hall. The topic will be 'Turning to Christ' and we will be exploring the building blocks of our faith, such as the promises that were made at our baptisms and confirmations. All are welcome to come along. There will be no pressure for anyone to speak out in the discussions. If you just want to come along and listen that's fine. It's also not necessary to attend all six sessions – you are welcome to join in whenever you are free. We hope that you will be able to join us for one or more meetings.

Hymn of the Week

This week, we have selected the following as our hymn of the week:

Lord of Beauty, Thine the Splendour

Lord of beauty, thine the splendour
Shown in earth and sky and sea
Burning sun and moonlight tender
Hill and river, flower and tree
Lest we fail our praise to render
Touch our eyes that they may see

Lord of wisdom, whom obeying
Mighty waters ebb and flow
While unhasting, undelaying
Planets on their courses go
In thy laws thyself displaying
Teach our minds thyself to know

Lord of life, alone sustaining
All below and all above
Lord of love, by whose ordaining
Sun and stars sublimely move

In our earthly spirits reigning
Lift our hearts that we may love
Lord of beauty, bid us own thee
Lord of truth, our footsteps guide
Till as Love our hearts enthrone thee
And, with vision purified
Lord of all, when all have known thee
Thou in all art glorified

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IPgy8djUbs4>

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, David Harrison.

R.I.P. Barbara Schofield, Stuart Crabtree

September Quiz – Part 2

1. What did Robbie Williams switch on in 2010, the Bee Gees in 1995, and Red Rum in 1977?
2. *September* is a 1987 drama film modelled on Anton Chekhov's 1899 play *Uncle Vanya* - who wrote and directed it?
3. Which American said: "My favourite poem is the one that starts 'Thirty days hath September' because it actually tells you something."?
4. Which British Prime Minister exclaimed on the 30 September, 1938, "I believe it is peace for our time"?
5. On the 9 September, 1513, James IV of Scotland is killed at which battle?
6. What name is given for the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel, celebrated on 29 September?
7. On 7 September 1838, which daughter of the keeper of Longstone lighthouse risked her life in a small rowing boat to rescue nine shipwrecked people?
8. On the 13th of September 1902, Harry Jackson became the first person in Britain convicted on what sort of evidence?
9. Every September the Egremont Crab Fair in Cumbria is home to which face pulling competition?
10. Which festival in the UK is about giving thanks for a successful crop yield over the year as winter starts to approach?

Answers to last fortnight's quiz:

1. Seven
2. Virgo and Libra
3. True
4. Barley
5. Sapphire
6. Julian
7. Labor Day
8. The Ryder Cup
9. Oktoberfest
10. Anne Boleyn

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

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

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?

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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

Lord, teach us to live in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ.

Let us not be intimidated by opposition or criticism.

Keep us firm in the faith you have set before us;

Through Christ who has triumphed

And reigns with you and the Holy Spirit

For ever and ever. 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**

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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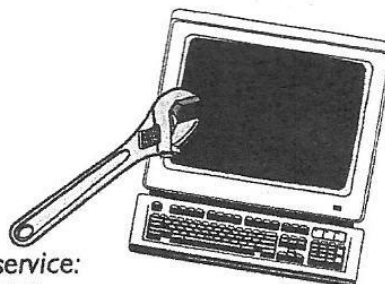


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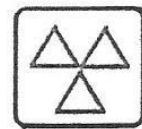
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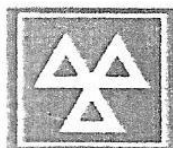
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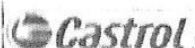
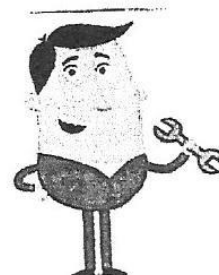
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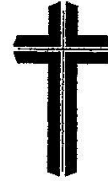


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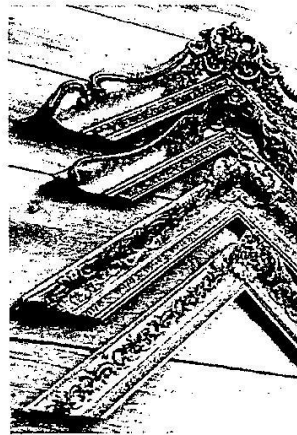
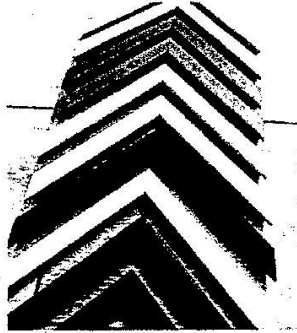
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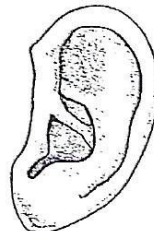
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