

St Thomas' Church Henbury and Broken Cross

Sunday 19 May – Pentecost

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

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Coming Up

Worship

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 Bessant

Sunday 2 June – Trinity 1 - Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant

Sunday 9 June – Baptism of Abigail – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig

this takes the place of our usual All-age Service but it is open to everyone. We hope you will be able to come along to this child-friendly service during which we will welcome Abigail into the Church.

Sunday 16 June - Trinity 3 - Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant

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

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

Wednesday 22 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

Wednesday 5 June – 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 7 June - C.A.M.E.O. (Come And Meet Each Other) at St John's 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Wednesday 12 June – 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 15 June 3.30 p.m. – 5 p.m. – Messy Church at St John's, Wilwick Lane. All welcome.

Tuesday 18 June 7.30 p.m. M.A.S.T (Men At St Thomas') – Blacksmith's Arms Henbury

Wednesday 19 June – 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 21 June - 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 5 May – Holy Communion – 6th Sunday of Easter

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qzkv2_7Bt4M

Sunday 12 May – All Age Service – Ascension Day

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kU9md81Chx4>

Rota for Readers, Intercessors and Sidepersons

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**

Date	First Reading	Second Reading	Intercessor	Sidesperson
19 May Pentecost	Ezekiel 37.1-14 Jacky Toms	Acts 2.1-21 Laura Hope	Linda Craig	Christine Glynn
26 May Trinity Sunday	Isaiah 6.1-8 Andrea Fitton	Romans 8.12-17 Anne Brown	Andrea Fitton	Colin Marlow
2 June Trinity 1	1 Samuel 3.1-10	2 Corinthians 4.5-12		
9 June Trinity 2	Baptism of Abigail			
16 June Trinity 3	1 Samuel 15.34-16.13	2 Corinthians 5.6-10, 14-17		
23 June Trinity 4	1 Samuel 17.32-49	2 Corinthians 6.1-13		
30 June	Baptism of Finley			

Readings for 19 May – Pentecost

Old Testament: Ezekiel 37:1-14

37 The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. ³ He asked me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” I said, “Sovereign LORD, you alone know.”

⁴ Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!’ ⁵ This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath^[a] enter you, and you will come to life. ⁶ I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.”

⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. ⁸ I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

⁹ Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.’” ¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

¹¹ Then he said to me: “Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.’” ¹² Therefore prophecy and say to them: ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: My people, I am going to

open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. ¹⁴ I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.”

New Testament: Acts 2:1-21

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues^[a] as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,^[b] ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ “In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,

your young men will see visions,

your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days,

and they will prophesy.

¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above

and signs on the earth below,

blood and fire and billows of smoke.

²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood

before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹ And everyone who calls

on the name of the Lord will be saved.’^[c]

Gospel: John 15.26-27, 16. 4b-15

²⁶ “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. ²⁷ And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you, ⁵ but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶ Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. ⁷ But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ about sin, because people do not believe in me; ¹⁰ about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; ¹¹ and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

¹² “I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. ¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.”

The Collect

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn of the Week

I the Lord of Sea and Sky

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
*Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone. I
will speak my word to them, Whom shall I send?
Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord? ...*

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?...

Song by Kingsway Music

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2zr9SMm1gll>

Christian Aid Week 12-18 May 2024

Christian Aid week ran from 12 – 18 May 2024. As usual, we will be donating the collections taken in Church on Sundays 12 and 19 May, together with the payments received from refreshments on those dates and at CAMEO on May 17. Envelopes for donations will be available in Church and if you wish to give online there is a page dedicated to St Thomas' on the JustGiving website – the link is below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/stthomaso-1714495679549or192746?newPage=true>

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



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

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, Jean Osborne.

Interment of Ashes: Robin West

RIP: Linda Barber (nee Deaville).

Quiz Questions

Many thanks to Roger Molyneux for the second part of his quiz which we included a few weeks ago. All the answers have the word line in them e.g. Q. Mythical connection of features on landscape A. Ley line. Good luck!

1. A bus track, or sides of a tennis court
2. Time limit
3. Emergency support
4. Poverty
5. In genealogy
6. Geological feature
7. A German wartime defence ("Hang out the washing")
8. A Manchester Dairy
9. Make more efficient
10. Most important part of a bill

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

Would you like help with Apps, Android, iPads and things?

A couple of Henbury residents have found these free one hour sessions on technology with *Connecting Chelford* so very helpful in coping with i phones and Facebook etc that they asked Henbury Online to let everyone know these sessions have been offered to Henbury residents too!

If you would like take advantage of this offer, or just find out a bit more about it all, please contact: Barbara Wilson, Connecting Chelford Coordinator at <bwilson3759@gmail.com> or simply at connectingchelford@gmail.com

Good luck and keep surfing!



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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 -

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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.

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

In the beginning, O God, you shaped our souls and set their weaves.

You formed our bodies and gave them breath.

Renew us each day in the image of your love.

O great God, grant us your light.

O great God, grant us your grace.

O great God, grant us your joy each day

And let us be made pure in the well of your health.

Amen.

J. Philip Newell

God bless,

Rev. Canon Simon Bessant (07957211319), Bob (07753583555), Carole (611477), Andrea (07366561955 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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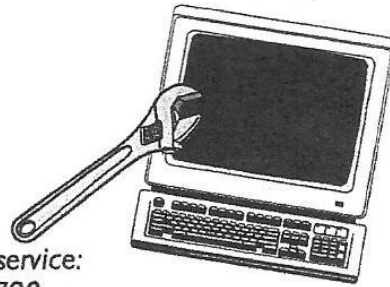
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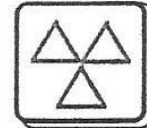
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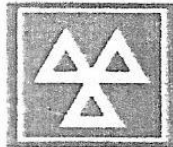
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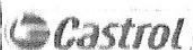
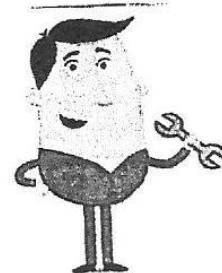
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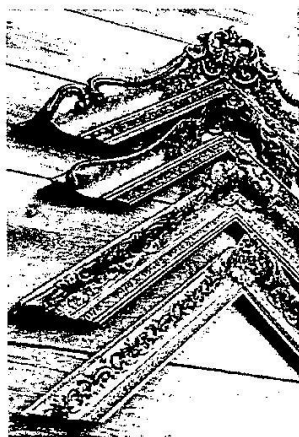
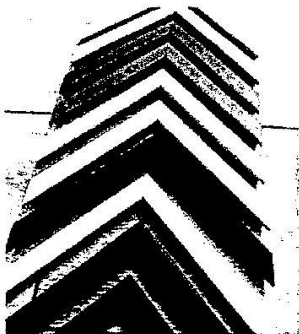
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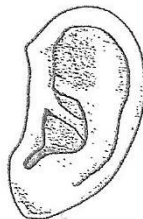
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