

**Welcome
to
St Thomas Church
Musbury**



Thank you for visiting St Thomas Church, Musbury

We hope you find this leaflet and the information contained within it useful, though please do not hesitate to ask a steward or contact the clergy or churchwardens for further information. Their details can be found on the back cover.

All the information continued within this leaflet can be found on our website:-

www.stthomasmusbury.co.uk

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St Thomas Musbury

Our Church is Your Church and it is for everyone; we are all part of God's family and we hope you will feel very welcome here.

Don't worry if your children move about or make a noise.

We are glad that you have brought them, if you need it, there is an area at the back of the Church with toys and books, so please visit whenever it is helpful.



We are committed to our Diocesan priorities of :

- Making Disciples
- Being Witnesses
- Growing Leaders
- Ministry to children, young people & schools

The human mind plans the way, but the LORD directs the steps.

PROVERBS 16.9

Weekly Services:-

Sunday

9.15am - Sung Eucharist

Every 2nd Sunday at 9.15am - Family Worship with
Uniformed Organisations

Every 2nd and 4th Sunday at 8.00am - Said Eucharist

On each 5th Sunday there is no 9.15am Service; rather there is
Group Worship with St James' & St Peter's at 10:30am
(see weekly bulletin for which Church the Service will be held at)

Every 1st Sunday of the month - BCP Holy Communion at 3.30pm

On all other Sundays of the month (except a 5th Sunday)
BCP Evening Prayer at 3.30pm

Sunday School meets most Sunday mornings in
Term Time at 9.15am.

All children of 3 years and upwards are very welcome to join us.

For more information contact

Elizabeth Watts on 07712 898360

email:- ewatts1404@googlemail.com

Thursday

10.00am - Said Eucharist

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals



To make arrangements please contact one of the clergy (*details on back page*).

The Church and Community

Our choir practise at St James' Haslingden takes place each Wednesday evening at 7:30pm, when both choirs come together.

New members welcomed.

*For further information contact Adrian van der Schans 01706 228796
or email:- adrianvds@aol.com*

We also have an active group of Bell Ringers, who ring every Sunday morning, if you would like to be involved *contact Fred Barlow for further information:- 01706 217620 or email:- fred.barlow@sky.com*

Carol Barlow is our Pastoral Care Co-ordinator. She can arrange visits for the sick at home or in hospital.

(contact Carol on 01706 217620 or email:- fred.barlow@sky.com)



We have a thriving Mothers Union Group, who meet every second Tuesday of the month

(times vary, contact Carol Barlow for more information - see details above)

We also have an Over 50's group, who meet on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month from 1:30pm to 3:30pm

*(for more information contact Hazel Warren 01706 217089
email:- warrenhcs@hotmail.com)*

St Thomas has close links with the Helmshore branch of the Royal British Legion and regularly holds acts of remembrance for those lost in conflict.



THE REFECTORY

The bright modern Refectory opens on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays and the final Saturday of every month between 11.00am and 2.00pm serving Soups, Sandwiches, Cakes, Tea and Coffee.

Open to everyone - ALL are Welcome

To book for private functions or meetings please contact :

Maggi Harris:- 01706 220378

email : maggi.harris@btinternet.com



Church Hall

Our Church Hall is available for functions, meetings and parties and on a daily basis is used by Helmsshore Little Stars nursery. Bookings can be made through Phil Shatliff on 01706 217354 or email:- pshatliff@aol.com

The Uniformed Organisations meet during term times on a weekly basis. If you are interested please contact:-



Scouts (Age 10½ to 14)

Church Hall - Wednesdays 7.30pm to 9.15pm
Contact - Gillian Howarth:- 01706 214490

Explorers

St Peter's Church Hall - Tuesdays
Contact - John Davey:- 01706 215203

Cubs (Age 8 to 10½)

Church Hall - Mondays 6.30pm to 8.00pm
Contact - Peter Charles:- 01706 211465

Beavers (Age 6 to 8)

Church Hall - Wednesdays 6.30pm to 7.45pm
Contact - Elizabeth Watts:- 07712 898360

Guides (Age 10-14)

Sunny Bank Social Club
Contact - Lianne Whaley:- 07964 165893

Brownies (Age 7 to 10)

Church Hall - Tuesdays
Contact - Sally Knot:- 07815 565849

Rainbows (Age 5 to 7)

Church Hall - Tuesdays
Contact - Helen Longworth:- 07779 580708



Why Musbury and not Helmshore?

Musbury is the Saxon-Danish name for the four square miles of a medieval deer park centered on the Tor and Alden Musbury and Ogden Valleys, which from 1311-1507 belonged to the Crown.

Helmshore was the name given to the fields alongside the River Ogden “within Musbury” where mill owners the Turners, who were the benefactors of the Church, built their first mill. The name Musbury virtually died out as a result and is only retained by the Tor and Church and of course Musbury Fabrics!

The Church was built in 1851 and Mr Turner intended it to cost £2,000 plus bells and accommodate 600 people. Even then this was impossible and eventually cost £2,500 without the South Isle. Much of the woodwork came from Manchester Cathedral and in 1895 the marble and ceramic-mosaic flooring of the Sanctuary was laid by Italian craftsmen to the design of a Roman Villa on the Mount of Olives.

The broach spire is 150 feet high which incorporates a clock and eight “Turner” Bells. The Tenor bell has the parents name inscribed and cast on the other seven are the names of the daughters.

In 1881 the first Bazaar was held raising a staggering £867, in the following years 1899 raised £888, 1912 £1,146 and 1935 £1,000!

The Church Hall was built in 1976 at a cost of £40,000 with its official opening on the 11th June 1977.

Contacts

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact

Associate Vicar

Father David Stephenson

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We are also assisted by our two **Self-Supporting priests** (SSM's)

The Reverend David Allsop

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The Reverend Judith Balkwell

Telephone:- 01706 223652

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You can always contact either of our **Churchwardens**

Lowri Cope:- 01706 215522
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Jack Aston:- 01706 210284
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Elizabeth Watts:- 07712 898360

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