

<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>	
<p>NOTICES THIS WEEK</p>	<p><i>Sunday 24 August 2025</i></p> <p><i>Bartholomew the Apostle</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
PLEASE see **sign-up** sheet in church to sponsor Tommy the Church Mouse to support forthcoming heating and building repair projects.
PLEASE look out for the **sign-up** sheets in church to volunteer for roles during the Heritage Open Days
- 12:30pm **Baptism** at St Thomas and St John's of Perla Venckevicius, Nicole Asawaviciute and Kamile Monkeviciute

Available from a partial room clearance by a member of St TJ's congregation are

- several watercolours of scenes in the Lake District
- a Yamaha Portatone PSR-740 keyboard, with stand

If you are interested in anything mentioned, please let Carol Smith know at St Thomas and St John's or respond to the contact email on the electronic Notices.

The week ahead

Wednesday (27th) 10:00am **Service of the Word** at St TJ's; followed by light refreshments
10:00am (- 11:30am) **"Playing with Poetry"** at Manchester Cathedral. Most suitable for primary school aged children and their parents. See poster in church and overleaf.

Friday (29th) **During the month of August there will be no meetings of the usual weekly groups – Friday Friends Bible Study and the Team Intercessions Group**

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

Sunday (31st) **ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

- 9:30am **Eucharist** at St Mary's: President and Preacher - Revd Adele McKie; followed by light refreshments
- 11:00am **Eucharist** at St Thomas and St John's: President and Preacher - Revd Adele McKie; followed by light refreshments
- 12:30pm **Baptism** at St Mary's of Noah Warburton. Officiant: Revd Janet Lyssejko

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:** Archdeacon Rachel, Catherine, Pam, Fay Atherton, Joan Atherton, Paula Barrand, Alice Berry, Geraldine Braden, Tony Cardwell, Mary Clarkson, Reg Dee, Jacob Dewar, Zohre Galati, Vicky Halstead, Marjorie Higham, Miriam Higham, Anthony Hill, Lyn Hill, Barry Sheehan, Jane Slade
- **Those recently bereaved:** family and friends of Joseph Conlon, Ronald Plummer and Janis Cardwell

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

- **St Mary's:** Rod Rainey, Dorothy Pickles (24th); Elena Tokaryk (25th); Kathleen Simmonds (27th)
- **St Thomas and St John's:** Samuel Hansbrew Makin, George Greenhalgh (24th); Margaret Arthur (25th); Mary Gertrude Topping (30th)

Looking ahead

Manchester Cathedral

Summer holiday activities

Playing with Poetry

Join our resident poet to play imaginatively-recycling words to create poems!

Tues 19th August 10-11.30am
Weds 27th August 10-11.30am

Scan code to book or go to
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/playing-with-poetry-tickets-1500429006549?aff=oddtcreator>

Free to attend but booking essential
Most suitable for primary school aged children. Parents/guardians must stay with children at all times

Friday 5 September: the Friday morning Team groups resume after a break for August. The Friday Friends Bible Study group will begin studies in the Letters to Timothy – 10:15am. The Intercession Group meets at noon for 30 minutes, followed by eating lunch together. Do join us for either or both in St TJ's.

Wednesday 10 September: First week of a weekly Beginners' Digital Skills course run free of charge at St Philip's Community Centre by Bury Adult Learning Service. An Intermediate course follows in November. See poster later in the e-Notices and in church, or ring 0161 253 5772 for information or to enrol.

Saturday 13 September 9:00am–1:00pm: The Deanery invites us to All Saints Church, Hebburn Drive, Bury, BL8 1ED for an exciting event focused on environmental sustainability and community engagement. Tea, coffee and pastries will be served all morning. There will be time to work through the Eco Stepping Stones resource.

Monday 15 September at 7:30pm: The Mission Community invites us to "Bee Inspired", an evening of inspirational worship at St Andrew's, Radcliffe.

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.

Harvest: Our Harvest Thanksgiving services will be on Sunday 12 October in each church. At St TJ, there will be a Harvest Lunch on Saturday 11 October at 12:30pm.

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.

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

2025

AT ST THOMAS AND ST JOHN'S CHURCH

New Church Street, Radcliffe M26 2UD

Friday 19th September 10.00am – 4.00pm

Saturday 20th September 10.00am – 4.00pm

Sunday 21st September 1.00pm – 4.00pm

**The festival will conclude with a Songs of Praise
celebration on the Sunday at 4.00pm**

**We want to “raise the roof” so join us and bring your family
and friends**

**There will be displays reflecting the history of the church
and opportunities to hear the historic organ being played**

Refreshments and fun activities for all ages

**This year's theme is architecture so come and see how the
church building has changed over the years and what life was
like in Victorian days**







Radcliffe & Whitefield Mission Community

Invites you to

“Bee Inspired”

An evening of inspirational worship featuring

-  *Worship led by musicians from Nelson Street Church*
-  *Keynote speaker The Venerable Karen Smeeton, Archdeacon of Rochdale*
-  *Fun, food & fellowship*
-  *Isaiah 53 Christian books & gifts stall*

Monday 15th September

7.30pm

St. Andrew's, Radcliffe, M26 4HU



ECO CHURCH

An invitation from our Area Dean and others to a Deanery event.

We would love to welcome you to join us at All Saints Church, Hebburn Drive, Bury, BL8 1ED on Saturday, 13th September for an exciting event focused on environmental sustainability and community engagement. Tea, coffee and pastries will be served from 9am and we will finish by 1pm.



Worship will be led by the Revd Canon Grace Thomas and there will be an opportunity to work through the Eco Stepping Stones resource. Please come and be inspired, connect with like-minded individuals, learn about eco-friendly practices, and discover ways to make a positive impact on our planet.

Let's take small steps together towards a greener future! All are welcome to join us, please feel free to forward this invitation on to anyone you think might be interested in attending.

To book your place, click on [this link](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/eco-stepping-stones-bury-rossendale-deanery-tickets-1544213306569). [or direct your web browser to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/eco-stepping-stones-bury-rossendale-deanery-tickets-1544213306569>.] If you are booking for more than one person, please book tickets separately. Or seek assistance from your parish Eco Champion (Vicky and Carol).s

With best wishes from,

Revd Canon Donna Williams, Kath Pollard and Ima Lomax



Digital Skills Courses

Enrol now! - Learn how to use digital skills to connect with friends and local communities, being safe online, shopping and handling information.

Our Courses

Beginners Digital Skills

Takes place every Wednesday from 10th September for 6 weeks, 10.30am - 12.30pm.

Intermediate Digital Skills

Takes place every Wednesday from 5th November for 6 weeks, 10.30am - 12.30pm.

Venue

St Philips Community Centre
Higher Dean St, Radcliffe,
Manchester M26 3TE

**To enrol, or for more
information,
call 0161 253 5772.**





Bury & Radcliffe
Action Group

Annual Celebration



HOW THE BIBLE HELPS US GROW

with The Rt Revd
Matthew Porter,
Bishop of Bolton

Including
Open the Book
Light Refreshments

Admission free
Donations to Bible Society

Thursday 25 September 2025 at 7.30 pm
Bury United Reformed Church, Parson's Lane,
Bury BL9 0LY

biblesociety.org.uk | Registered charity 232759 | Photo: AI generated

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



August 2025

1 st	We pray for those from St. Andrew's, Radcliffe who will be attending 'New Wine' in the coming days; praying that they would be encouraged & inspired in their faith & ministry.
2 nd	We pray for the Confirmation candidates at All Saints, Stand; that they would be strengthened & inspired as they prepare to take the next step in their journey of faith.
3 rd	We pray & give thanks for all those who are running events & activities for children & families throughout the summer break; that the seeds of faith may be sown through these initiatives.
4 th	We give thanks for those who will be part of the Task Group meeting this evening; praying that there will be someone from each Church who feels called to be a part of this group.
5 th	As Christ Church Walshaw open their doors for 'Cake & Chat' each Tuesday afternoon throughout August, we pray that God will draw people from the local & wider community to be part of this.
6 th	We give thanks for the congregation and all volunteers at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe, & pray that they have a peaceful & restful summer, whatever they have planned.
7 th	We pray for those who are organising or attending the Bugs & Bees family event at Christ Church Ainsworth today; that children may learn to love, nurture & respect the world around them.
8 th	We pray that the children & staff from St. John's School & other schools throughout our Mission Community, have a well-earned break & a safe and restful summer.
9 th	We give thanks for the volunteers at All Saints, Stand & pray that more will be inspired to join them.
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	On International Youth Day, we celebrate the potential of youth as partners in today's global society.
13 th	We pray for the youth & children's leaders at St. Andrew's, Radcliffe as they meet today.
14 th	We pray for young people who will be receiving A Level results today; that those celebrating success would be confident to begin the next stage of life's journey, & those who have done less well would know that God's love, not results, is what will define them.
15 th	We pray for all who will be holding Services & celebrations to commemorate the 80 th anniversary of VJ Day. We remember with thanks all those who served in the Far East & brought an end to World War II.
16 th	We pray for those who are organising or attending the Parish BBQ at St. Andrew's, Hillock today; that this event would be well supported and a time of fellowship and fun.
17 th	We pray for mission & ministry at Christ Church Ainsworth.
18 th	We give thanks for those who will be part of the Prayer & Spirituality Group meeting this evening; we pray that there will be someone from each Church who feels called to be a part of this group.
19 th	We pray for the families who are taking part in Wild Worship at Christ Church Ainsworth throughout the summer months; that they might grow in faith & in their appreciation of God's wonderful world.
20 th	We pray for mission & ministry at All Saints Stand.
21 st	We pray for the young people who will be receiving GCSE results today; that this would be the start of a new and exciting journey for them.
22 nd	We pray for mission & ministry at Emmanuel Community Church, Radcliffe.
23 rd	We pray for mission & ministry at Christ Church Walshaw.
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 mission & ministry at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe.
28 th	We give thanks for all who have run the breakfast club at St. Andrew's, Hillock throughout the summer months. Praying also for the children & families who have accessed this resource.
29 th	We give thanks for the congregation, volunteers & community at St. Mary, Radcliffe.
30 th	On National Grief Awareness Day, we pray for anyone who has lost someone dear to them.
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."



The
Small
Projects
Fund

Meet Tommy our Church Mouse

Tommy lives in our church,
he stays out of sight, so you won't see him,
or hear him, but he is there taking care of us
and our church when no one is in.



In August Tommy our Church Mouse is going on holiday, he is off to France, his bag is packed with his favorite blanket and food, a baguette, a piece of cheese and like every good christian churchmouse should, his bible.

Tommy the Church Mouse wants you to help him to raise money for the Building Fund by sponsoring his journey to France from Bury and back home again.

It is approximately 840 miles to their destination Normandy in France and back again to Bury, Maryse will send us photos and keep us up to date with mileage, keep an eye on the notice board. Note to Philip & Maryse -not including any trips like St Tropez please.

Please think about backing him and sign up the sponsorship form at the back of church. Please keep checking the notice board.

I wonder if he will come back squeaking in French. Thank you for helping us

Merci and Bon Voyage

St Thomas and St John's Church,
with St Philip's Community Centre



Fund Raising Event



Harvest Lunch Potato Pie - Peas and Pudding

On Saturday 11th October - Lunch will be served at 12.30 in church

Tickets £8.00

Please add your name on the list at the back of church
or see Marilyn for ticket



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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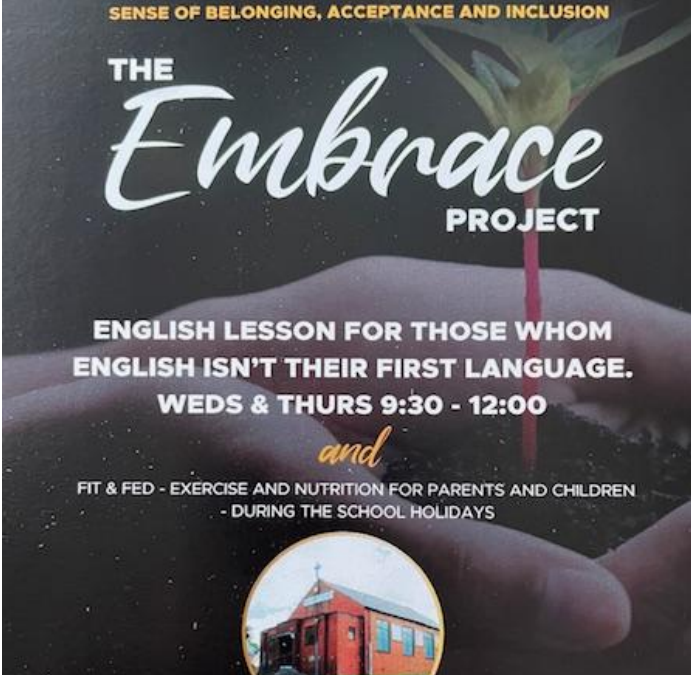
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SENSE OF BELONGING, ACCEPTANCE AND INCLUSION

THE Embrace PROJECT


ENGLISH LESSON FOR THOSE WHOM
ENGLISH ISN'T THEIR FIRST LANGUAGE.
WEDS & THURS 9:30 - 12:00


and

FIT & FED - EXERCISE AND NUTRITION FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN
- DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



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