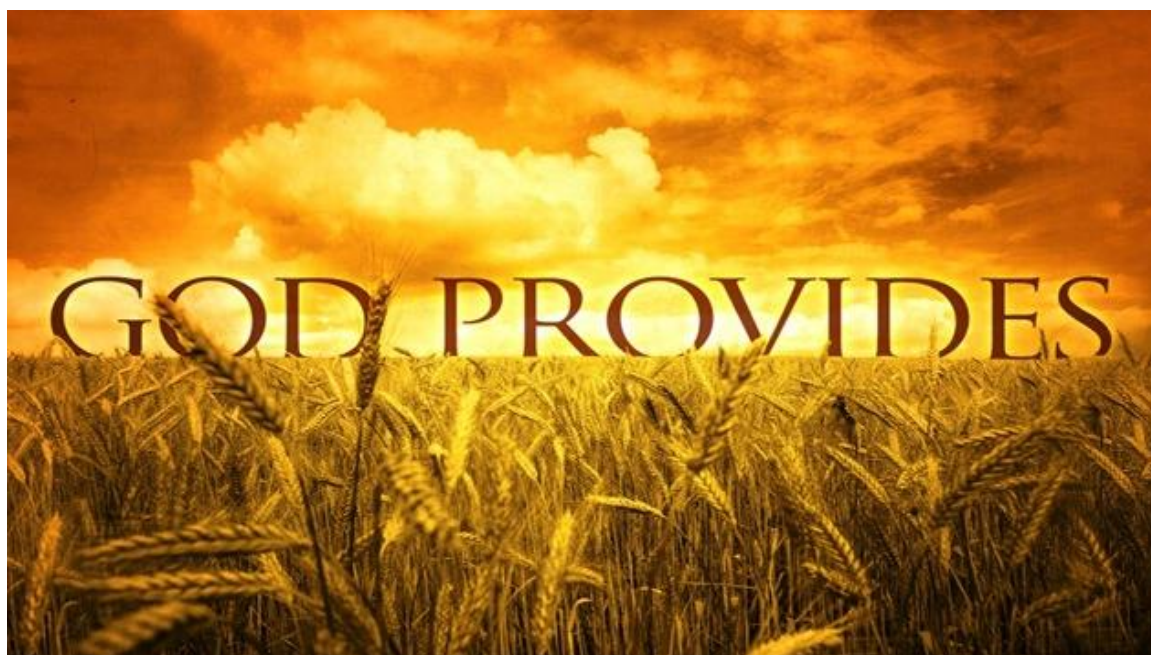


**St Thomas' Church Henbury and Broken Cross**

**Sunday 8 October 2023**

**HARVEST THANKSGIVING**

***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 8 October – Harvest Thanksgiving – Hellen Watson**

**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**

**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](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 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'**

**Tuesday 31 October 10.30 a.m. Pre-Advent Study Group at St Thomas' (all welcome)**

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### **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

24 September – Holy Communion – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_8cCh4PAqh4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_8cCh4PAqh4)

Sunday 1 October

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1I4Q0NIFDMM>

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## Rota for Readers, Intercessors and Sides People

Date	First Reading	Second Reading	Intercessor	Sidesperson
Sunday 8 October	Psalm 65 Roy Waller	Luke 12.22-31 Hellen Watson	Di Waller	Colin Marlow
Sunday 15 October 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	Exodus 32.1-14 Jackie Booth	Philippians 4.1- 9 Judith Dewdney	Tony Dewdney	Janet Tute
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

### Psalm 65 New International Version

<sup>1</sup> Praise awaits<sup>[b]</sup> you, our God, in Zion; to you our vows will be fulfilled.

<sup>2</sup> You who answer prayer, to you all people will come.

<sup>3</sup> When we were overwhelmed by sins, you forgave<sup>[c]</sup> our transgressions.

<sup>4</sup> Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts!

We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple.

<sup>5</sup> You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds, God our Saviour,  
the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas,

<sup>6</sup> who formed the mountains by your power, having armed yourself with strength,

<sup>7</sup> who stilled the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the turmoil of the  
nations.

<sup>8</sup> The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders; where morning dawns, where  
evening fades, you call forth songs of joy.

<sup>9</sup> You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly.

The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain, for so you  
have ordained it.<sup>[d]</sup>

<sup>10</sup> You drench its furrows and level its ridges; you soften it with showers and bless its  
crops.

<sup>11</sup> You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance.

<sup>12</sup> The grasslands of the wilderness overflow; the hills are clothed with gladness.

<sup>13</sup> The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with grain;  
they shout for joy and sing.

## **Luke 12:22-31 New International Version**

<sup>22</sup> Then Jesus said to his disciples: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. <sup>23</sup> For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. <sup>24</sup> Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! <sup>25</sup> Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life<sup>[a]</sup>? <sup>26</sup> Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest? <sup>27</sup> “Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. <sup>28</sup> If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! <sup>29</sup> And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. <sup>30</sup> For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup> But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

### **The Collect for Harvest-tide**

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness, and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:  
grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

### **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**

We had a really interesting start to our Pre-Advent Study Group this week (see photo opposite). Next Tuesday (10 October) we will meet at 10.30 a.m. in St Thomas' Church Hall. Our topic is 'Turning to Christ' and next week's theme is 'Do You believe and trust in God the Father?'. All are welcome to come along. The meeting will last about an hour. There's 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 every session – 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. During this week's meeting we came across the first verse of a prayer written by St Anselm in the 12<sup>th</sup> century. We think it beautifully describes our relationship with God, so I've included it here:

*Lord Jesus Christ; let me seek you by desiring you,  
and let me desire you by seeking you;  
let me find you by loving you,  
and love you in finding you.*

*Source: Anselm of Canterbury, d. 1109*

### **Hymn of the Week**

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

#### **All Creatures of our God and King**

All creatures of our God and king  
Lift up your voices and with us sing  
Alleluia, alleluia  
Thou burning with golden beam  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
Thou rushing wind that art so strong  
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n a long  
Alleluia, alleluia  
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice  
Ye light of evening find a voice  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
Thou flowing water pure and clear  
Make music for thy Lord to hear  
Alleluia, alleluia  
Thou fire so masterful and bright  
That gives to man both warmth and light  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VF12LkUS25c>

### **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.

## School Coach Crash

Lord we pray for all those involved in the major traffic incident on Friday 29 September, when a school bus overturned on the M53. God of grace and compassion we pray for all those who are affected by this incident, for their families, teachers and friends and for all who care for them. Surround each with your peace, your protection, your healing and your guidance. Amen.

## 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.

**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.



## 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations

We would like to wish Ida Walsh a very happy 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Here is a photo of her celebrating this very special day. Ida would like to thank everyone for all their good wishes, cards and gifts.

## Quiz – It Happened in October

All these events happened in October.

1. In October 1926 this book was published and written by A.A. Milne. What was the book?
2. In Oct 1915 the man often regarded as the greatest cricketer of all time died, what was his name?
3. In 1936 which man was named as the Head of State in Spain?
4. In 1936 200 men marched from their hometown to Westminster to highlight the poverty caused by the closure of their shipyard. What was the march known as?
5. In 1941 Mount Rushmore National Memorial was completed after how many years a) 14 b) 18 c) 22
6. 1956 saw the death of the founder of the modern frozen food industry, what was his name?

7. 1940 saw the U.S. premiere of which Charlie Chaplin film?
8. In 1991 the creator of Star Trek died, what was his name?
9. The United Nations was formed in 1945, what organization did it replace?
10. In 1965 which iconic building, the then tallest in London, was officially opened, a title it kept until 1985?

**Answers to last fortnight's quiz:**

1. Blackpool Illuminations 2. Woody Allen 3. Groucho Marx 4. Neville Chamberlain 5. Flodden 6. Michaelmas 7. Grace Darling 8. fingerprints 9. Gurning 10. harvest

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

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**Ukrainian Aid**



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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 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

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And their Just-Giving page is:

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### **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**

To God the Father, who created the world;  
to God the Son, who redeemed the world;  
to God the Holy Spirit, who sustains the world;  
be all praise and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

*David Adam*

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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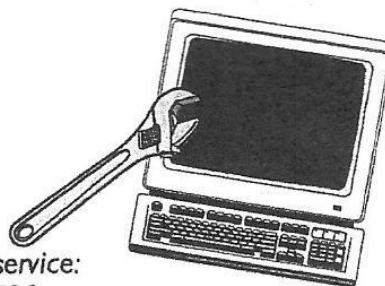
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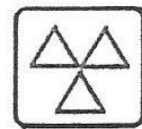
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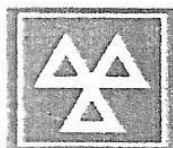
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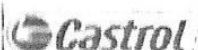
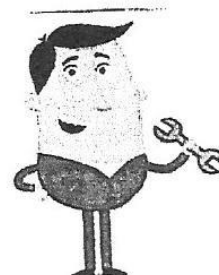
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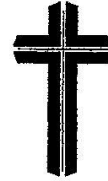


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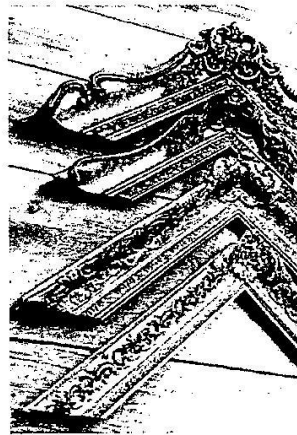
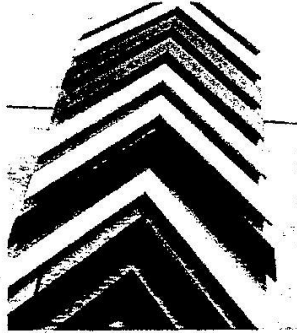
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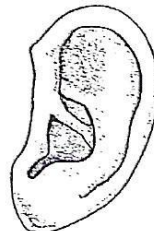
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