

St Thomas' Church Henbury and Broken Cross

Sunday 11 May – 4th Sunday after 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

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Coming Up

Worship

**Sunday 4 May 9.30 a.m. – Breakfast Church in St Thomas' Parish
Hall – a relaxed family-oriented service – Rev. Canon Simon**

Bessant, Andrea Fitton and Linda Craig

**Sunday 4 May 9.30 a.m. – Holy Communion Easter 3 – Rev. Chris
Scargill **at St John's Church****

**Sunday 4 May 11.00 a.m. – Holy Communion – Easter 3 – Rev.
Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig**

**Saturday 10 May 3.30 p.m. – 5 p.m. – Messy Church **at St John's
Church****

**Sunday 11 May 9.30 a.m. - Breakfast Church **at St John's Church
Hall** – a relaxed family-oriented service – Rev. Canon Simon
Bessant, Andrea Fitton and Linda Craig**

**Sunday 11 May 11.00 a.m. - Holy Communion – Easter 4 – Rev.
Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig**

Wednesday 14 May Recharge – our relaxed, midweek service at St Thomas' Parish Hall 12.00 – 1.30 p.m.

Sunday 18 May - Holy Communion – Easter 5 – Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig – Preacher Rev. Martin Stephens

Sunday 25 May 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion — Easter 6 - Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig – **please note this service will be followed by St Thomas' APCM at 12.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This meeting is open to all. It is our equivalent of an Annual General Meeting.**

Wednesday 28 May - Recharge – our relaxed, midweek service at **St John's Church 12.00 – 1.30 p.m.**

Sunday 1 June 9.30 a.m. - Breakfast Church at St Thomas' Parish Hall – a relaxed family-oriented service – Andrea Fitton and Linda Craig

Sunday 1 June 11.00 a.m. - Holy Communion — Sunday after Ascension Day

Sunday 8 June 11.00 a.m. – Holy Communion – Pentecost - Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig

Wednesday 25 June - Recharge – our relaxed, midweek service at **St John's Church 12.00 – 1.30 p.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 (apart from the Second Sunday in each month, which is Breakfast Church at St John's at 9.30 a.m.). 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 recent services

Sunday 20 April – Easter Sunday - we are sorry but due to circumstances beyond our control there is no recording of this service

Sunday 27 April – Holy Communion – we are sorry but due to circumstances beyond our control there is no recording of this service

Other Events

Wednesday 7 May – Sunbeams Mums and Tots Group at St John's 10 a.m.–11.30. One hour play, 15 mins snack time, 15 mins circle time £2

**Thursday 8 May – Little Angels Mums and Tots Group at St Thomas’
Church Hall 9.30-11.00 a.m. £1 per child**

**Wednesday 14 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**

**Thursday 15 May - Little Angels Mums and Tots Group at St Thomas’
Parish Hall 9.30-11.00 a.m.**

**Friday 16 May - C.A.M.E.O. (Come And Meet Each Other) at St Thomas’
Parish Hall 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.**

**Wednesday 21 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**

**Thursday 22 May – Little Angels Mums and Tots Group at St Thomas’
Parish Hall 9.30-11.00 a.m.**

**Sunday 25 May St Thomas’ APCM – 12.30 p.m. after coffee – all our
welcome. This is the equivalent of our Annual General Meeting**

**Wednesday 4 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 6 June – C.A.M.E.O. (Come And Meet Each Other) at St Thomas’
Parish Hall 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.**

**Wednesday 11 June – Recharge – our relaxed, midweek service at St
Thomas’ Parish Hall 12.00 – 1.30 p.m.**

**Friday 20 June - C.A.M.E.O. (Come And Meet Each Other) at St Thomas’
Parish Hall 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.**

Opportunities to help Manage our Church – Churchwardens and PCC members

Our annual Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting, which is open to everyone on the electoral roll for either the church or the civil parish, will take place on 25 May after the service. At this meeting, Bob will be standing down as our Churchwarden. He has done a sterling job as Churchwarden for the last 5 years, and for much of this time, he has been the sole church warden – most churches have two churchwardens. Would anyone like to consider taking on this role? There are nomination forms at the back of the church, and if you’d like to find out more about what is involved, please have a chat with Bob, Simon, or Linda.

Our churchwarden is supported by the PCC, which is currently made up of 7 individuals, who meet every other month and make decisions about the management of the church. There are vacancies for several other people to become PCC members if they so wish. Nominations are at the back of the church and, if you’d like to find out more about what is involved, please have a chat with Bob, Simon, or Linda.

For our Prayers

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

RIP: David Harrison, Glenys Harding.

Interment of ashes – Graham Raftery, Rachel Clayton

Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43 New International Version

³⁶ In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. ³⁷ About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. ³⁸ Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!"

³⁹ Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

⁴⁰ Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. ⁴² This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Peter stayed in Joppa for some time with a tanner named Simon.

Revelation 7.9-17

⁹ After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

¹¹ All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying:

"Amen!

Praise and glory
and wisdom and thanks and honor
and power and strength
be to our God for ever and ever.

Amen!"

¹³ Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?”

¹⁴ I answered, “Sir, you know.”

And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ Therefore,

“they are before the throne of God
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne
will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶ ‘Never again will they hunger;
never again will they thirst.

The sun will not beat down on them, ^[a]
nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷ For the Lamb at the center of the throne
will be their shepherd;

‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’ ^[b]

‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’ ^[c]”

John 10:22-30 New International Version

²² Then came the Festival of Dedication ^[a] at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon’s Colonnade. ²⁴ The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.”

²⁵ Jesus answered, “I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father’s name testify about me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all ^[b]; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one.”

The Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Christian Aid Week

Christian Aid week 2025 is 11th - 17th May. As usual, we will be donating any contributions for refreshments after church on 11 May and 18 May to Christian Aid. Contributions towards CAMEO in May will also be donate to this charity.

There will also be envelopes available at the back of Church for donations and, if you wish to contribute online please click on the link below:

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Weddings and Christenings

Are you celebrating a wedding or a christening in 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

MAY ROTA

DATE	1ST READING	2ND READING	INTERCESSOR	SIDE PERSON
11.5.25 Fourth Sunday after Easter	Acts 9.36- 43 Judith Dewdney	Revelation 7.9-17 Jackie Booth	tbd	Christine Glynn
18.5.25 Fifth Sunday after Easter	Acts 11.1- 18 Anne Brown	Revelation 21.1-6 Janet Tute	tbd	Lawrie Brown
25.5.25 Sixth Sunday after Easter	Acts 16.9- 15 Laura Watson	Revelation 21.10, 22- 22.5 Bob Toms	Andrea Fitton	Colin Marlow

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

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
Well done Harry! - Sponsorship



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Our very own Harry Newton successfully completed the Manchester Marathon on Sunday 27 April in a time of 6 hours 21 minutes and 10 seconds. A fantastic achievement. If you would like to support Harry in his

fundraising for the Christie charity, there is still time for you to donate via the link below.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/harry-newton?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=015

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 4024

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

Good and gracious God, be our shepherd and our guide:
lead us out of darkness and death and into life and light eternal;
deliver us from evil,

guide us into the ways of goodness and peace, and when we wander bring us
back to you and your love.

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: **Janet** on **07709701732** or janettute@googlemail.com

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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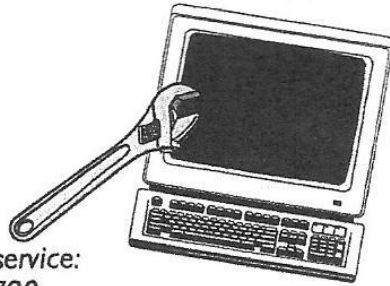
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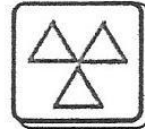
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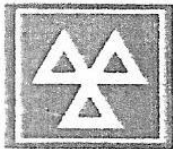
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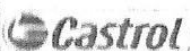
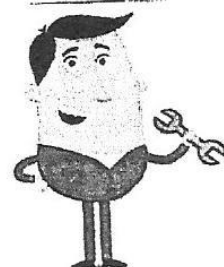
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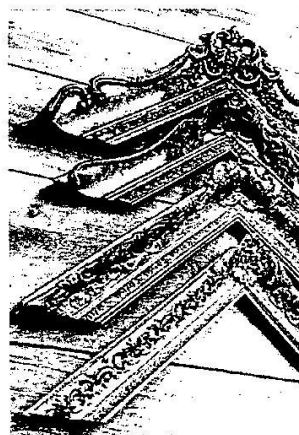
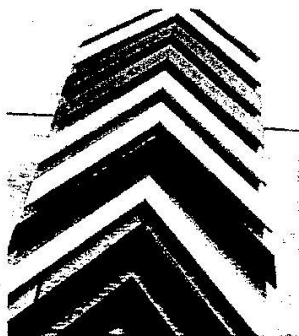
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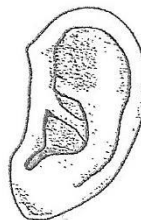
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