

St Thomas' Church Henbury and Broken Cross
Sunday 29 September – The Sixteenth 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/>



The Ecumenical Opening Service for the Season of Creation held at Dane's Moss on 1 September.

Coming Up

Worship

Sunday 15 September – 16th Sunday after Trinity – Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. - Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig

Sunday 22 September – 17th Sunday after Trinity – Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. - Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig

Sunday 29 September - 18th Sunday after Trinity – Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. - Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig

Sunday 7 October – 19th Sunday after Trinity – Holy Communion 11.00 a.m. - Rev. Canon Simon Bessant and Linda Craig

Sunday 14 October

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 18 August – Holy Communion – 12th Sunday after Trinity

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AIFRTL3uZFU>

Sunday 25 August - Holy Communion – 13th Sunday after Trinity

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lcG5rfNnNvo&t=1s>

Other Events

Thursday 12 September – Little Angels Mums and Tots Group at St Thomas' Church Hall 9.30-11.00 a.m.

Tuesday 17 September – M.A.S.T. Men at St Thomas' – Join us for a noggin and a natter – The Blacksmiths Arms 8.00 p.m.

Wednesday 18 September – 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 September – Little Angels Mums and Tots Group at St Thomas' Church Hall 9.30-11.00 a.m.

Friday 20 September - C.A.M.E.O. (Come And Meet Each Other) at St Thomas' Church Hall 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Wednesday 25 September - 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 25 September – Recharge – our new, relaxed, midweek service at St John's Church 12.00 – 1.30 p.m.

Thursday 26 September – Little Angels Mums and Tots Group at St Thomas' Church Hall 9.30-11.00 a.m.

Wednesday 2 October – 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 4 October - C.A.M.E.O. (Come And Meet Each Other) at St John's 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Thursday 3 October Thursday 19 September – Little Angels Mums and Tots Group at St Thomas' Church Hall 9.30-11.00 a.m.

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

Thursday 10 October Thursday 19 September – Little Angels Mums and Tots Group at St Thomas' Church Hall 9.30-11.00 a.m.

Tuesday 15 October – M.A.S.T. Men at St Thomas' – Join us for a noggin and a natter – The Blacksmiths Arms 8.00 p.m.

Wednesday 16 October – 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 17 October – Little Angels Mums and Tots Group at St Thomas' Church Hall 9.30-11.00 a.m.

Friday 18 October – Harvest Supper – St Thomas’ Parish Hall 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday 23 October - 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 October – Recharge – our new, relaxed, midweek service at St John’s Church 12.00 – 1.30 p.m.

Thursday 24 October Thursday 19 September – Little Angels Mums and Tots Group at St Thomas’ Church Hall 9.30-11.00 a.m.

Friday 25 October - C.A.M.E.O. (Come And Meet Each Other) at St Thomas’ Church Hall 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

The Launch of Little Angels

We had our first session of our new Mums and Tots Group – **Little Angels** – on Thursday 5 September. We had a lovely morning with the children and their carers. All are welcome – there is currently no charge for these sessions which are held on Thursday mornings during term-time from 9.30 a.m. until 11.00 a.m.

Recharge

Our other new initiative, **Recharge** – which is an informal style of midweek church at St Thomas’s Henbury Church Hall and St John’s Church Macclesfield begins on Wednesday 11 September at 12 noon in St Thomas’ Church Hall at Henbury. This will take the form of a gentle style of worship and group work followed by a simple lunch - drinks provided, bring your own sandwiches! 12.00 - 1.30 p.m. 2nd Wednesdays at St Thomas. 4th Wednesdays at St John’s. All are welcome!

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
Sunday 15 September Trinity 16	Proverbs 1.20-33 Jacky Toms	James 3.1-12 Bob Toms	Linda Craig	Janet Tute
Sunday 22 September Trinity 17	Proverbs 31.10-31 Jackie Booth	James 3.13 - 4.3,7-8a Roy Waller	Di Waller	Christine Glynn
Sunday 29 September Trinity 18	Esther 7.1- 6,9,10; 9.20- 22 Judith Dewdney	James 5.13- 20 Janet Tute	Tony Dewdney	Colin Marlow

Readings for the 16th Sunday after Trinity

Proverbs 1:20-33

New International Version

Wisdom's Rebuke

- ²⁰ Out in the open wisdom calls aloud,
she raises her voice in the public square;
²¹ on top of the wall^[a] she cries out,
at the city gate she makes her speech:
²² "How long will you who are simple love your simple ways?
How long will mockers delight in mockery
and fools hate knowledge?
²³ Repent at my rebuke!
Then I will pour out my thoughts to you,
I will make known to you my teachings.
²⁴ But since you refuse to listen when I call
and no one pays attention when I stretch out my hand,
²⁵ since you disregard all my advice
and do not accept my rebuke,
²⁶ I in turn will laugh when disaster strikes you;
I will mock when calamity overtakes you—
²⁷ when calamity overtakes you like a storm,
when disaster sweeps over you like a whirlwind,
when distress and trouble overwhelm you.
²⁸ "Then they will call to me but I will not answer;
they will look for me but will not find me,
²⁹ since they hated knowledge
and did not choose to fear the Lord.
³⁰ Since they would not accept my advice
and spurned my rebuke,
³¹ they will eat the fruit of their ways
and be filled with the fruit of their schemes.
³² For the waywardness of the simple will kill them,
and the complacency of fools will destroy them;
³³ but whoever listens to me will live in safety
and be at ease, without fear of harm."

James 3:1-12

New International Version

Taming the Tongue

- 3** Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. ²We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check.
³When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. ⁴Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot

wants to go. ⁵ Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. ⁶ The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷ All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, ⁸ but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

⁹ With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. ¹⁰ Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. ¹¹ Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? ¹² My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

Mark 8-27-38 New International Version

Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Messiah

²⁷ Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?"

²⁸ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."

²⁹ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Peter answered, "You are the Messiah."

³⁰ Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

Jesus Predicts His Death

³¹ He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

The Way of the Cross

³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life ^[b] will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷ Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

The Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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.

Hymn of the Week - All My Hope on God is Founded

All my hope on God is founded,
all my trust he shall renew;
he, my guide through changing order,
only good and only true:
God unknown, he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

Day by day our mighty giver
grants to us his gifts of love;
in his will our souls find pleasure,
leading to our home above:
love shall stand at his hand,
joy shall wait for his command.

Pride of man and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
all that human toil can fashion,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

Still from Earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done;
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son:
hear Christ's call, one and all –
we who follow shall not fall.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W3LCGh02Vew>

For our Prayers

Baptisms: We warmly welcome into God's family Aidan Andrew Benedict and Abigail Elizabeth Jane. Aidan and Abigail, who are cousins, were baptised at St Thomas' Church by the Rev. Chris Scargill on Sunday 8 September.

The Sick: John Louca, Anthony Westnedge, 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, Joyce Bostock and David Harrison.

RIP: Mary Taylor, Pat Wain, Eric Lysons and Margaret Duffield

Celebrations

Here is a photo from last Sunday morning's service at St John's when Linda was finally, formally licensed as a Reader there, as well as at St Thomas'.



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 stthomashenbury@aol.com

Quiz Questions
Can you identify all the famous landmarks below?



Answers to last week's quiz: 1. Crossword puzzle 2. Can't spell for toffee 3. Foul (fowl) language 4. Back seat driver 5. Undercover cop 6. Just between you and me 7. On the open road 8. Underground station 9. We're in the soup 10. Nice to see you

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

Clearing the Choir Vestry

Many thanks to everyone who worked so hard clearing the Choir Vestry last week. A lot of hard work was done, and a lot was achieved.

Memorial Garden

Apologies once again that the remedial work on the Memorial Garden has not yet begun, but the weather has not been suitable yet. We hope that the work can get underway soon and apologise for any inconvenience due to the delay. 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 stthomashenbury@aol.com

Other News

The Season of Creation

The Season of Creation is a worldwide, ecumenical event which runs from 1 September until 4 October this year.

It's aim is to raise awareness and take action in protecting our local and international environment.

10th September: Make do and mend rather than buying new. Find something that could be repaired and bring it to the Repair Café on Saturday 14 September at Macclesfield Community Centre, Duke Street SK11 6UR. More info email: repaircafe.macc@gmail.com

11th September: Litter Pick 6.00—7.00pm. All welcome. Picker equipment provided.

Meet at St. Michael's Church, Market Place SK10 1DY.

12th September: Reduce food waste by planning your meals and buying just what you need.

13th September: Whilst shopping select Fairtrade, plastic free & locally produced

products with low food miles. Have you shopped at Scoop and Scales Refill Shop at the Heritage Centre?. Find out more: <https://scoopandscales.co.uk>

14th September: River Bollin Clean Up 10.00am—3.00pm at Riverside Park SK10 2SL. Drop in and help clean up our local river.

Repair Café 10.00—2.00pm at Macclesfield Community Centre, Duke Street SK11

6UR.

Walk—Prestbury to Adlington 10.00am meet at St. Peter's Church, Prestbury SK10 4DG. Walk 4 miles to the sister church, along Middlewood Way and Canal.

15th September: Family Fun Afternoon with scavenger hunt, quizzes and games. 12.00 – 2.00pm in West Park. Meet at the Rangers Hut next to the Café.

Family Cycle Ride along the Middlewood Way. Meet at 12.30pm below Tesco Car Park SK10 2AB to cycle approx. 7 miles to Nelson's Pit for a picnic. Bring a packed lunch.

16th September: As we uphold the human right to food, clean drinking water and safe sanitation for all. Pray today for the people in the world who don't have access to these.

17th September: "Brilliant Bees" Talk 7.30pm. Learn about these amazing insects and the job of a beekeeper by Sallyann O'Dell, Bee Keeper at Tatton Park. At Macclesfield Methodist Church, Westminster Road SK10 1BX.

18th September: Litter Pick 6.00—7.00pm. All welcome. Picker equipment provided. Meet at St. Peter's Church, Windmill Street SK11 7HS.

19th September: Think about how you travel each day during the Season of Creation. Could any of your journeys be walked, cycled or by bus to reduce the use of our cars? Its good for our health too! Get your deliveries by electric cargo bike – eLOV Macclesfield find out more at: <http://elov.co.uk/about/>

20th September: Collect good quality clothes and take them to the One Project Stall in the Indoor Market. They also take your recycling. Find out more at: <http://Facebook/oneprojectmacclesfield>

21st September: Preloved under 5's Clothes and Toys event 11.00am—3.00pm Pay as you feel at St. Alban's Parish Centre, Chester Road, SK11 8DJ.

Family picnic and story telling around the campfire 5.30pm at Prestbury Nurseries, London Road SK10 4DY. Bring picnic food, stories and poetry to share.

22nd September: Creation Walk 2.00pm 3 mile walk to appreciate God's creation followed by a picnic of drinks and cakes. Meet at Clarke Lane, Bollington SK10 5AH.

Interactive Prayer Room 9am to 8pm everyday to 1 October at Holy Trinity Church, SK10 2PX.

23rd September: Remember we are part of God's creation and to take care of ourselves in the way God intended with compassion and care.

Interactive Prayer Room (web link to follow).

24th September: Take a break from consuming and buy nothing today.

Interactive Prayer Room (web link to follow).

25th September: Film: "Six Inches of Soil" 8.00—9.45pm Cinemac, Roe Street SK11 6UT. Inspiring story of British farmers standing up against industrial food system. Suggested donation £5.

Interactive Prayer Room (web link to follow).

26th September: “Getting to know your carbon footprint” Interactive Workshop 7.30pm with refreshments at St. Alban’s Parish Centre, Chester Road, SK11 8DJ
Interactive Prayer Room (web link to follow).

27 September: Take stock of what you’ve done so far. How are you getting on with listening to the Voice of Creation? What more could you do to take better care of God’s creation?

Interactive Prayer Room (web link to follow).

28th September: Open Green Spaces 10.00—1.00pm Come and see some of the green spaces we have created around Macclesfield and help out if you have time (map link to follow).

29th September: Treacle Market Come and join us at St. Michael’s for a drink and meet your new MP and discuss the importance of action on climate change.

Harvest Service at 9.30am Mass at St Alban’s Church, SK11 8JD. Bring some food items to donate for local people who would otherwise go hungry.

30th September: Pray for all those who have been affected by climate change, natural disasters and wars through injury, death of loved ones, loss of their homes or livelihoods.

Broken Cross Dementia Club



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

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 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.

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 who can set Creation free, show us his glory. May God who knows our groaning and crying, bring about new life, now and always. May God who helps us in our weakness, give us the first fruits of hope. And may the Triune God sprinkle into our hearts the dew of his grace and bless us all. 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**

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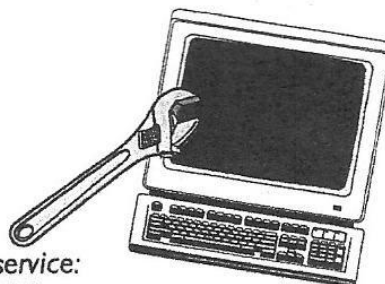
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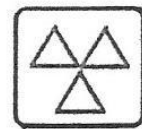
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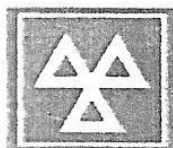
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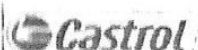
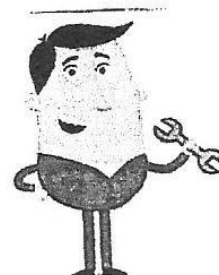
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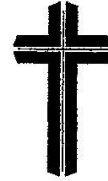


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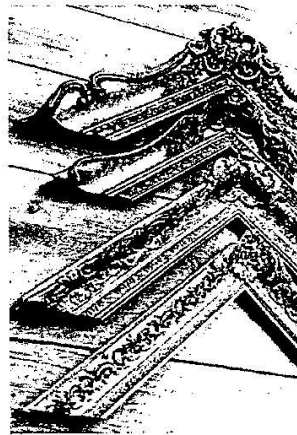
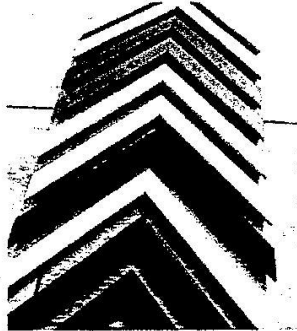
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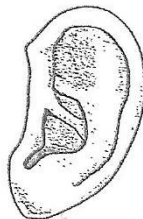
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