

**St Thomas' Church Henbury and Broken Cross**

**Sunday 22 October 2023**

**20<sup>th</sup> 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***



**A Prayer for Peace in Gaza and Israel**

O God of all, of Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Isaac, and Ishmael:  
our hearts are broken in pieces at the suffering and murder of your people.

Our voices cry for peace and for justice.

Comfort those who grieve, console and heal the injured, be close to those in fear,  
Restrain with your mighty hand those who perpetrate  
violence.

Send us your wisdom in all that we say and do, that our voice may always seek  
justice, peace and security for all. Amen.

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/pray/prayer-library>

## Coming Up

### Worship

- 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
- 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 3 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
- Sunday 17 December - Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig
- Sunday 17 December - Nine Lessons and Carols 6.30 p.m. followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Church Hall

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 20 October 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. – C.A.M.E.O. at St Thomas'
- Tuesday 31 October 10.30 a.m. Pre-Advent Study Group at St Thomas' (all welcome)
- Wednesday 1 November – Sunbeams Mums and Tots Group at St John's 10 a.m. – 11.30 one hour play, 15 mins snack time, 15 minutes circle time £2
- Friday 3 November 2 p.m. – 4p.m. – C.A.M.E.O. at St John's
- Saturday 4 November - 8.30 a.m. – Prayer Breakfast at St John's
- Tuesday 7 November 10.30 a.m. Pre-Advent Study Group at St John's (all welcome)

**Wednesday 8 November – Sunbeams Mums and Tots Group at St John’s**  
**10 a.m. – 11.30 one hour play, 15 mins snack time, 15 minutes circle time £2**  
**Tuesday 14 November 10.30 a.m. Pre-Advent Study Group at St Thomas’ (all**  
**welcome)**

**Wednesday 15 November– Sunbeams Mums and Tots Group at St John’s**  
**10 a.m. – 11.30 one hour play, 15 mins snack time, 15 minutes circle time £2**

**Wednesday 22 November – Sunbeams Mums and Tots Group at St John’s**  
**10 a.m. – 11.30 one hour play, 15 mins snack time, 15 minutes circle time £2**

**Wednesday 29 November – Sunbeams Mums and Tots Group at St John’s**  
**Friday 1 December 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. – CAMEO Christmas Party (Joint) at St**  
**John’s**

**Saturday 2 December- 8.30 a.m. – Prayer Breakfast at St John’s**

**Saturday 2 December 3.30 p.m. – 5 p.m. – Messy Church at St John’s**

**Wednesday 6 December – Sunbeams Mums and Tots Group at St John’s**  
**10 a.m. – 11.30 One hour play, 15 mins snack time, 15 minutes circle time £2**

**Saturday 9 December 10.00 a.m. – Rum and Coffee Morning – 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

8 October – Harvest Thanksgiving – we apologise that there is no recording of this service

Sunday 15 October – Holy Communion – 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nv4IHucOC0o>

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

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### **Rota for Readers, Intercessors and Sides People**

<b>Date</b>	<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Sidesperson</b>
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	Exodus 33.12-23 Jacky Toms	Bob Toms 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10	Linda Craig	Tony Dewdney
Sunday 29 October Bible Sunday	Nehemiah 8.1-4a, 8-12 Janet Tute	Colossians 3.12-17 Tony Dewdney	Judith Dewdney	Christine Glynn

## **Exodus 33:12-23**

## **New International Version**

<sup>12</sup> Moses said to the LORD, “You have been telling me, ‘Lead these people,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, ‘I know you by name and you have found favor with me.’ <sup>13</sup> If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people.”

<sup>14</sup> The LORD replied, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”

<sup>15</sup> Then Moses said to him, “If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. <sup>16</sup> How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?”

<sup>17</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, “I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name.”

<sup>18</sup> Then Moses said, “Now show me your glory.”

<sup>19</sup> And the LORD said, “I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. <sup>20</sup> But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live.”

<sup>21</sup> Then the LORD said, “There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. <sup>22</sup> When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. <sup>23</sup> Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen.”

## **1 Thessalonians 1.1-10**

## **New International Version**

**1** Paul, Silas<sup>[a]</sup> and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you.

<sup>2</sup> We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. <sup>3</sup> We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> For we know, brothers and sisters<sup>[b]</sup> loved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup> because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup> You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. <sup>7</sup> And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. <sup>8</sup> The Lord’s message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, <sup>9</sup> for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, <sup>10</sup> and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.



## Matthew 22:15-23

## New International Version

<sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. <sup>16</sup> They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. “Teacher,” they said, “we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren’t swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. <sup>17</sup> Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax<sup>[a]</sup> to Caesar or not?”

<sup>18</sup> But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, “You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? <sup>19</sup> Show me the coin used for paying the tax.” They brought him a denarius, <sup>20</sup> and he asked them, “Whose image is this? And whose inscription?”

<sup>21</sup> “Caesar’s,” they replied.

Then he said to them, “So give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.”

<sup>22</sup> When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away given to you as well.

### The Collect

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit’s gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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.

### Thank You – Harvest Church Decoration

A huge thank you to Lynne Hibbert and her team for decorating St Thomas’ Church so beautifully for the Harvest Thanksgiving Service.

### Thank You for Your Harvest Gifts

Thank you so much for all your Harvest gifts. These have now been delivered to the SilkLife FoodBank where they are much appreciated.

### Thank You – Harvest Supper

Lynne and Di would like to thank Jackie and Howard Hulme for offering to help with the raffle and door at the recent harvest supper and Patrick and Jennifer Maguire for organising the quiz. A big thank you must also go to Keith

Little for donating the wine supplied throughout the evening.

It was a lot of hard work for the two of us but after expenses the amount raised was £476.09, which is a great amount and will be put towards the church hall fund. Thank you to all who attended and supported us.



And the Church would also like to thank Lynne and Di for all their hard work organising the Harvest Supper and cooking and serving all the delicious food. It was a very enjoyable evening.

### **Pre-Advent Study Group – Turning to Christ**

Our PreAdvent group is going from strength to strength. We had 16 people from our two churches at our meeting last Tuesday when we looked at 'Why we believe in Jesus'. We have a week off for half term next week and return on Tuesday 31 October at 10.30 a.m. at St John's when we be discussing the Holy Spirit. Everyone is welcome. You do not need to have attended previous sessions. Please join us if you can. It's very informal and there is no pressure to make contributions unless you wish to.

### **Hymn of the Week**

This week, our organist Judith has selected the following as our hymn of the week:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uKsbd5UqKkc>

### **Lord Jesus Christ**

Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us,  
you are one with us, Mary's Son;  
Cleansing our souls from all their sin.,  
pouring your love and goodness in;  
Jesus, our love for you we sing,  
Living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, now and every day,  
teach us how to pray, Son of God.  
You have commanded us to do  
this in remembrance, Lord, of you;  
into our lives your power breaks through  
living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us,  
born as one of us, Mary's Son.  
Led out to die on Calvary,  
risen from death to set us free,  
living Lord Jesus , help us see,  
You are Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, I would come to you,  
live my life for you, Son of God.  
All your commands I know are true,  
your many gifts will make me new,  
into my life your power breaks through,  
Living Lord.

*Patrick Appleford b. 1924*

## Charitable Giving

During October the donations for refreshments after church will be donated to Ukrainian Aid. A Macclesfield-based group that is helping to support the people of Ukraine. There are more details about this charity in the 'Other News' section of this newsletter, including ways to donate directly.

## Joint Service of Reflection and Remembering

Our annual service of Reflection and Remembering for St John's and St Thomas' will take place on Sunday 5 November at 4 p.m. at St Thomas' Church Henbury. During the service we will pray for those who have been bereaved and remember loved ones who have died. You, your family, friends and neighbours are invited to join us for this service which will last about an hour. There will be refreshments available in the Church Hall after the service.

We appreciate that you might not yet feel ready to attend this service, or the date may not be convenient for you. If this is the case, please let us have the name of your loved one and we will ensure that they are remembered in the service.

If you would like someone you know to be remembered at this service, please ring Linda 01625 424505 or email [stthomashenbury@aol.com](mailto:stthomashenbury@aol.com). There are also forms at the back of Church for you to add their names to.

## 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

**Baptisms:** We warmly welcome Poppy Grace Grimshaw into God's family. Poppy was baptised at St Thomas' Church by the Reverend Canon Simon Bessant on Sunday 1 October.

We warmly welcome Nellie Ann Hinchliffe into God's family. Nellie was baptised at St Thomas' Church by the Reverend Canon Simon Bessant on Sunday 15 October.

**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, Ida Walsh.

**R.I.P.** Margery Hyde, Duncan Ward, James Booth



## Shoe Box Appeal

**One Project Ukraine**  
**Christmas**  
**Ukrainian Shoebox**  
**Appeal 2023**

**What to do...**

- Tick Boy or Girl and age category on this leaflet
- Fill a shoebox with Christmas gifts
- Wrap the shoebox in Christmas wrapping, with the lid wrapped separately.
- Remove all packaging from the gifts
- Attach this leaflet on top of the box
- We'll be accepting the boxes at The Hive on **14th, 20th, 21st, 27th, 28th of October and 3rd and 4th of November.**
- Alternatively, please message me if the dates above are not convenient.

**Gift suggestions**

- Cuddly toys
- Small toys/cars
- Socks/Gloves
- Sweets/Chocolates
- Skipping rope
- Hair Accessories
- Craft Items
- Slippers
- Lego
- Small Games
- Toiletries/make-up
- School stationery
- Puzzles
- Card games

**Boy**   
**Girl**   
**Age 2 - 4**   
**Age 5-9**   
**Age 10-14**

**JustGiving Page**

**Closing date 5.11.23**

**If you would like to help with transport costs, please tape £1 to the box or see our QR code to the JustGiving page**

Jeanette Mobile: 0777 597 1921  
 The Hive. Unit 15, Turnock Street. Macclesfield. SK11 7AP  
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Many thanks to "Sparkle" and St Thomas' Rainbows who kindly filled a shoe box for the Ukraine Christmas appeal. The shoeboxes will be delivered by a group of volunteers from the Macclesfield Ukrainian Aid Collection Point Team to children living in orphanages in Lviv, Kyiv and Chernihiv.

If anyone would like to participate in this project, there are details above or contact Janet Tute (01625 422781)

### Quiz

Many thanks to Jackie Hulme for compiling the following quiz to test our 'little grey cells'. All the answers are anagrams of characters from Shakespeare's plays. The letters that make up their names have been rearranged in alphabetical order.  
 e.g. ilorstu = Troilus

1. Abcehmt
2. Aioprt
3. Brstuu
4. Aehlmt
5. Aaceloprt

6. Emoor
7. Ehlloot
8. Chklosy
9. Acdeirss
10. aegnr



## Answers to last fortnight's quiz:

1. Winnie the Pooh
2. William Gilbert Grace
3. General Franco
4. Jarrow March
5. 14
6. Clarence Birdseye
7. The Great Dictator
8. Gene Roddenberry
9. The League of Nations
10. Post Office Tower

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

### 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](mailto:henburyrainbows1@outlook.com)

## 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 are doing so again during the month of October by donating all the proceeds of the money donated at tea/coffee time after the service. If you wish to help this group directly, 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)

## 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**

Give us the courage to live and work for a  
new heaven and a new earth as Jesus did.

Give us the freedom to be critical where we see evil and  
to offer praises where we see goodness.

Most of all make us faithful to the vision you have given us  
so that wherever we go and whomever we may meet we can be a sign of your all-  
renewing love. Amen

*Henri Nouwen*

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)**

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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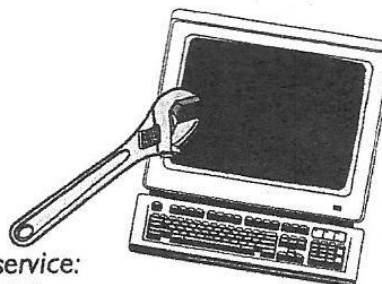


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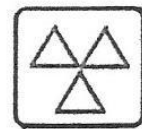
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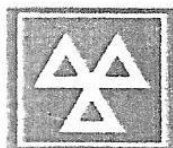
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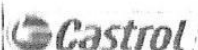
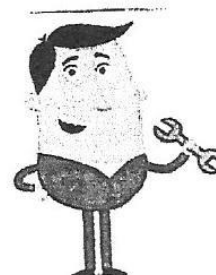
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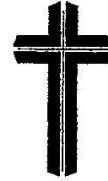


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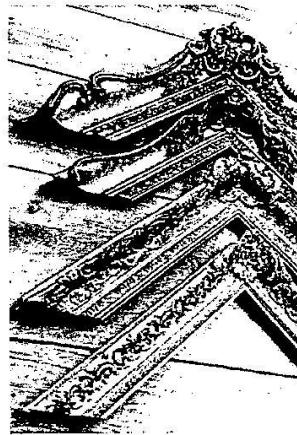
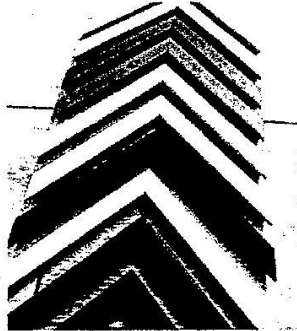
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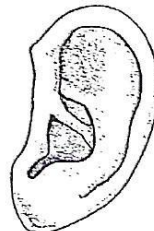
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