St Thomas' Church Henbury and Broken Cross Sunday 21 April – The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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/



Wishing you all the very best for your London Marathon run on Sunday 21st April Harry! For more details of Harry's run, which he's doing to raise funds for the Easter Cheshire Hospice, see later on in the newsletter. And here is a link to his fundraising page.

https://2024tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/harry-newton-d1540?utm_content=f-thankyou&utm_campaign=website&utm_medium=email&utm_source=EnthuseSend Grid#grCode

Coming Up

Worship

Sunday 21 April – Easter 4 Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig

Sunday 28 April – Easter 5 Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. – Rev. Chris Scargill and Linda Craig

Sunday 5 May – Sunday after Ascension Day Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant

Sunday 12 May All Age Service – Hellen Watson and Linda Craig Sunday 19 May - Holy Communion Pentecost 11.00 a.m. – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig

Sunday 26 May – Trinity Sunday Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. – Rev. Canon Simon Besant

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 April – 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 17 April 8 p.m. M.A.S.T (Men At St Thomas') – Blacksmith's Arms Henbury

Friday 19 April – C.A.M.E.O. (Come And Meet Each Other) at St Thomas' 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Saturday 20 April 3.30 – 5p.m. – Messy Church at St John's Wednesday 24 April – 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 Catch Up with our Online Services

Wednesday 1 May - 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 May - C.A.M.E.O. (Come And Meet Each Other) at St John's 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Wednesday 15 May 8 p.m. M.A.S.T (Men At St Thomas') – Blacksmith's Arms Henbury

Friday 17 May - C.A.M.E.O. (Come And Meet Each Other) at St Thomas' 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

If you're 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 7 April – Holy Communion – 2nd Sunday of Easter https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UaNPwp-4MWk

Sunday 14 April – All-Age Service – 3rd Sunday of Easter https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XOmUNUKFq11

Rota for Readers, Intercessors and Sidepersons

Date	First	Second	Intercessor	Sidesperson
	Reading	Reading		
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21 April	Acts 4.5-12	1 John 3.16-	Tony	Christine
Fourth Sunday of	Anne Brown	end	Dewdney	Glynn
Easter		Bob Toms		
28 April	Acts 8.26-	1 John 4.7-	Linda Craig	Lawrie Brown
Fifth Sunday of	end	end		
Easter	Jacky Toms	Janet Tute		
5 May	Acts 10.44-	1 John 5.1-6	Di Waller	Janet Tute
Sixth Sunday of	48	Roy Waller		
Easter	Jackie Booth			
12 May	Janet Tute	Hellen	Hellen	Tony Dewdney
Sunday after		Watson	Watson	
Ascension Day				
19 May	Acts 2.1-21	Romans 8.22-	Linda Craig	Christine
Pentecost	Laura Hope	27	_	Glynn
		Jacky Toms		
26 May	Isaiah 6.1-8	Romans 8.12-	Tony	Colin Marlow
Trinity Sunday	Judith	17	Dewdney	
	Dewdney	Anne Brown		

If you would like to join the team of people who deliver the readings and/or lead the intercessions during services, please contact: Tony Dewdney **on 01625 439753** or **tjdewdney@talktalk.net**

Readings for 21 April – The Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 4:5-12 New International Version

⁵ The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. ⁶ Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. ⁷ They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?"

⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! ⁹ If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, ¹⁰ then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. ¹¹ Jesus is

[&]quot;the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.'[a]

¹² Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

1 John 3:16-24 New International Version

¹⁶ This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

¹⁹ This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: ²⁰ If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹ Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God ²² and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. ²⁴ The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

John 10:11-18 New International Version

¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³ The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴ "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷ The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

The Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn of the Week - The King of Love my Shepherd Is

The King of love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his And he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love he sought me, And on his shoulder gently laid, And home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill With thee, dear Lord, beside me; Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight; Thy unction, grace bestoweth: And O what transport of delight From thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house for ever.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nWfZ-8s71-k

Harry's 21st London Marathon!



Harry Newton, a long-standing member of the congregation at St Thomas' Church is preparing to run his 21st London Marathon on Sunday 21 April to raise money for the East Cheshire Hospice. Harry, who is 86 years old, began running marathons at the age of 57. This will be the 28th marathon he has run over 29 years.

Sarah Elvin, who leads the Fundraising team at the hospice said: The Hospice costs over £9000 per day to run. So anything raised by Harry will make a massive difference to us. If there weren't people like Harry, we wouldn't be open today. So thank you.

If you would like to sponsor Harry, here is the link to his fundraising page, or you can donate to him in person.

https://2024tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/harry-newton-d1540?utm_content=f-thankyou&utm_campaign=website&utm_medium=email&utm_source=EnthuseSend_Grid#grCode

And if you would like to track Harry's progress on the day, here is his running number – 29281



Congratulations David!

This is a lovely photo of the Rev. David Harrison after receiving his certificate celebrating his 42 years as hospital chaplain. A great achievement, David. Thank you for all your ministry over the years.

Henbury Mothers' Union Trip to Speke Hall

Just a reminder that Di would like to know if anyone is interested in joining the Henbury MU outing on Thursday, 13th June to Speke Hall, Liverpool. If you are already a National Trust member then the outing will only involve the cost of the coach journey. If you are not a National Trust member then the entrance fee for hall and gardens is £15 for a group entrance. Everyone is welcome. We are asking for a

deposit of £20 if you wish to go and if you are interested please let Di Waller (01624 827763) before 11th April so that she can decide whether the trip is viable.

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. We had a wonderful service last Sunday when we welcomed Ebony into the Church. 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



Memorial Garden

Over the next few weeks, remedial work will be carried out on the memorial garden at St Thomas'. During the course of this work, it will be necessary for the contractor to move vases, tributes etc from the memorial plaques. You may wish to remove items on your loved one's memorial plaque until the work is finished.

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

Electoral Roll

St Thomas' electoral roll is being revised from 21 April – 3 May 2024. A copy will be available in church for you to check that your name Is included, together with forms for you to apply to be included on the roll. The revised roll will be completed and

back in Church on Sunday 5 May. Any queries, please contact our electoral roll officer, Tony Dewdney (01625 439753).

For our Prayers

Baptisms – We warmly welcome Ebony Kathleen Prescott into God's family. Ebony was baptised at St Thomas' Church by the Reverend Canon Simon Bessant on Sunday 14 April.

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, Malcolm Clark, David Osborne.

Quiz Questions

Many thanks to Roger Molineux for compiling this week's guiz for us.

Find the Line

The word 'line' is often added after to other words, to form a single or closely paired one.

From the clues below, add another before it which then relates to the clue.

e.g. Clue: Using the internet Answer: on-line

- 1. Corresponding
- 2. Basic description
- 3. Lower priority
- 4. Back limit of a tennis court
- 5. Recommendation
- 6. Information service
- 7. On the fringe
- 8. Length of a period
- 9. Thin blue
- 10. Horizon

Answers to last fortnight's quiz:

1. Birmingham 2. Budapest 3. Banjo 4. Borscht 5. Bunker 6. Bat 7. The Beatles 8. Black Beauty 9. The Beano 10. Blue

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

Other News



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

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.

Do You Have a Heart for our Community?

If so, the Hope Centre invites you to come along and regularly bring the needs of our community before Almighty God through Praise, Prayer and Testimony. These events will take place on every third Sunday of each month 5.30-6.30 p.m. at 16-18 Park Green, Macclesfield SK11 7NA.

On Sunday 21st April this event will begin at 4 p.m. when there will be light refreshments, followed by the dedication and opening of the Prayer Room, before the service of Praise, Prayer and Testimony begins.

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.

Songs of Praise

The HOPE Centre and Hope in North East Cheshire invite you to *Songs of Praise* at the United Reform Church, Park Green, Macclesfield on **Sunday 12 May at 5 p.m.**

A Prayer for Resolving Conflict

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family;

take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for Catherine, Princess of Wales

Gracious God, we pray for the continued recovery of the Princess of Wales, for her husband and her family.

Grant to them and all who are affected by sickness, Faith, hope and the knowledge of your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Closing Prayer

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. Amen.

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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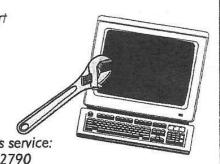
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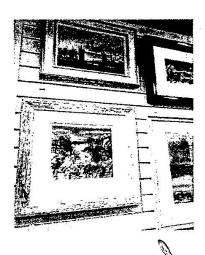
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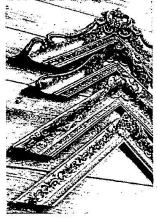
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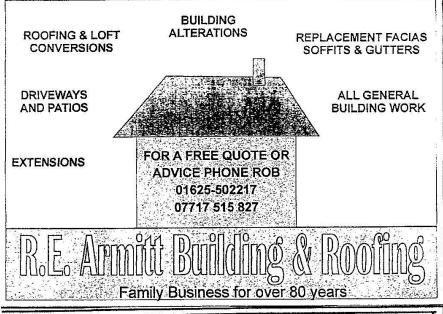
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