

St Thomas' Church Henbury and Broken Cross

Sunday 7 July – Sixth 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

<https://www.stthomashenbury.org.uk/>



Coming Up

Worship

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.

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. Chris Scargill

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**
**Sunday 1 September – 14th Sunday after Trinity – Holy Communion 11.00 a.m.
- Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig**
**Sunday 8 September - Baptism of Abigail 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 Abigail into the Church.

There will be an All-Age service at St John's at 9.30 a.m.

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 23 June – Holy Communion – 4th Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 30 June – Holy Communion – 5th Sunday after Trinity

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zX75cYfmkX0>

Other Events

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.

Saturday 6 July 8.30 a.m. – Prayer Breakfast at St John's

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.

Friday 16 August - C.A.M.E.O. (Come And Meet Each Other) at St Thomas' 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Tuesday 20 August – M.A.S.T. Men at St Thomas' – Join us for a noggin and a natter – The Blacksmiths Arms 8.00 p.m.

Friday 6 September - 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

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
7 July Trinity 6	2 Samuel 5.1-5,9-10 Jackie Booth	2 Corinthians 12.2-10 Roy Waller	Di Waller	Christine Glynn
14 July	Baptism of Sebastian	Andrea Fitton	Linda Craig	Di Waller
Sunday 21 July Trinity 8	2 Samuel 7.1-14a Jacky Toms	Ephesians 2.11-22 Laura Hope	Tony Dewdney	Colin Marlow
Sunday 28 July Trinity 9	2 Samuel 11.1-15 Anne Brown	Ephesians 3.14-21 Janet Tute	Linda Craig	Janet Tute

Readings for the 4th Sunday after Trinity

Old Testament: 2 Samuel 5:1-5; 9-10

New International Version

5 All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, "We are your own flesh and blood. ² In the past, while Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel on their military campaigns. And the Lord said to you, 'You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will become their ruler.'" ³ When all the elders of Israel had come to King David at Hebron, the king made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel. ⁴ David was thirty years old when he became king, and he reigned forty years. ⁵ In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years. ⁹ David then took up residence in the fortress and called it the City of David. He built up the area around it, from the terraces inward. ¹⁰ And he became more and more powerful, because the Lord God Almighty was with him.

New Testament: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 New International Version

² I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows. ³ And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows— ⁴ was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell. ⁵ I will boast about a man like that, but I

will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses. ⁶ Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say, ⁷ or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹ But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. ¹⁰ That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Gospel: Mark 6:1-13 New International Version

⁶ Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. ² When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.

“Where did this man get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? ³ Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, ^[a] Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.

⁴ Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honour except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.” ⁵ He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. ⁶ He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. ⁷ Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits.

⁸ These were his instructions: “Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. ⁹ Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. ¹⁰ Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. ¹¹ And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.”

¹² They went out and preached that people should repent. ¹³ They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

The Collect

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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.**

Hymn of the Week – When We Walk with the Lord (Trust and Obey)

When we walk with the Lord
in the light of his word,
what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will
he abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey!

*Trust and obey!
For there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus,
but to trust and obey.*

2. When the shadows arise,
or when clouds fill the skies,
he can turn all the darkness to day;
in the midst of our tears,
in our doubts and our fears,
we are kept as we trust and obey.

Trust and obey...

3. Every burden we bear,
every sorrow we share,
he will work for our good, as we pray;
every grief, every loss,
every frown, every cross
will be blessed as we trust and obey.

Trust and obey...

4. But we never can prove
the extent of his love,
though our all on the altar we lay;
yet what favour he shows,
and what joy he bestows
upon all who will trust and obey!

Trust and obey...

5. Then in fellowship sweet
we will sit at his feet,
or we'll walk by his side all the way;
what he says we will do,
where he sends we will go-
never fear, only trust and obey!

Trust and obey...

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

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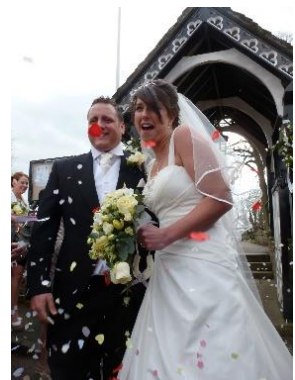
Memorial Garden

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 and Finley Joseph Coales into God's family. Elara and Finley were baptised at St Thomas' Church by the Reverend Canon Simon Bessant on Sunday 9 June and Sunday 30 June, respectively.

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, Margaret Williams.

Quiz Questions - It happened in July

1. In July 2002, who became the first person to fly solo, non stop, around the world in a balloon?
2. Born in July 1929, and known for her extravagance, she went on to become the 10th First Lady of the Philippines.
3. Which French physician and reputed seer who is best known for his book Les Propheties, allegedly predicting future events, died in 1566?
4. Fought during the American Civil War, which battle involved the largest number of casualties of the entire war and is often described as the war's turning point?
5. Which American novelist and journalist, whose debut novel was 'The Sun Also Rises' died in 1961?
6. In July 1938 the world speed record for a locomotive is set in England by which train engine?
7. Tom Cruise, the American actor and producer was born in July, but which year? a) 1958 b) 1962 c) 1966
8. On the 2nd of July 1644 the largest battle of the English Civil Wars was fought on an expanse of wild meadow west of York. What is the battle known as?
9. In 1698 Thomas Savery invented and patented the first commercially used what, crucial to the industrial revolution?
10. Born in July 1964, Yearley Smith is best known as the voice of which animated character?

Answers to last time's quiz:

1. Three men in a boat
2. Right between the eyes
3. criminal
4. Fork in the road
5. Potatoes.
6. Within reason
7. Missing link

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

Well Done the Green Team – Message from the Trustees of the Millennium Green



Our thanks to the team that did a few jobs on Sunday morning, 23 June, to tidy up the Green now that summer has arrived, and everyone wants to go there to enjoy themselves.

The brambles and weeds in the gateway were cleared. The gate and fence were treated with a wood preservative to keep them in good condition. And the long grass around the edge of the Trim Trail on the play area was scythed to a reasonable length.

Just a few volunteers and a couple of hours makes such a difference in how pleasant the place looks! There's lots of small jobs like this needed to keep our Green in good shape. So, if you could spare just an hour or two now-and-then to help please get in touch with the Millennium Green Trustees at susan.hmgt@outlook.com.

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.

Rainow Scarecrow Fortnight

Rainow Scarecrow Fortnight is happening again this year from Saturday 6th July - Sunday 21st July. Come and see the fantastic scarecrows and displays across the village all linked to the theme of 'Out of this World'. This year we are raising funds for North West Air Ambulance, Rainow Institute, Rainow Village Organisations and Rainow Church Equipment.

Join us in Rainow Church Centre 2pm-8pm for refreshments, or as we call them during the fortnight 'Scarecrow Teas' - homemade cake, tea, coffee and cold drinks. There is also a sales table, photographs of all of the scarecrows and displays, guess the number of sweets in the jar and raffle tickets available for our Grand Raffle. Prizes in our Grand Raffle include: Voucher for Spearing's Butchers; Plants from Middlewood Nursery; Voucher from The Windmill, Whiteley Green; Happy Valley Honey Gift Set; Marks and Spencer's Voucher from John Worth Ltd.; Voucher from The Robin Hood; Planter from Prestbury Garden Centre; Voucher from Peak View

Tearooms; Prize from Random Apple Company; Prize from the Tytherington Club; Sweets Hamper from Swizzels Matlow; MADs Theatre Tickets; 12 jars of jams and chutneys from Mrs Darlington's; Arrangement from Loose Leaf Flower School; Cat and Fiddle Whiskey Distillery Tour Tickets plus many more!

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

May God give you the grace to become the people he has called you to be, that you may live and work to his praise and glory. **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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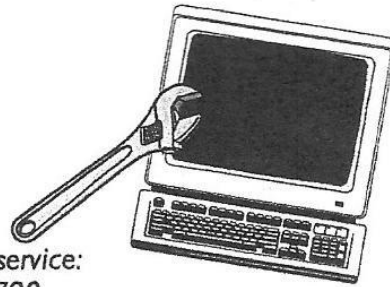
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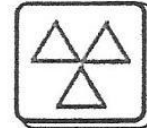
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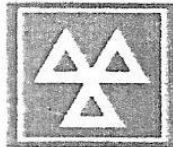
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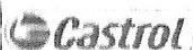
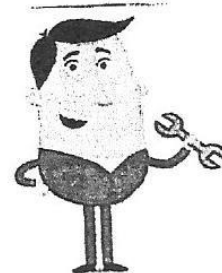
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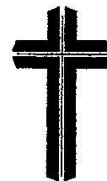


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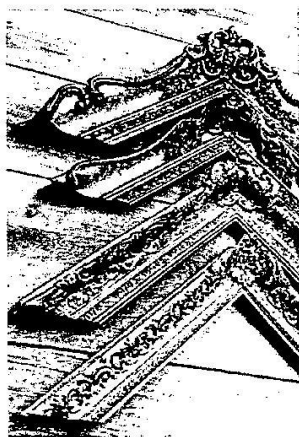
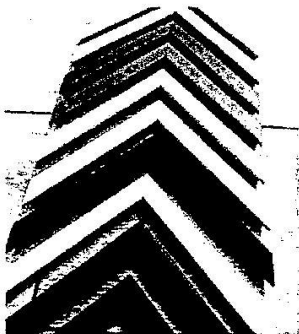
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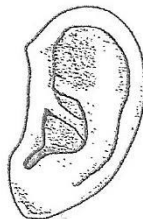
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