

**St Thomas' Church Henbury and Broken Cross
Sunday 5 May – The Sixth 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/>



Coming Up

Worship

**Sunday 5 May – The Sixth Sunday of Easter - Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. –
Rev. Canon Simon Bessant**

**Sunday 12 May - All Age Service for Ascension Day – Hellen Watson, Linda
Craig and Andrea Fitton**

**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 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 8 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 15 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 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.**

Wednesday 22 May – Sunbeams Mums and Tots Group at St John's

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**Friday 8 June - C.A.M.E.O. (Come And Meet Each Other) at St John's 2 p.m. – 4
p.m.**

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

**Wednesday 19 June 8 p.m. M.A.S.T (Men At St Thomas') – Blacksmith's Arms
Henbury**

**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 21 April – Holy Communion – 4th Sunday of Easter

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6HjmDZqGR9k>

Sunday 28 April – Holy Communion – 5th Sunday of Easter

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0FyM4cEXFiY>

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
5 May Sixth Sunday of Easter	Acts 10.44-48 Jackie Booth	1 John 5.1-6 Roy Waller	Di Waller	Janet Tute
12 May Sunday after Ascension Day	Janet Tute	Hellen Watson	Hellen Watson	Tony Dewdney
19 May Pentecost	Acts 2.1-21 Laura Hope	Romans 8.22-27 Jacky Toms	Linda Craig	Christine Glynn
26 May Trinity Sunday	Isaiah 6.1-8 Judith Dewdney	Romans 8.12-17 Anne Brown	Tony Dewdney	Colin Marlow

Readings for 5 May – The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10.44-48

New International Version

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. ⁴⁵ The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. ⁴⁶ For they heard them speaking in tongues^[a] and praising God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷ 'Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptised with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.' ⁴⁸ So he ordered that they be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

1 John 5:1-6

New International Version

5 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. ² This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. ³ In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, ⁴ for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood – Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

John 15:9-17

New International Version

⁹‘As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² My command is this: love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit – fruit that will last – and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷ This is my command: love each other.

The Collect

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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.

Eco/Families Worker

We are delighted to welcome Andrea Fitton to our Ministry Team, as our Eco/Families Worker. We wish Andrea every success in her new role and look forward to seeing where God will lead us in this venture.

Hymn of the Week - God is Love, Let Heav’n Adore Him

God is Love: let heaven adore him; God is Love: let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him, and exalt him with one voice.
He who laid the earth’s foundation, he who spread the heavens above,
he who breathes through all creation, he is Love, eternal Love.

God is Love: and he enfoldeth all the world in one embrace;
with unfailing grasp he holdeth every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking under sorrow’s iron rod,
then they find that self same aching deep within the heart of God.

God is Love: and though with blindness sin afflicts the souls of men,
God’s eternal loving-kindness holds and guides them even then.
Sin and death and hell shall never o’er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever o’er the universe must reign.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gyYWW_P9MH4

Harry's Fundraising for East Cheshire Hospice



Many congratulations to Harry Newton who successfully completed the London Marathon on 21 April in a time of 6:19:34. Harry is raising money for the East Cheshire Hospice. It's not too late to sponsor Harry. Here is the link to his fundraising page, or you can donate to him or Phyllis in person.

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

Christian Aid Week 12-18 May 2024

Christian Aid week will run 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>

Messy Church

Here are a few photos from our last Messy Church event on Saturday 20 April. A good time was had by all. If you would like to come to our next Messy Church, it is on Saturday 15 June, 3.30 – 5.00 p.m. and the theme will be 'Under the Sea'. Messy Church is suitable for children up to around 8 years old. All children must be accompanied by an adult. The venue is St John's Church, Wilwick Lane, Macclesfield.



Henbury Mothers' Union Trip to Speke Hall

Henbury MU would like to thank anyone who showed an interest in joining us on the outing to Speke Hall in June but unfortunately we still did not have enough numbers to fill a coach so have had to cancel the outing. Anyone is still welcome to come to any of our meetings held in the Church Hall on the second Thursday of each month (except June and August) at 7.30 p.m. We have a wide range of speakers and are a very friendly bunch.

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.

RIP: Linda Barber (nee Deaville).

Quiz Questions

Many thanks to Jackie Hulme for compiling this week's quiz for us.

Fish Anagrams

Can you solve the following anagrams. All the answers are types of fish.

1. Orttu
2. Borttu
3. Cehpr
4. Acddhko
5. Abemr
6. Almnos
7. Aceilp
8. Aerssw
9. Cdo
10. Aekst

Answers to last fortnight's quiz:

1. In line 2. Outline 3. Sideline 4. baseline 5. Guideline 6. Help line 7. borderline 8. Timeline 9. Police line 10. Skyline

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

Henbury Guides Celebrate 60 Years

Henbury Brownies held their first meeting at St. Thomas Church Hall on 25.10.1963 and Henbury Guides followed shortly after with their first meeting on 27.04.1964. This means both units are celebrating a fantastic 60 years at Henbury!

We are celebrating our Diamond Anniversary and wish to thank all our wonderful volunteers and the girls who were Brownies or Guides here over the last 60 years. Watch this space for details of our celebration afternoon tea where interested volunteers from past and present are welcome to join us for tea and cake and learn more about the volunteer opportunities our fabulous units in Henbury.

We need an energetic leader who enjoys fun and adventure to lead our Guide group and are also looking for extra help with our Rainbow unit who are

girls aged 5-7 years.

Together we can offer leaders and girls amazing opportunities to enable them to know that they can do anything.

We also have volunteering opportunities for girls doing their Duke of Edinburgh awards or for sixth form students who need experience to support their university applications. Contact: Karent63@live.co.uk if you can help us.



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.

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.**

The Millennium Green

The contractors have installed the new grass/rubber mat safety surface in the children's play area and the park is now open again.

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

Thanks be to you, O God, that I have risen this day to the rising of this life itself. May it be a day of blessing, O god of every gift, a day of new beginnings given. Help me to avoid every sin and the source of every sin to forsake, and as the mist scatters from the crest of the hills may each ill haze clear from my soul, O God.

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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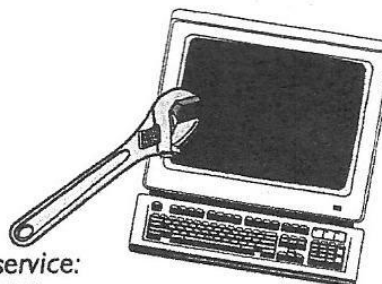


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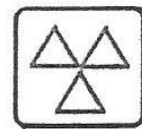
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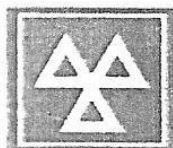
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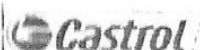
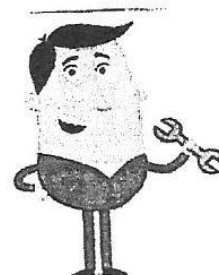
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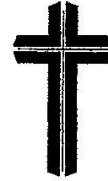


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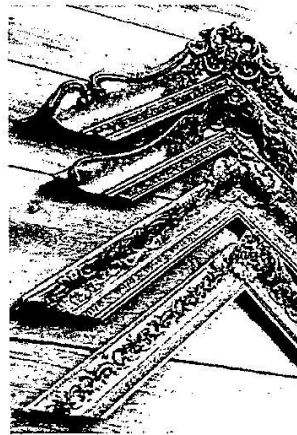
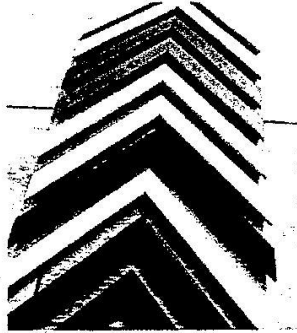
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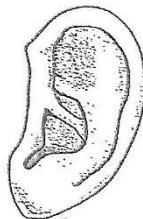
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