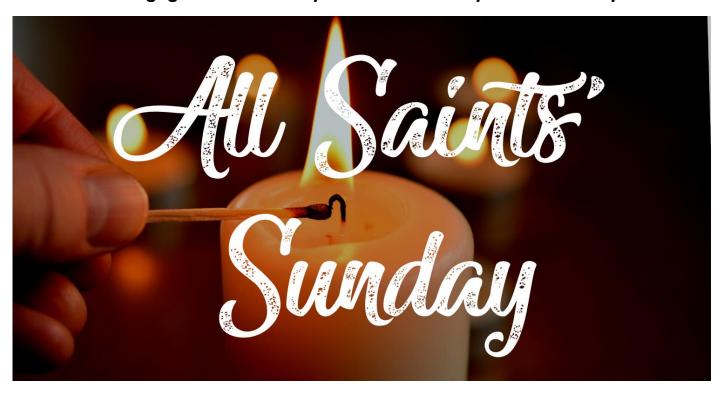
## St Thomas' Church Henbury and Broken Cross Sunday 5 November 2023 All Saints

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 5 November – All Saints - 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

# Sunday 24 December - Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig

Sunday 24 December – Crib Building Service 4 p.m. – Roy Waller 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 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

22 October – Holy Communion 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tYOuhWKfRaU

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Rota for Readers, Intercessors and Sides People

Date	First	Second	Intercessor	Sidesperson
	Reading	Reading		_
Nov 5	Janet Tute	Roy Waller	Linda Craig	Colin Marlow
All Saints	Revelation	1 John 3.1-3		
	7.9-end			
Nov 12	Anne Brown	None	Linda Craig	Janet Tute
Remembrance	tba			
Sunday				
Nov 19	Jacky Toms	Bob Toms	Linda Craig	Tony Dewdney
2 <sup>nd</sup> before Advent	Zephaniah	1	_	
	1.7, 12-end	Thessalonians		
		5.1-11		
Nov 26 <sup>th</sup>	Judith	Jackie Booth	Tony	Christine
Christ the King	Dewdney	Ephesians	Dewdney	Glynn
	Ezekiel	1.15-end	_	
	34.11-16			

## Readings

### Revelation 7:9-17

## **New International Version**

who sits on the throne,

and to the Lamb."

Praise and glory

and wisdom and thanks and honor

and power and strength

be to our God for ever and ever.

Amen!"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> And they cried out in a loud voice:

<sup>&</sup>quot;Salvation belongs to our God,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> saying:

<sup>&</sup>quot;Amen!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> I answered, "Sir, you know."

And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup> Therefore, "they are before the throne of God

and serve him day and night in his temple;

and he who sits on the throne

will shelter them with his presence.

<sup>16</sup> 'Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst.

The sun will not beat down on them,' a nor any scorching heat.

<sup>17</sup> For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd;

'he will lead them to springs of living water.'[b]

'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'[]"

## 1 John 3:1-3 New International Version

3 See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup> Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, [a] we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

## **Matthew 5:1-12 New International Version**

**5** Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, <sup>2</sup> and he began to teach them.

#### The Beatitudes

He said:

- <sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- <sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- <sup>5</sup> Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- <sup>6</sup> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- <sup>7</sup> Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
- <sup>8</sup> Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- <sup>9</sup> Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- <sup>10</sup> Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- <sup>11</sup> "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

## **The Collect**

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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.

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

You are invited to join us for our next group meeting on Tuesday 7 November at 10.30 a.m. at St John's Church when we will continue exploring the foundations of our faith and the theme will be 'Do You Repent Your Sins?'. 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, we have selected the following as our hymn of the week:

## The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy

- 1 The kingdom of God is justice and joy, for Jesus restores what sin would destroy; God's power and glory in Jesus we know, and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.
- 2 The kingdom of God is mercy and grace, the captives are freed, the sinners find place, the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share, and hope is awakened instead of despair.
- 3 The kingdom of God is challenge and choice, believe the good news, repent and rejoice. His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross, our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.
- 4 God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal, in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole; the heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call, and all things cry glory to God all in all.

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mOrkdW5NAM0

## 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 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 <a href="mailto:stthomashenbury@aol.com">stthomashenbury@aol.com</a>.

## **Reverse Advent Calendar**

The Reverse Advent Calendar is back again. If you want to participate there are hard copies available in Church. The calendar begins on 1 November and ends on 25 November. Donations can be dropped off at the Food Bank or at Tytherington Family Worship Car Park on Saturday 25 November between 10.00 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. or they can be dropped off at St Thomas' in the box at the back of the Church. Please donate only what you can afford. All donations will be equally appreciated.



## **Rum and Coffee Morning**

If anyone has any unwanted gifts and would like to donate them as tombola prizes for the rum and coffee morning on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December, they would be much appreciated. We also require someone to help Carole Curzon on the tombola stall. If you can help in any way, please contact Di Waller 01625 827763 or Lynne Hibbert 01625 610701. Many thanks.

### **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 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.

We warmly welcome Jessica Irene Blundell into God's family. Jessica was baptised at St Thomas' Church by Bishop William on Saturday 4 November.

**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

#### **November Quiz**

- 1. Nov 1st is All Saints' Day, but what is its alternative name?
- 2. On 4th Nov 1922, whose tomb was found in Egypt?
- 3. What was the name given to Nov 11th in 1918?

Which wide, important canal opened on 17th Nov 1869?

- 5. Which 'Iron Lady' resigned in Nov 1990?
- 6. Which Patron Saint's Day is on Nov 30th?
- 7. A famous sailing ship arrived in Cape Cod in America in November 1620. What was its name?
- 8. Which Henry was crowned King of England on 6th Nov 1429?
- 9. Who wrote 'Kidnapped' and was born on Nov 13th 1850?
- 10. Which English city, along with its cathedral, was bombed on 14th-15th Nov 1940?

## Answers to last fortnight's quiz:

 Macbeth 2. Portia 3. Brutus 4. Hamlet 5. Cleopatra 6. Romeo 7. Othello 8. Shylock 9. Cressida 10. Regan

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**

We would like to congratulate Lawrence Robinson at St John's on his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday and to thank him for the birthday cake he shared with us last Sunday. Happy Birthday, Lawrence!

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

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## A Prayer for Peace in the Middle East

O God of all justice and peace we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land.

Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; we pray for people of all faiths - Jews, Muslims and Christians and for all people of the land.

While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples.

Guide us into your kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honour as your children for to all of us you are our Heavenly Father.

In Jesus' name we pray.

#### Amen

The Very Revd Canon Richard Swell, Dean of St George's College Jerusalem.



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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**

Glory to you, O Lord, from the whole company of heaven, from the saints in glory, from your people on earth.

Father, we give you thanks that in the darkness of this world your saints shine.

May we, with them, have a share in your everlasting kingdom; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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/<u>lesley-brown@hotmail.co.uk</u>** 

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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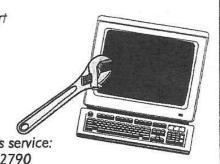
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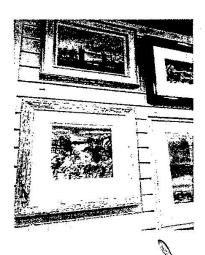
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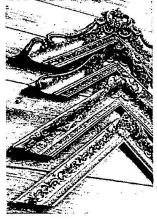
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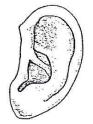
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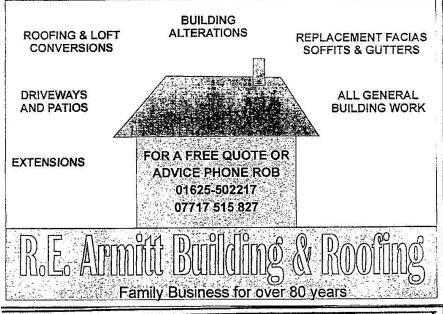
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