

The Radcliffe Team Ministry

Parish of St Mary

and

Parish of St Thomas and St John with St Philip's Community Centre



NOTICES THIS WEEK

Sunday 31 March 2024
Easter Day

The masthead of these Notices commemorates the 160th year since the then church of St Thomas was consecrated – the second church on the site so dedicated.

Sunday

- 9:30am **Eucharist** at St Mary's –
president: Canon Dr Ian Jorysz:
followed by light refreshments
- 11:00am **Eucharist** at St Thomas and St John's –
president: Canon Dr Ian Jorysz:
followed by light refreshments.
We welcome Jim Needham playing the organ.



COVID Please maintain Covid-secure practices, staying away if you feel at all ill. Please remember that some people may be significantly at risk still and may value some space around themselves (including at The Peace). Please take up vaccination boosters when offered.

The week ahead

Wednesday (3rd) 10:00am **Team Service of the Word** at St Mary's; followed by light refreshments

Friday (5th) 10:15am (- 11:30) Following coffee, the **Team Lent Study Group** concludes on the theme "Watch and Pray". Booklets of reflections are available.
12 noon **Team Intercessions** at St TJ's, followed by bring-your-own-lunch eaten together if you wish to stay



Saturday (6th) 10:30am (- 12:30pm) **Saturday Cafe** at St TJ's, including Vestry Hour

Sunday (7th) **The Second Sunday of Easter**

- 9:30am **Service of the Word** at St Mary's; followed by light refreshments
- 11:00am **Service of the Word** at St Thomas and St John's; followed by light refreshments
*On your way in to church, your gifts of non-perishable food and toiletries will be received during the monthly in-gathering for **Porch Boxes***
- 12:30pm At St TJ's, a short meeting of the **PCC**


Please pray for ...

- **Prayers for healing:**
 - **St Mary's:** John Bridge, Denise Brophy, Barbara Cordener, Margaret Embrey, Ian Hepenstall, Pauline Holt, Peter Johnson, Malcolm Kirkpatrick, Harry Melling, Deb Tokaryk, Edna Vail, George Vail, Raymond Vernon, Betty Wynn
 - **St TJ and elsewhere:** Jennifer, Fay Atherton, Joan Atherton, Peter Bakhtiar, Carol Cain, Janis Cardwell, Tony Cardwell, Joan Davidson, Terry Dunning, Zohre Galati, Christine Head, Pascal Kagenza, Reza Monjezi, Jane Slade
 - **Those recently bereaved:** family and friends of Richard Holland

• **Those recalled in our Books of Remembrance:**

- **St Mary's:** Sylvia Grimes
- **St Thomas and St John's:** Dilys Jones, Wyn Gray (1st); Fred Burgess, Clara Fletcher, Revd Barry Newth (3rd); William Gillgrass Bowness, Hilda Chadwick, Thomas Hoyle (4th); Nellie Taylor, Mary Pimlott (6th)

Other Notices

Team Profile		Church Times
<p style="color: red;">As part of the process of recruiting new clergy to the Team, we are preparing a Team Profile that describes who we are and our ambitions for the future.</p> <p>Following a joint meeting of the Church Councils of St Mary's and of St Thomas and St John's to discuss this matter, the work is now going forward to match the thinking so far with the template provided by the Diocese for the document. It is being led at St Mary's by Jean Robinson and at St TJ's by Ken Smith. Please have a word with them if you can help in any way. Thanks too to Vicky Bridge and to Carol Smith, working on the necessary statistics.</p>		<p>To know what's happening in the Church of England, many read the "Church Times". It can be sampled online at churchtimes.co.uk, free of charge during March – afterwards behind a paywall. Postcards on the porch table (St TJ) give more details of subscribing. There's also a first come first served free copy to be seen there.</p>
Easter		Archdeacon's Visitation
<p>THANKS are given to all who have supported our Easter observances with extra duties, extra services, special flowers, donations, displays, catering, cleaning and in all other ways.</p>		<p>PLEASE take a look at the Easter displays in church as they illustrate and illuminate our resurrection faith. Glance too at the hymn book table (sound advice in general). You will find Easter-themed newspapers and child-oriented booklets, as well as always changing prayer material.</p>
Church Officers		
<p>Many Churches are in the same position as we are in the Team parishes. We lack a full complement of churchwardens, PCC Secretaries and Treasurers, PCC members and synod representatives. The Diocese has produced some video testimonies from people who overcome their reluctance and have found satisfaction in taking on these necessary lay roles. You can find them at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ophlidYz9D8&t=18s</p> <p>If you are interested in volunteering in those or other ways, please speak to Irene.</p>		
Easter Message from the Bishop of Manchester		
<p>In his Easter message, Bishop David reflects on these troubling times and the need for hope to endure, even in the most difficult of circumstances:</p> <p>"It was not long after my return to Manchester as bishop. I was queuing calmly at a tram stop when a couple of young boys let off a tear gas canister. Luckily, my tram arrived almost instantly and I was able to board it with minimal exposure. As it happens, the stop was not St Peter's Square, nor Piccadilly Station, it was a minute's walk from Israeli government buildings, as I took part in a diocesan trip to West Jerusalem. Far worse has happened in the land that Jesus trod in these last few months, much of it echoing the violence which exploded in his own century. It can be hard to be optimistic when we see and hear of children killed, hostages tortured, and homes bombed to obliteration.</p> <p>"Yet the Easter Story convinces me that, even when optimism rightly falters, hope can yet endure. The devastation of Good Friday is not where any of the gospel writers end their accounts. Violence does not get the last word, God does. When he raises Jesus to new life that first Easter Morning, he declares that love will ultimately triumph over hate and that good will defeat evil, even when human logic suggests otherwise.</p> <p>"That is the hope to which I will cling, and seek to live by, even in this most troubling of years, both for Jesus's homeland and across the globe.</p> <p>"To every one of all faiths and none, in our local area and around the world, I wish you all a blessed Easter."</p>		

Please supply future information to lesandkathleen@btinternet.com or to 0161 724 5696.

Current information may be found at <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/16096/> and <https://www.radcliffeparishchurch.com/>

For pastoral contact for baptisms, weddings or funerals, or with personal needs, please contact in the first instance Irene Thirkell, Focal Leader, on 07435 657865

Mission Community Prayers

In the coming week, the Churches of our Mission Community will be:

- * Giving thanks for the green spaces we are so lucky to have within our local communities, and around our individual Churches.
- * Giving thanks for all those within our Churches and local communities who care for our green spaces.
- * Praying for all of the Churches that have already begun their EcoChurch journey.
- * Praying that each Church will have someone who feels called to come forward as their EcoChurch Champion.
- * Praying for inspiration from the Holy Spirit as we seek to use our green spaces in our quest to grow, nurture and serve our congregations, and engage with different sections of our wider communities.
- * Praying that we would be good guardians of our green spaces and wider environment, for future generations.



At St Thomas & St John with St Philips

We have 3 ways to help your child to feel welcome in church
Just speak to someone at the back of church

For young children we have some

Baby Bags

Containing some soft toys and picture books



For toddler children we have

Play Packs

With story books and colouring sheets

In the Children's Corner at the back of church

There are some small quiet toys, some colouring pages and reading books.

You and your child are more than welcome

to enjoy using these resources during the service

PLEASE STAY WITH YOUR CHILD AT ALL TIMES



St Thomas & St John's Church with St Philip's
Fund Raising Event

Held in St Philip's Community Centre

11th May 2024 at 7.30pm

QUIZZ NIGHT

Teams of 4

Ticket Price £7.00pp includes

Pasty & Peas Supper

Available from The Fund Raising Team on
Saturday Coffee Morning 10.30am-12.30pm

at St Thomas & St John's Church

Or Phone Pauline on 07972 312788

