

St Thomas' Church Henbury and Broken Cross

Sunday 23 June – Fourth Sunday after Trinity

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 23 June – 4th Sunday after Trinity – Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. - Rev. Chris Scargill and Linda Craig

Sunday 30 June – Baptism of Finley 11.00 a.m. - Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig

This service takes the place of our usual service of Holy Communion and is open to everyone. We hope you will be able to come along to this child-friendly service during which we will welcome Finley into the Church.

Please note there will be a service of Holy Communion at St John's at 9.30 a.m. on this Sunday.

Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. - Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig

Sunday 7 July – 6th Sunday after Trinity – Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. - Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig

Sunday 14 July – Baptism of Sebastian 11.00 a.m. - Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig

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

Please note there will be an All Age Service at St John's at 9.30 a.m. on this Sunday.

Sunday 21 July – 8th Sunday after Trinity – Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. - Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig

Sunday 28 July – 9th Sunday after Trinity – Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. - Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig

Sunday 4 August – 10th Sunday after Trinity – Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. - Rev. Canon Simon Bessant

Sunday 11 August – 11th Sunday after Trinity – All Age Service 11.00 a.m. – Hellen Watson and Linda Craig

Sunday 18 August - 12th Sunday after Trinity – Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. - Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig

Sunday 25 August – 13th Sunday after Trinity – Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. - Rev. Canon Simon Bessant 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'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 9 June – Holy Communion – 2nd Sunday after Trinity

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Bbt4EW34yM&t=1s>

Sunday 16 June – Holy Communion – 3rd Sunday after Trinity

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BM4YYCNK-Us>

Other Events

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.

Wednesday 26 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

Wednesday 3 July – 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 5 July - C.A.M.E.O. (Come And Meet Each Other) at St John's 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Wednesday 10 July – 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 16 July – M.A.S.T. Men at St Thomas' – Join us for a noggin and a natter – The Blacksmiths Arms 8.00 p.m.

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

Rota for Readers, Intercessors and Sidepersons

Date	First Reading	Second Reading	Intercessor	Sidesperson
23 June Trinity 4	1 Samuel 17.32-49 Anne Brown	2 Corinthians 6.1-13 Janet Tute	Linda Craig	Lawrie Brown
30 June	Baptism of Finley	Andrea Fitton	Linda Craig	tbd
7 July Trinity 6	2 Samuel 5.1-5,9-10	2 Corinthians 12.2-10		
14 July	Baptism of Sebastian	Andrea Fitton	Linda Craig	
Sunday 21 July Trinity 8	2 Samuel 7.1-14a	Ephesians 2.11-22		
Sunday 28 July Trinity 9	2 Samuel 11.1-15	Ephesians 3.14-21		

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 the 4th Sunday after Trinity

Old Testament: 1 Samuel 17:32-49 New International Version

³² David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him."

³³ Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth."

³⁴ But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, ³⁵ I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. ³⁶ Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. ³⁷ The LORD who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine."

Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you."

³⁸ Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. ³⁹ David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them.

“I cannot go in these,” he said to Saul, “because I am not used to them.” So he took them off. ⁴⁰ Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd’s bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.

⁴¹ Meanwhile, the Philistine, with his shield bearer in front of him, kept coming closer to David. ⁴² He looked David over and saw that he was little more than a boy, glowing with health and handsome, and he despised him. ⁴³ He said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. ⁴⁴ “Come here,” he said, “and I’ll give your flesh to the birds and the wild animals!”

⁴⁵ David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ This day the LORD will deliver you into my hands, and I’ll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. ⁴⁷ All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD’s, and he will give all of you into our hands.”

⁴⁸ As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. ⁴⁹ Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.

New Testament: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 New International Version

6 As God’s co-workers we urge you not to receive God’s grace in vain. ² For he says,

“In the time of my favour I heard you,
and in the day of salvation I helped you.”^[a]

I tell you, now is the time of God’s favour, now is the day of salvation.

³ We put no stumbling block in anyone’s path, so that our ministry will not be discredited. ⁴ Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; ⁵ in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; ⁶ in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; ⁷ in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left; ⁸ through glory and dishonour, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors; ⁹ known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed; ¹⁰ sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

¹¹ We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians, and opened wide our hearts to you. ¹² We are not withholding our affection from you, but you are withholding yours from us. ¹³ As a fair exchange—I speak as to my children—open wide your hearts also.

Gospel: Mark 5.35-41

³⁵ That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." ³⁶ Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. ³⁷ A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. ³⁸ Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

³⁹ He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

⁴⁰ He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

⁴¹ They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

The Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, 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 – Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm hath bound the restless
wave,
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
O, hear us when we cry to Thee,
for those in peril on the sea!

O Christ, whose voice the waters
heard
and hushed their raging at thy word,
who walkedst on the foaming deep,
and calm amidst its rage didst sleep:
O, hear us when we cry to Thee,
for those in peril on the sea!

O Holy Spirit! Who didst brood
upon the waters dark and rude,
and bid their angry tumult cease,
and give, for wild confusion, peace:
O, hear us when we cry to Thee,
for those in peril on the sea!

O Trinity of love and power,
our brethren shield i' anger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect us wheresoe'er they go:
thus evermore shall rise to Thee
glad hymns of praise from land and
sea.

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

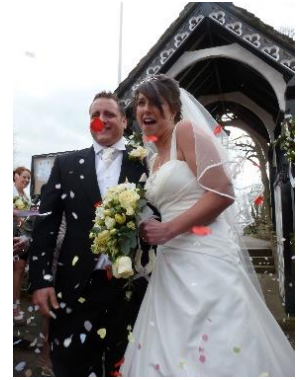
Weddings and Christenings

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



Congratulations

Many congratulations to Rev. Kate Pwaisiho on her ordination last Saturday – 15 June in Chester Cathedral. We wish her every blessing for the future in her ministry as a priest. You can watch the service by clicking on the link below. You can see Kate around 1 hour 12 minutes into the video.

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

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

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For our Prayers

Baptisms – We warmly welcome Elara Reay Henshall into God's family. Elara was baptised at St Thomas' Church by the Reverend Canon Simon Bessant on Sunday 9 June.

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, Keith Littler, Mike Moore, Malcolm Clark, David Osborne, Jean Osborne, Ida Walsh and David Harrison.

RIP: Marie Mottershead, Eileen Cragg

Quiz Questions - Dingbats

e.g. Lang4uage Answer Foreign language

1. Q ♂♂♂ E2

2. i√i

3. acriml

4. roforkad
5. Pot00000000
6. reawithson
7. ABCDEFGHJMOPQRSTUVWXYZ

Answers to last time's quiz:

1. Beijing 2. 1533 3. Royal Ulster Constabulary 4. Richard Greene 5. 1953 6. 1940
7. Tiananmen Square 8. Can the Can 9. David Carradine 10. Montgolfier brothers

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

Broken Cross Dementia Club



A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers

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.

Closing Prayer

Jesus Christ, Saviour and Prince of peace,
still us, O Lord, as you stilled the storm.
Calm us, O Lord, and keep us from harm.
Let all the troubles within us cease.
Enfold us Lord in your deep peace.
Amen.

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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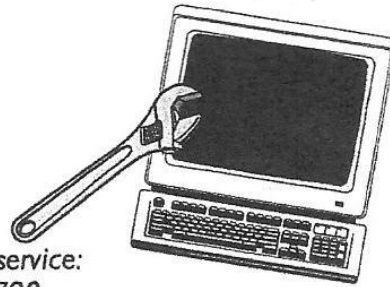


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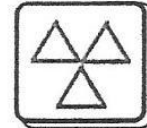
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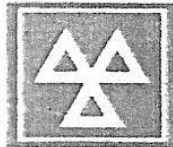
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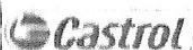
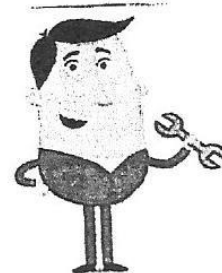
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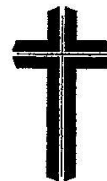


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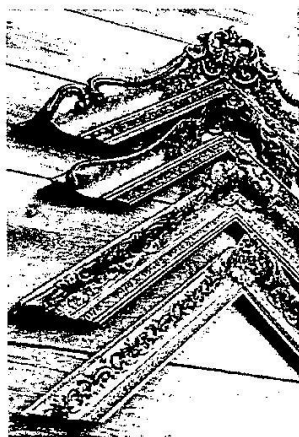
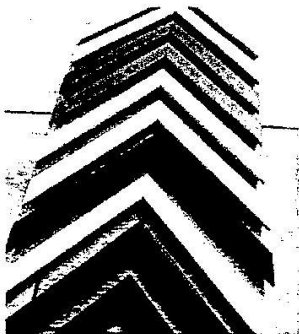
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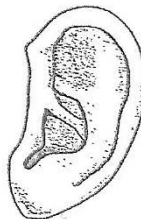
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