

<p style="text-align: center;">The Radcliffe Team Ministry</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Parish of St Mary</p> <p style="text-align: center;">and</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Parish of St Thomas and St John with St Philip's Community Centre</p>	
<h1>NOTICES THIS WEEK</h1>	<p><i>Sunday 13 July 2025</i></p> <p><i>Fourth Sunday after Trinity</i></p>

Sunday

All are welcome at God's table for communion or a blessing. If you receive communion in your own church, then please come to receive it here. In line with the policy of our Diocese, we ask you to refrain from intinction (dipping your wafer into the wine). If you are uncomfortable to receive wine from the common cup, be assured that Christ is fully present in both bread and wine. Receiving the consecrated bread alone conveys the full blessing of the sacrament. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please indicate this to the priest when you come to the communion rail.

- 9:30am **Eucharist** at St Mary's: President - Revd Adele McKie; Preacher – Revd Irene Thirkell; followed by light refreshments.
- 11:00am **Eucharist** at St Thomas and St John's: President - Revd Adele McKie; Preacher – Revd Irene Thirkell; followed by light refreshments.
- 12:30pm **Baptism** at St Thomas and St John's of Dylan Anthony Naylor and of Logan Jon Taylor; Officiant – Revd Adele McKie
- THANKS to all who supported the St Mary's Bake Sale last weekend raising £308.50.
- TODAY If you will be unavailable for normally rostered duties during August at St Thomas and St John's, please let Kathleen know.

The week ahead

- Tuesday (15th)** 7:30pm **Summer meeting** of Churches Together in Radcliffe at St Andrew's, Radcliffe
- Wednesday (16th)** 10:00am **Service of the Word** at St Mary's; followed by light refreshments
- Thursday (17th)** 10:00am **St John's School Leavers' service** at St TJ's
7:00pm **PCC Building Sub-Committee** at St TJ's
- Friday (18th)** 10:15am (- 11:30) Following coffee, **Team Friday Friends Study Group**, at St TJ's. All welcome as we continue a study in the Book of Esther.
12 noon **Team Intercessions** at St TJ's, followed by bring-your-own-lunch eaten together if you wish to stay
- Saturday (19th)** 10:30am (- 12:30pm) **Saturday Café** at St TJ's, including Vestry Hour

Sunday (20th)

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The Ministry of Healing will be offered during both morning services today: laying on of hands with prayer and anointing for yourself or a loved one

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- 12:30pm **Baptism** at St Thomas and St John's of Roman Christopher McClelland; Officiant – Revd Adele McKie

Please pray for ...

- **Prayers for healing:**

- **St Mary's:** Catherine, Steven, Andrew Baines, Helen Bardsley, Berenice Carey, Barbara Cordener, Colin Embrey, Margaret Embrey, Christine Firth, William Firth, Jennifer Garner, Chris Hollis, Pauline Holt, Terry Houlgrave, Malcolm Kirkpatrick, Harry Melling, Peter Savage, George Vail, Janice Wright
- **St TJ and elsewhere:** Bishop David, Archdeacon Rachel, Catherine, Pam, Fay Atherton, Joan Atherton, Paula Barrand, Carol Cain, Janis Cardwell, Tony Cardwell, Zohre Galati, Vicky Halstead, Marjorie Higham, Miriam Higham, Anthony Hill, Barry Sheehan, Jane Slade, Jackie Woodhall
- **Those recently bereaved:** family and friends of Erika

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

- **St Mary's:** Harry Pickles, Darren John Follis (16th)
- **St Thomas and St John's:** William Urmston, Joseph Eric Hill (13th); Norman Brown, Edna Urmston (14th); Clarice Crawshaw (15th); Sarah Elizabeth Olive (16th); Ellen Simmons, Alice Burgess (17th); Norman Howarth, John Joseph Chapman (19th)

Save the date

Weekend 12 – 14 September: Heritage Weekend at St Mary's

Weekend 19 – 21 September: Heritage Weekend at St Thomas and St John's. It is planned to conclude the Heritage Weekend with some kind of songs of praise/thanksgiving celebration on the Sunday. If anyone has a favourite hymn they would like to be included please let Maryse, Pauline, Jean or Carol Cain know by the end of August. The sooner the better as there is a lot to organise.

Mothers' Union



Women's Refuge Welcome Bag: There are opportunities in each church to support the Mothers' Union effort to create welcome bags for those fleeing domestic violence. The following unused items are needed: Washbag, Bath soak/milk, Reusable shower cap, Body moisturiser/ lotion, Hair shampoo/conditioner, Small bath towel, Face cream/moisturiser, Ladies shave cream, Small hair brush, Nighttime sanitary pads, Travel wash, Antibacterial wipes/gel, Medium underwear, nightwear, T-shirt, Pairs of socks, Items of makeup E.g. mascara/lip gloss. Mindfulness colouring book, Box of coloured pencils, Bar of chocolate, Journal/large notebook, Small foldable shopping bag.

Heard at the PCC (St Thomas and St John's)

The process for the recruitment of an Incumbent for the Team is proceeding. The Building Sub-committee has been active and is proceeding to obtain estimates so that the pigeon infestation in the tower can be tackled as a first priority. A new boiler and heating installation is also being tackled as a priority with a detailed specification to be obtained based on a scoping study already done. This will enable funders to be approached, contractors to be invited to tender for the work, and Diocesan planning requirements to be met. The indefatigable Small Projects Group will be bringing forward fund-raising suggestions – Listen out for news of Tommy the Church Mouse, and for events at Harvest (now set for Sunday 12 October) and at Christmas-time

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, Curate, on 07435 657865 or Adele McKie, Associate Priest at revadele@btopenworld.com or on 07946 383024.

Mission Community Prayers

Please see a leaflet in church updated each week, and also a prayer list covering the month, the latter below

Radcliffe & Whitefield Mission Community Prayer Diary



July 2025

1 st	We pray for mission & ministry at Christ Church Walshaw.
2 nd	We give thanks for the life & loving spirit of Gill Critchley, a much-loved member of All Saints, Stand, whose funeral will take place today. Praying also for members of Gill's family & friends at this time.
3 rd	On International Plastic Bag Free Day, we pray that by raising awareness of the environmental damage caused by plastic pollution, people would be encouraged to reduce plastic consumption.
4 th	We pray for members of St. Andrew's, Radcliffe PCC, who will be on an away day tomorrow, praying that this time together will be encouraging & fruitful to all.
5 th	We pray for the parents & Godparents of the children who will be baptised at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe in the coming month, that this may be just the beginning of their journey of faith.
6 th	We pray for those who will be involved with the annual Gift Day at St. Andrew's, Hillock today; that members of the church & wider community would prayerfully consider what they may be able to contribute in terms of time, talent & finance to support the ongoing work of this church.
7 th	We pray for mission & ministry at Christ Church Ainsworth.
8 th	We pray for & give thanks for all those who tend our graveyards, church grounds & green spaces.
9 th	We pray for everyone who will be involved in the Mission Community litter picking event this evening and on Saturday 12 th July; that as well as helping to care for the environment, those involved might have meaningful encounters.
10 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Mary, Radcliffe.
11 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. George's, Unsworth.
12 th	We give thanks for the congregation and all volunteers at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe.
13 th	We pray & give thanks for all those who are preparing to run events & activities for children & families throughout the summer break; that the seeds of faith may be sown through these initiatives.
14 th	We pray for all who are involved with Wiggle Tots at St. Andrew's, Radcliffe; praying also that new families might begin to attend & that the group would grow in faith & in numbers.
15 th	On St. Swithin's Day, we pray for farmers & for all who make their living from working the land.
16 th	We pray for members of Christ Church Walshaw PCC who will be meeting tomorrow; that the Holy Spirit would guide them as they discern how to progress ideas that came from their PCC away day.
17 th	We pray for St John's school leavers and that the children and Staff all have a good summer and a well-earned rest.
18 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe.
19 th	We pray for those who will be organising or attending the annual Teddy Bears' Picnic at St. George's, Unsworth today; that this will be a well-supported & successful event which brings the Church & wider community together in friendship & faith.
20 th	We pray for mission & ministry at All Saints Stand.
21 st	We pray for mission & ministry at Emmanuel Community Church, Radcliffe.
22 nd	We pray for all who will be part of the School Leavers' Service at Christ Church Ainsworth today; that the seeds of faith sown in young hearts will continue to grow as they move on to High School.
23 rd	We pray for Sarah Howard, as she retires as head teacher at Christ Church Walshaw School.
24 th	We pray for & give thanks for the work of the Food Pantry Team at St. Andrew's, Hillock; praying also for all of the individuals & families who access this service.
25 th	We give thanks for all who are provide ministry within local hospitals, hospices & care homes.
26 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Andrew's, Hillock.
27 th	We pray for the members of Clergy who will be taking holidays over the summer months – that they may return rested & refreshed.
28 th	We pray for all who will be running the breakfast club at St. Andrew's, Hillock throughout the summer months. Praying also for the children & families who access this resource.
29 th	We give thanks for the congregation, volunteers & community at St. Mary, Radcliffe.
30 th	We pray for the families who will be part of Wild Worship at Christ Church Ainsworth throughout the summer months; that they might grow in faith & in their appreciation of God's wonderful world.
31 st	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Andrew's, Radcliffe.

"What wings are to a bird, & sails are to a ship; so prayer is to the soul."

CAP Debt Coach

The Bury Project, in partnership with Christians Against Poverty (CAP) is seeking to appoint a Debt Coach to increase the support given by Bury's CAP Debt Centre.

The Debt Coach will be employed for 8 - 16 hours per week, focused on supporting individuals and families in the borough of Bury (Bury, Ramsbottom, Whitefield, Radcliffe, and Prestwich) area who have contacted CAP for debt help.

The Debt Coach will undertake home visits, gather paperwork and communicate advice prepared by CAP's debt advisors.

The Debt Coach will also be responsible for building relationships with statutory, voluntary and community referral organisations locally; work closely to promote the debt centre and the work of CAP across the local churches and build and develop a team of volunteer befrienders who currently support the work in Bury.

We are looking for someone who is passionate about supporting those in need and who has a heart for sharing their Christian faith with others.

If you would like to chat about what's involved and to find out more, please talk to our Debt Centre Manager. To receive an information pack please contact Gordon Clark, Debt Centre Manager: gordonclark@capuk.org Tel: [07341 270238](tel:07341270238) or Rev Gordon Joyce, chair of Bury Project Trustees at gordonfjoyce@gmail.com

The role requires a commitment to 50 hours of training (remote learning) from CAP between Monday 3rd November and Friday 5th Dec 2025. Applicants (if shortlisted) would need to attend a Partnership Day with CAP on Tuesday 7th October 2025 in Bradford.

The role requires an enhanced DBS Disclosure.

Closing date for applications: Monday 18th August

Volunteers' corner

If you wish to volunteer for further involvement in Church at St Thomas and St John's, please see these contacts in church (or by other means)

- **Anyone wanting to have further involvement in Sunday services**, for example as lesson readers, leaders of Intercessions, welcomers, or servers at refreshment time, is invited to speak to Kathleen or Les. If anyone would like to be trained as a server, assisting at the altar, please see Carol or Ken.
- **Maintenance or decoration tasks related to the church building:** please see Phil
- **Eco Church:** See Carol or Maryse to get involved in this initiative. St Thomas and St John's has now joined St Mary's as a holder of the EcoChurch Bronze Award.
- **Gardening or tidying of the outdoor areas:** A Gardening Group will meet on the first Thursday of each month until October to work outside at St TJ (10am – 11-30am)
- **Facebook page:** anyone who could help raise the profile of the Church on social media, eg Facebook, please speak to Jean.
- **Parish Profile:** covering both our Churches has been prepared and submitted to assist with the recruitment of our next Vicar. It shows what goes on in the life of our parishes, and also identifies some gaps we would like to fill. It can be accessed on-line by googling "Church near you" and heading to the documents section of St Thomas and St John. Or ask in church.



Would-be volunteers at St Mary's are invited to speak to Vicky or Deb.

Giving at St Thomas and St John's

It is good to support our Church by regular giving. A convenient way to do that is to create a Standing Order at your bank. Please ask in church if you need help in doing that. If you would like to still be able to add something to the collection plate as it passes, we have small cards that you can put on the plate to signify your support of the Church. Pick one up from the hymn book table on your way into church. Thank you.

Eco Church

Certificates to be seen at St Thomas and St John's – including references to twinning the garden and twinning the toilet.

Information about Eco Church can be found in both churches, with tips on how to make yourself and your household more eco-friendly.



Being stewards of God's creation and doing our bit as Christians for the planet, if you have any of the following lying around your home then please bring them to be recycled 🌍♻️😊



RECYCLE FOR CHARITY

Did you know, many of your unwanted items could be recycled?

Do you have any of these items stuck in a drawer or cupboard ?

Please bring along your glasses, hearing aids, foreign currency, stamps, keys, ink & toner cartridges (branded only) & bra's & place them into the boxes provided in church.

All items will be collected at the monthly Mission Community Task Group meetings where they will be sorted and sent to where they are needed most.

Thank you



RADCLIFFE & WHITEFIELD MISSION COMMUNITY

Children Are Welcome

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



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