St Thomas' Church Henbury and Broken Cross Sunday 17 November – Sunday Next Before Advent

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

Sunday 24 November - Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. - Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig

Sunday 1 December – Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. - Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig

Sunday 1 December – Christingle 4 p.m.- at St John's



Sunday 8 December – Christingle All Age Service 11.00 a.m.

Sunday 15 December – Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. - Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig

Sunday 22 December – Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. - Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig

Sunday 22 December – Nine Lessons and Carols 6.30 p.m. – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant

Sunday 22 December 6.30 p.m. - Carol Service at St John's

Tuesday 24 December 4 p.m. – Crib Building Service at St Thomas' – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Roy Waller

Tuesday 24 December 4 p.m. – Crib Building Service at St John's Tuesday 24 December 11 p.m. – Midnight Communion – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig

Wednesday 25 December 10.00 a.m. – Christmas Communion at St John's – 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

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 three weeks' services: Sunday 3 November – All Saints https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DPaqv9ZIF6w

Sunday 10 November – Remembrance Sunday We are sorry but due to technical difficulties there is no recording of this service.

Other Events

Tuesday 12 November Mothers' Union – St Thomas Church Hall – 10 a.m. – 12 noon

Wednesday 13 November - 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 13 November – Recharge – our new, relaxed, midweek service at St Thomas' Church Hall 12.00 – 1.30 p.m.

Thursday 14 November – Little Angels Mums and Tots Group at St Thomas' Church Hall 9.30-11.00 a.m. £1 per child

Friday 15 November - C.A.M.E.O. (Come And Meet Each Other) at St Thomas' Church Hall 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Wednesday 20 November – 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 Thursday 21 November– Little Angels Mums and Tots Group at St Thomas' Church Hall 9.30-11.00 a.m. £1 per child

Wednesday 27 November – 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 27 November – Recharge – our new, relaxed, midweek service at St John's Church 12.00 – 1.30 p.m.

Thursday 28 November – Little Angels Mums and Tots Group at St Thomas' Church Hall 9.30-11.00 a.m. £1 per child

Wednesday 4 December – 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

Thursday 5 December – Little Angels Mums and Tots Group at St Thomas' Church Hall 9.30-11.00 a.m.

Tuesday 10 December - Mothers' Union - St Thomas Church Hall - 10 a.m. - 12 noon

Wednesday 11 December – 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 11 December – Recharge – our new, relaxed, midweek service at St Thomas' Church 12.00 – 1.30 p.m.

Thursday 12 December – Little Angels Mums and Tots Group at St Thomas' Church Hall 9.30-11.00 a.m. £1 per child

Friday 13 December – Joint C.A.M.E.O. (Come And Meet Each Other) Christmas Party at St John's 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Saturday 14 December – Rum & Coffee morning at St Thomas' Church Hall-10.00 a.m.

Wednesday 18 December – 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 Thursday 19 December– Little Angels Mums and Tots Group at St Thomas' Church Hall 9.30-11.00 a.m. £1 per child

Rota for Readers, Intercessors and Sidepersons

Date	First Reading	Second Reading	Intercessor	Sidesperson
Sunday 17	Jacky Toms	Bob Toms	Tony	Tony Dewdney
November	Daniel 12.1-	Hebrews	Dewdney	
2 nd before Advent	3	10.11-14,19-		
		25		
Sunday 24	Laura	Roy Waller	Di Waller	Christine
November	Watson	Revelation		Glynn
Next before Advent	Daniel 7.9-	1.4b-8		
Christ the King	10,13,14			

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 Second Sunday before Advent

Daniel 12:1-3 - New International Version

12 "At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered. ² Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ Those who are wise^[a] will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25 - New International Version

¹¹ Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. ¹⁴ For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Mark 13.1-8 - New International Version

13 As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!"

- ² "Do you see all these great buildings?" replied Jesus. "Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down."
- ³ As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ "Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?"
- ⁵ Jesus said to them: "Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁶ Many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and will deceive many. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. ⁸ Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.

For our Prayers

The Sick: John Louca, Anthony Westnedge, Dylan Belt, Melissa, Jane Burghall, Christina Klatsia, Michael Louca, Keith Littler, Mike Moore, Alison Clark, Malcolm Clark, Jean Osborne, Ida Walsh, and David Harrison.

RIP: Lynne Bostock and Glenys Crabtree.

The Collect

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn of the Week

1 Fight the good fight with all your might, Christ is your strength and Christ your right. Lay hold on life, and it shall be your joy and crown eternally.

2 Run the straight race through God's good grace; lift up your eyes, and seek his face.

Life with its way before us lies;

Christ is the path and Christ the prize.

3 Cast care aside, lean on your guide; his boundless mercy will provide. Lean, and the trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life and Christ its love.

4 Faint not, nor fear, his arms are near; he changes not, and you are dear. Only believe, and you will see that Christ is Lord eternally.

John Samuel Bewley Monsell

Can you Help? - Breakfast Church

You may have heard we have an exciting new Sunday service - Breakfast Church -



which starts in the New Year - January 5th at 9.30 a.m. to be precise. It will be in addition to our usual 11 a.m. service and will be aimed predominantly at families - although everyone is welcome to come along. The service will take place in the Church Hall around small tables and the service will be very relaxed. Simon and his staff team have been working very hard to

prepare for the launch of this new venture, but we also need your help please. We are looking for a couple of people to help with catering. Breakfast will be cups of tea or coffee, juice for the children and some croissants, toast, jam and marmalade. Ruth Bessant has very kindly offered to lead a catering team to provide the catering, but she will need If you think you might be able to help, please contact us on sthomashenbury@aol.com or speak to Simon (07957211319, Ruth, Andrea (07366561955) or Linda (01625 424505). Thank you!

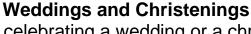
Would you like to play a part in the running of your Church?

Lesley Brown has done a wonderful job as our Treasurer (and much more) for the last seven years. However, as some of you may already know, Lesley is stepping down from this role in the New Year. Lesley has managed the finances of the Church, as well as organising the lettings of the Church Hall. We realise that not everyone is able to undertake such a commitment, so we have broken down her various jobs in the hope that someone might take on one or more of these roles. They are:

- book keeping
- 2. paying bills and reconciling the bank account
- 3. managing the church's investments
- 4. counting and banking the money received each week
- 5. Managing the bookings for the Church Hall

If you think you might have the skills to take on one or more of these areas, or would like more details, please contact Simon (07957211319, Linda (01625 424505) or Lesley 07789 744473

or email stthomashenbury@aol.com or lesley-brown@hotmail.co.uk





Are you celebrating a wedding or a christening in 2024 or 2025? 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

All About November Quiz

- 1. Nov 1st is All Saints' Day, but what is its alternative name?
- 2. On 4th Nov 1922, whose tomb was found in Egypt?
- 3. What was the name given to Nov 11th in 1918?
- 4. Which wide, important canal opened on 17th Nov 1869?
- 5. Which 'Iron Lady' resigned in Nov 1990?
- 6. Which Patron Saint's Day is on Nov 30th?
- 7. A famous sailing ship arrived in Cape Cod in America in November 1620. What was its name?
- 8. Which Henry was crowned King of England on 6th Nov 1429?
- 9. Who wrote 'Kidnapped' and was born on Nov 13th 1850?
- 10. Which English city, along with its cathedral, was bombed on 14th-15th Nov 1940?

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

Memorial Garden

We are pleased to say that work has now begun on the refurbishment of the Memorial Garden. How long it will take will depend on the weather and the contractor. Thank you for your patience with this matter.

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

Other News

Road Closures - Advance Notice

NOTICE OF TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC VARIOUS ROADS

WITHIN GAWSWORTH/SUTTON Prohibition of traffic- WOODHOUSE END ROAD. GAWSWORTH From the junction of London Road to the junction of Cowbrook Lane LONDON ROAD, GAWSWORTH From the junction of Leek Road to outside The Lodge LEEK ROAD, GAWSWORTH From the junction of London Road to outside Nook View RADCLIFFE ROAD, SUTTON For its full extent For diversions and specific dates please visit one.network Location Map https://one.network/?tm=139708993 This order will come into operation on Tuesday 29th October 2024 and will continue in force for 18 months or for such less time as is necessary to complete the work to be executed in the highway, although it is anticipated that the works will be completed by Friday 28th March 2025. Cheshire East proposes to temporarily prohibit traffic in the following length of road:-Congleton Road, Gawsworth Ward, Gawsworth, SK119EW from Gawsworth Methodist Church to the junction of Forge Close. The alternative route will be via the following streets: - Congleton Road, Park Lane, Park Lane Roundabout, Park Street, Mill Lane, Hibel Road, Churchill Way Roundabout, Churchill Way, King Edward Street, Chester Road, Cumberland Street Roundabout, Ivy Road Roundabout, Broken Cross, Broken Cross Roundabout, Chelford Road, Church Lane, Manchester Road, Wolstenholme Elmy Way, Macclesfield Road, School Lane Location Map - https://one.network/?tm=140371360 Pedestrian access to any premises situated within the temporary closure will be maintained at all times. Cyclists will be required to dismount in order for access to be maintained. Vehicular access will be maintained for emergency vehicles and residents where possible. The closure is necessary for works to be carried out by Cheshire East It is anticipated that the works will take place on the following date(s): Thursday 21st November 2024 to Saturday 23rd November 2024. This notice will become operative on Thursday 21st November 2024 for a period of 21 days or for such less time as is necessary to enable the works to be completed, and may be extended by a further 21 days if necessary.



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

Broken Cross Dementia Club

Broken Cross Methodist Church hosts 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 40244

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 SK1 1 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.

The Hope Centre

The Hope Centre has been serving the people of Macclesfield for 13 years now. We are a community café and have a good selection of gifts and cards for every occasion. There is in addition a 'Pay Forward' scheme, to help feed people who are struggling.

We are launching our café on Monday 11 November. It will have a new name – The Well – a new menu and new opening times. Come along, taste and see.

New opening times: Mon – Fri 8 a.m. – 2.30 p.m. Saturday 10.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.

Closing Prayer

God of all power and might, give us grace to trust you in the darkness as well as in the light. In the face of danger and adversity be our strength and hope, that we may live and work to your praise and glory. **Amen.**

David Adam

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**/<u>lesley-brown@hotmail.co.uk</u>
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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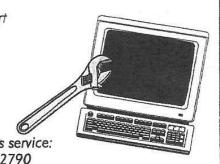
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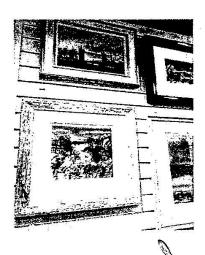
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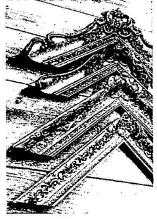
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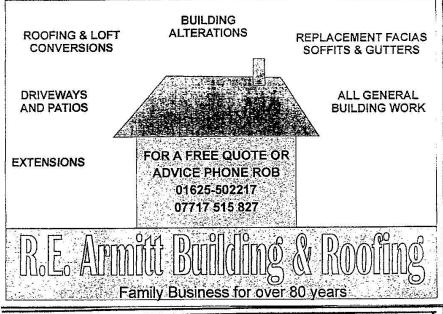
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