

St Thomas' Church Henbury and Broken Cross
Sunday 14 January 2024 – The Blessing of the Plough and the Lamb
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
<https://www.stthomashenbury.org.uk/>



Worship

Coming Up

- Sunday 14 January 11.00 a.m. – The Blessing of the Plough and the Lamb – Hellen Watson, Linda Craig and Roy Waller**
- Sunday 21 January – Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig**
- Sunday 28 January – Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig**
- Sunday 4 February – Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig**
- Sunday 11 February – All-age Worship – Hellen Watson and Linda Craig**
- Sunday 18 February – Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig**
- Sunday 25 February – Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig**
- Sunday 3 March – Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig**
- Sunday 10 March – All-age Worship – 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**

Other Events

**Wednesday 17 January – 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 19 January 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. - CAMEO at St Thomas’ Hall (all welcome)**

**Wednesday 24 January – 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 31 January - 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 2 February – C.A.M.E.O. at St John’s 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

**Wednesday 7 February – 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 14 February – 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 16 February – C.A.M.E.O. at St Thomas’ 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

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:

Sunday 31 December – 1st Sunday of Christmas - Holy Communion

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rP_-l95S5EA

Sunday 7 December – The Epiphany – Holy Communion

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xLgJw4oKQY4>

.Rota for Readers, Intercessors and Sidepersons.

| Date | First Reading | Second Reading | Intercessor | Sidesperson |
|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| The Blessing of the Plough and the Lamb | Genesis 1.9-13 Jackie Booth | none | Linda Craig | Christine Glynn |
| The Third Sunday of Epiphany | Genesis 14.17-20 Tony Dewdney | Revelation 19.6-10 Roy Waller | Di Waller | Colin Marlow |
| The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany | Deuteronomy 18.15-20 Janet Tute | Revelation 12.1-5a Bob Toms | Tony Dewdney | Janet Tute |

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)

Readings for 14 January

Genesis 1.9-13

New International Version

⁹ And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good.

¹¹ Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. ¹² The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening, and there was mornin
g—the third day.

Matthew 6:25-34 New International Version

²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life^[a]?

²⁸ "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Hymn of the Week Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be

*Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

Great is Thy faithfulness...

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine with 10, 000 beside

Great is Thy faithfulness...

Source: *Musixmatch*

Songwriters: *Thomas Chisholm / William Runyan / Joey Stamper / Chad Matthew Graham*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dTKlqmdfHSk&t=2s>

Looking to the Future

The Vicar and PCC at St Thomas' have been looking at what can be done to help share the word of God amongst our local community. We are looking to appoint an Eco-Families Worker for a period of three years with the aim of rebuilding ministry amongst local families, creating a more all-age community of faith. This person will also focus on how we might treasure and improve our environment. We will keep you posted on developments with this exciting project.

Weddings and Christenings

Are you celebrating a wedding or a christening in 2024? If so, you might like to look round our beautiful Victorian church. We would be delighted to show you round. To see some photos of past events, have a look on our website:

<https://www.stthomashenbury.org.uk/life-events/>

For more information please contact our vicar: **Rev. Canon Simon Bessant** on **07957211319** or email stthomashenbury@aol.com

Pause for Thought

As we leave the Christmas season behind here is a poem that reminds where we go from here. Many thanks to Maureen Burghall for bringing this beautiful poem to our attention.

The Work of Christmas

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
 To find the lost,
 To heal the broken,
 To feed the hungry,
 To release the prisoner,
 To rebuild the nations,
 To bring peace among others,
 To make music in the heart.

Howard Thurman

Thank You

A huge thank you to everyone who has volunteered to serve refreshments after our Sunday services throughout the year. This has been greatly appreciated. New volunteers are welcomed, so if you are interested in becoming a member of the team, please contact **Carole on 01625 611477**.

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

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, Keith Littler, Mike Moore.

Quiz

1. Into which sea does the Nile flow?
2. Three continents lie on the Tropic of Capricorn, South America is one, name any of the other two?
3. In American currency 10 cents make a what?
4. Afrikaans was developed from which European language?
5. An Ortanique is a cross between a tangerine and what other fruit?
6. What Italian word for 'Scratched Drawing' can be found on walls all over the world?
7. What musical features 'Some Enchanted Evening' and 'There Is Nothing Like A Dame'?
8. What was the name of the first manned lunar landing mission in 1969?
9. Which boxer was nicknamed 'The Dark Destroyer'?
10. What was the name of Ritchie Valens' girlfriend?

Answers to last fortnight's quiz:

1. Rosa Parks
2. Pearl Harbor
3. Benazir Butto
4. Jesse James
5. 6. Bosman Ruling
7. Oliver Cromwell
8. Henrik Ibsen
9. Thomas Becket
10. Harpers Ferry

A great big 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

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.

A Prayer for Resolving Conflict

Lord God, you have willed that we live in peace and harmony.
Grant us patience, understanding, and compassion as we strive to resolve conflicts
in our families, communities, and the world.
May we become channels of your peace and love.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Closing Prayer

God of wholeness, God of Grace, to you we bring our thanks and praise.
To a world that searches you are a lamp that shines,
to a world that is hungry you are food that sustains,
to a world that suffers you are hope of release,
to a world that's broken you are one who restores,
to a world full of hate you are love that forgives,
to a world that denies you are truth that endures.
To you we bring our thanks and praise, God of wholeness, God of Grace.

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God bless,

Rev. Canon Simon Bessant (07957211319), 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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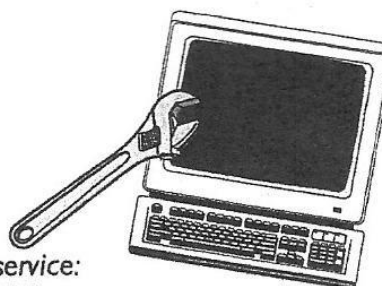


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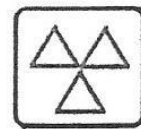
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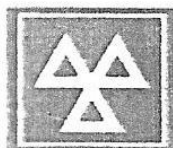
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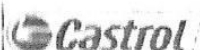
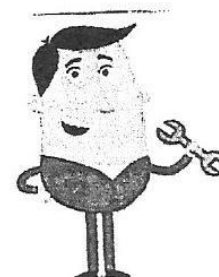
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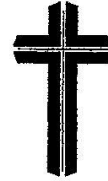


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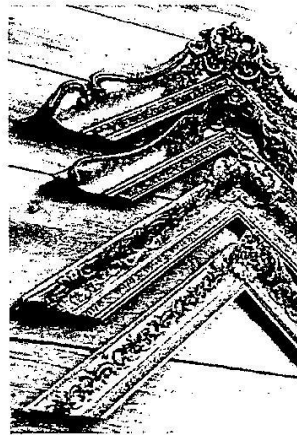
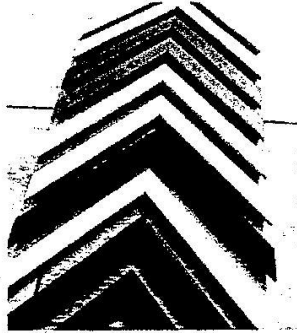
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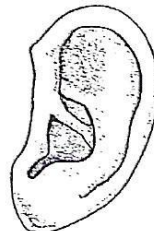
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