

St Thomas' Church Henbury and Broken Cross
Sunday 13 April 2025 – Palm Sunday
*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

Wednesday 9 April Recharge – our relaxed, midweek service at St Thomas' Church 12.00 – 1.30 p.m.

Sunday 13 April 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 13 April 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion — Palm Sunday - Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig

Thursday 17 April 7.30 p.m. Maundy Thursday – Joint Agape Service **at St John's**

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

Friday 18 April – Good Friday Service

**Saturday 19 April 8 p.m. – Easter Eve Service – Rev. Chris Scargill,
Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig at St John's**

**Sunday 20 April 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion – Easter Sunday –
Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig**

**Wednesday 23 April - Recharge – our relaxed, midweek service at
St John's Church 12.00 – 1.30 p.m.**

Sunday 27 April 11.00 a.m. – Holy Communion – Easter 2

**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**

**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' Church 12.00 – 1.30 p.m.**

**Sunday 18 May - Holy Communion – Easter 5 – 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 (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 16 March – Celebration Christening – no recording

Sunday 23 March – Third Sunday of Lent

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4nmyUaOEn5s>

Sunday 30 March – Mothering Sunday

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OaHIF_Rx77o

Sunday 6 April – Fifth Sunday after Lent

Other Events

Tuesday 8 April - Mothers' Union Deanery Lenten Lunch – St Thomas Parish Hall – 11.30 for 12 noon – Soup and a roll plus a hot drink and cake. £5. Tickets available from Di Waller (01625 827763) or Lynne Hibbert.

Wednesday 9 April – Recharge – our relaxed, midweek service at St Thomas' Parish Hall 12.00 – 1.30 p.m.

Thursday 10 April 7 p.m. – Open Meeting re Proposed Changes to the Anglican Churches in Macclesfield in the Parish Hall. More details re the plans are contained in this newsletter.

Friday 11 April - C.A.M.E.O. (Come And Meet Each Other) at St Thomas' Church Hall 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. (note change of week due to Easter and Rev. David Harrison's funeral)

Wednesday 23 April – 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 23 April – Recharge – our relaxed, midweek service at St John's Church 12.00 – 1.30 p.m.

Thursday 24 April - Little Angels Mums and Tots Group at St Thomas' Parish Hall 9.30-11.00 a.m.

Wednesday 30 April - 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 1 May – Little Angels Mums and Tots Group at St Thomas' Parish Hall 9.30-11.00 a.m.

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

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For our Prayers

Christenings: We welcome into God's family Evie and Millie who were christened at St Thomas' Church on 16 March by Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Teddy who was also christened by Simon on the same day at St John's.

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

RIP: Dorothy Matthews, David Harrison, Brenda Walker (mother of Kerry McGuigan)

Readings for Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a

New International Version

⁴ The Sovereign Lord has given me a well-instructed tongue,
to know the word that sustains the weary.

He wakens me morning by morning,
wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.

⁵ The Sovereign Lord has opened my ears;
I have not been rebellious,
I have not turned away.

⁶ I offered my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard;
I did not hide my face
from mocking and spitting.

⁷ Because the Sovereign Lord helps me,
I will not be disgraced.

Therefore have I set my face like flint,
and I know I will not be put to shame.

⁸ He who vindicates me is near.
Who then will bring charges against me?
Let us face each other!

Who is my accuser?
Let him confront me!

⁹ It is the Sovereign Lord who helps me.
Who will condemn me?

Philippians 2:5-11 New International Version

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in very nature^[a] God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷ rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature^[b] of a servant,

being made in human likeness.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Luke 19:28-40

New International Version

²⁸ After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ³⁰ “Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’”

³² Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?”

³⁴ They replied, “The Lord needs it.”

³⁵ They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

³⁷ When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

³⁸ “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”^[a]

“Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”

⁴⁰ “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

The Collect for Palm Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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.



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

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DATE	WEEK	SERVICE	1ST READING	2ND READING	INTER- CESSOR	SIDE PERSON
13 April	2	Palm Sunday	Isaiah 50.4-9a Jackie Booth	Philippians 2.5-11 Anne Brown	Judith Dewdney	Lawrie Brown
18- April	n/a	Good Friday	Isaiah 52.13- 53.12 Monica Hough	Hebrews 10.16-25 Judith Dewdney	Linda Craig	Christine Glynn
20- Apr	3	Easter Day	Acts 10.34-43 Jacky Toms	1 Corinthians 15.19-26 Bob Toms	Simon & Linda	Christine Glynn
27- Apr	4	Easter 2	Acts 5.27.32 Judith Dewdney	Revelation 1.4-8 Janet Tute	Tony Dewdney	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

Hymn of the Week

Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty

1 Ride on, ride on in majesty
as all the crowds 'Hosanna!' cry:
through waving branches slowly ride,
O Saviour, to be crucified.

2 Ride on, ride on in majesty,
in lowly pomp ride on to die:
O Christ, your triumph now begin
with captured death, and conquered sin!

3 Ride on, ride on in majesty
the angel armies of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.

4 Ride on, ride on in majesty,
the last and fiercest foe defy:
the Father on his sapphire throne
awaits his own anointed Son.

5 Ride on, ride on in majesty,
in lowly pomp ride on to die:
bow your meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, your power and reign!

Jubilate Hymns version of Ride on, ride on in majesty Henry H Milman (1791 - 1868)

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CUYCxw0quuQ>

Sad News

It is with great sadness that we share the news that David Harrison, a much-loved former Vicar of St Thomas' Church, died peacefully in Macclesfield District General Hospital on Monday March 24th. David's funeral will take place at St Thomas' Church on Friday 25 April at 10.30 a.m. Our thoughts and prayers are with David's wife, Sue, his sons, Paddy and Sid and his grandchildren.



Mothers' Union Lenten Lunch

Macclesfield Mothers' Union will be holding a Lenten Lunch at Henbury Parish Hall on Tuesday, 8th April at 12.30 p.m. Tickets are £5 each and are available from Di Waller, and Lynne Hibbert. This event is open to anyone, not just MU members. Please come along and support us. Money raised will go to MU fundraising.

Open Meeting re the Proposed Reorganisation of Anglican Churches in Macclesfield

Over the last year or so, there has been a lot of work going on behind the scenes considering various ways in which we might strengthen the Anglican Church in Macclesfield.

There are 9 churches in the town and the following proposal, which aims to utilise available resources more effectively, has been put forward.

The town's churches would be reorganised into 4 parishes, each with a specific focus:

1. St Michael's - Rev Martin Stephens – Civic Church
2. Holy Trinity Hurdsfield – Rev. James Gibson – Family Worship
3. St John's, the Church of the Resurrection (Upton Priory) and St Barnabas – vicar to be appointed – focus on estates' ministry
4. St Thomas', All Saints and St Peter's – vicar to be appointed – focus on traditional worship and pastoral care

There will be an Open Meeting at St Thomas' Parish Hall (Church Lane Henbury SK11 9NN) **on Thursday April 10th at 7 p.m.** to discuss these proposals and ask questions. The PCC members at St Thomas' will then vote on this proposal.

All are welcome to attend the meeting, although only members of the PCC will be eligible to vote.

Spring/Easter Quiz

1. How many Easter eggs are bought and consumed in the UK each year?
2. When was the first Easter egg created?
3. Which country does Easter Island belong to?
4. How many eggs have gone into the world's largest omelette?
5. The world's tallest ever chocolate easter egg was approximately how tall? a) 8 metres b) 9 metres c) 10 metres
6. What animal delivers Easter eggs on Easter Sunday?
7. What is a modern-day, 'digital' easter egg?
8. What goes on the top of a simnel cake?
9. Who is always late in Alice in Wonderland? t
10. Judy Garland and Fred Astaire starred in which 1948 springtime film?

Answers to last time's quiz: Rodney King 2. Australia 3. The World Cup trophy 4. Youngest winner 5. Spitfire 6. Nevada and Arizona 7. Hampton Court Palace 8. France 9. Jane Birkin 10. New Jersey

A great big thank you to everyone who has sent in contributions to the newsletter over the last five 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

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

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.

Macclesfield Methodist Community Choir – St John's Passion

The Macclesfield Methodist Community Choir will be performing the St John's Passion on **Friday 18 April** at 7.30 p.m. There will be a retiring collection in aid of the East Cheshire Hospice and Medical Aid for Palestine.

Easter Activities – St Michael's Church

There will be Easter activities at St Michael's Church on **Saturday 19 April** from 11 a.m. until 2.30 p.m. Activities will include crafts, contemplative space, and the origins of Easter.

Closing Prayer

In the mystery of faith, touch our lives with the truth of the first Easter.

Help us to know that we are never alone.

Help us to know goodness is forever greater than evil: that light overcomes darkness.

Help us to know that your Spirit is deep within us.

Help us to know that this is the day you have made, and that, with all your people, we can truly rejoice in it. 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. Many thanks to Janet for taking on this role.

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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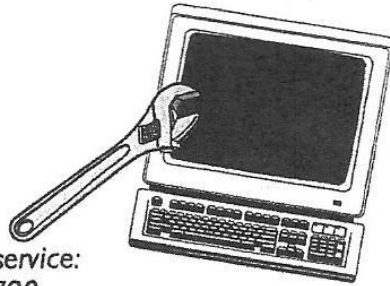
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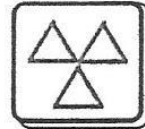
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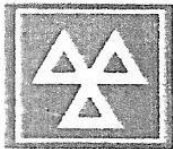
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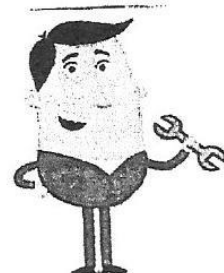
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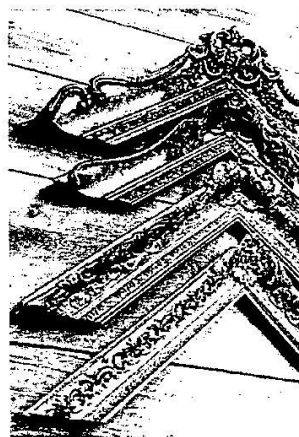
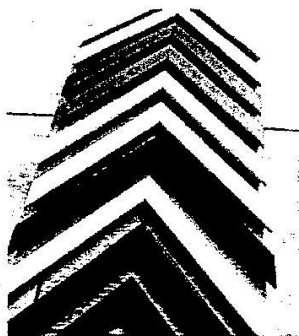
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