

**St Thomas' Church Henbury and Broken Cross  
Sunday 27 April 2025 – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

**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**

**Sunday 25 May 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion — Easter 6 - Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig**

**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' Church Hall – a relaxed family-oriented service – Andrea Fitton and Linda Craig**

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

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](mailto:lawrobinson@btinternet.com) or [stthomashenbury@aol.com](mailto: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 6 April – Fifth Sunday after Lent

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qm6m97W\\_UI4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qm6m97W_UI4)

Sunday 13 April – Breakfast Church – Easter Theme

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eB5N57cFgY0>

### **Other Events**

**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.**

**Sunday 27 April- St John's APCM 11.00 a.m. at St John's**

**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**  
**Wednesday 14 May – Recharge – our relaxed, midweek service at St**  
**Thomas’ Parish Hall 12.00 – 1.30 p.m.**  
**Friday 16 May - C.A.M.E.O. (Come And Meet Each Other) at St Thomas’**  
**Church 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**  
**Sunday 25 May St Thomas’ APCM – 12.30 p.m. after coffee**  
**Wednesday 4 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’**  
**Church Hall 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.**

### **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, Ida Walsh, Carolyn Andrew.

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

### **Gospel Reading for the Second Sunday of Easter**

#### **John 20:19-31 New International Version**

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus<sup>[a]</sup>), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here;

see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

<sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe<sup>[b]</sup> that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

### **The Collect for the Second Sunday of Easter**

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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](mailto:stthomashenbury@aol.com)

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<b>DATE</b>	<b>WEEK</b>	<b>SERVICE</b>	<b>1ST READING</b>	<b>2ND READING</b>	<b>INTER- CESSOR</b>	<b>SIDE PERSON</b>
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](mailto:tjdewdney@talktalk.net)

### **Thank You - Mothers' Union Lenten Lunch**

Macclesfield Deanery Mothers' Union would like to thank everyone who supported our recent Lenten Lunch which raised £250. This money will go towards one of our MU projects. *Di Waller*.

### **David Harrison's Funeral**



David will be received into St Thomas' Church at 4 p.m. on Thursday 24 April, when a short service will be held. 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.

### **Open Meeting re the Proposed Reorganisation of Anglican Churches in Macclesfield**

At the above-mentioned meeting, the PCC at St Thomas' voted to accept the proposed changes as listed below:

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

We now await the decisions of the PCCs of all the other churches involved.

### **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](mailto:stthomashenbury@aol.com)**





## **Other News**

### **Harry Newton - Sponsorship**

Harry Newton from St Thomas' Church will be running The Manchester Marathon next Sunday, 27 April. If you would like to support Harry in his fundraising for the Christie charity, please click on the link below and inspire him to keep going in those last few miles when the going gets tough.

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/harry-newton?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL&utm\\_campaign=015](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.

### **Working Party on the Millennium Green Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup> 2025**

Spring has well and truly sprung and the Green has fresh new growth and buds.

But now it's time to get ready for Summer!

So can you come to help please to lend a hand?

There's lots to do to be sure the Green is at its best for everyone to use

1. Continuing to remove grass to widen the path back to its original width so two people can walk side by side and which is more wheelchair and pushchair friendly. (Spades)
2. Clearing wayward growth of blackthorn near to the top hedge (Loppers / secateurs)
3. Oiling the buzzard by the gate (Oil supplied)
4. Sanding parts of the play area to ensure they are smooth (Elbow Grease)
5. Cutting back growth on the edge of the woodland areas around the 'new' fruit trees. (Loppers/secateurs)

So, this year, if you can spare a couple of hours to give us a hand please, we'd love to see you, mums, dads and kids, anytime between 9.30 and noon on Saturday April 26th.

Warm clothes, wellies and gardening gloves recommended. We'll have some tools available but if you bring along a spade , loppers, secateurs, a rake that would be helpful.

With many thanks and best wishes

Your Henbury Millennium Green Trustees

### **Closing Prayer**

O loving Christ, who died upon the tree,  
each day and each night I remember your love.

In my lying down and in my rising up,  
in life and in death you are my health and my peace.  
Each day and each night I remember your forgiveness  
bestowed on me so gently and generously.  
Each day and each night may I be fuller in love to you.

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](mailto: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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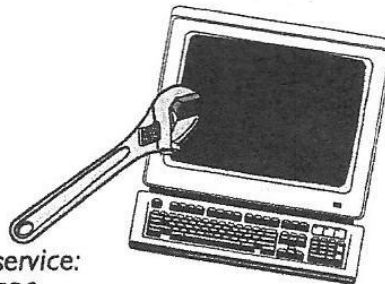
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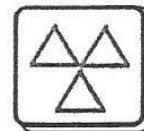
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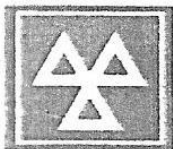


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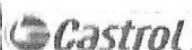
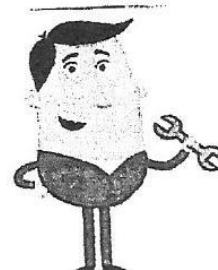
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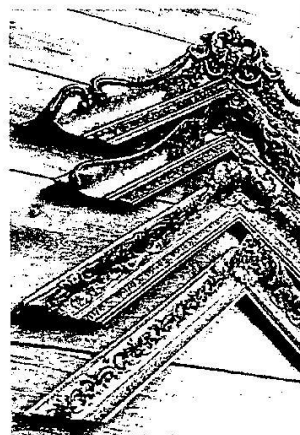
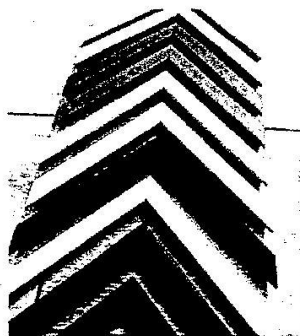
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