

<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 7 September 2025</i></p> <p><i>Twelfth Sunday after Trinity</i></p>

This weekend, first Sunday of the month, there will be at St Thomas and St John's the usual ingathering of non-perishable food and toiletries to support the work of Porch Boxes. Packs are provided to local people in crisis need. Goods may be brought to both our Team Churches at any time. Please support this effort if you can.

Sunday

- 9:30am **Eucharist** at St Mary's: President - Revd Adele McKie; Preacher – Revd Irene Thirkell; followed by light refreshments; followed by graveyard cleanup
- 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** sheets in church to volunteer for roles during the Heritage Open Days
PLEASE see **sign-up** sheet in church for tickets for 11 October Harvest Lunch, or see Marilyn
- 12:30am **Baptism** of Keyvan Veisi

The week ahead

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| Monday (8th) | TBA | Building Sub-committee meets heating adviser at St TJ |
| Wednesday (10th) | 10:00am
10:30am

7:00pm | Service of the Word at St TJ's; followed by light refreshments (- 12:30pm) 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.
PCC of St Thomas and St John's meets at St Philip's |
| Friday (12th) | 10:00am
10:15am

12 noon | (- 4:00pm) Heritage Open Day at St Mary's
(- 11:30) Following coffee, Team Friday Friends Study Group , at St TJ's. All welcome as we continue a study in the Letters to Timothy
Team Intercessions at St TJ's, followed by bring-your-own-lunch eaten together if you wish to stay |
| Saturday (13th) | 9:00am

10:00am
10:30am | (- 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.
(- 4:00pm) Heritage Open Day at St Mary's
(- 12:30pm) Saturday Café at St TJ's, including Vestry Hour |

Sunday (14th)

THIRTEENTH 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
- 1:00pm (- 4:00pm) **Heritage Open Day** at St Mary's
4:00pm **Songs of Praise** to end St Mary's Heritage Weekend

Please pray for ...

- **Prayers for healing:**
 - **St Mary's:** Catherine, Steven, Andrew Baines, Helen Bardsley, Roger Brierley, Berenice Carey, Barbara Cordener, Colin Embrey, Margaret Embrey, Christine Firth, William Firth, Jennifer Garner, Peter Gorman, Chris Hollis, Pauline Holt, Terry Houlgrave, Malcolm Kirkpatrick, Harry Melling, Pat Rigby, 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 Janis Cardwell and Kelvin Dyche
- **Those recalled in our Books of Remembrance:**
 - **St Mary's:** Nellie Heaton (11th)
 - **St Thomas and St John's:** Mary Alice Valentine, Frank Butterworth, Leslie Bell, Raymond Deakin (7th); Emily Margaret Yates (10th); Leonard Makin (11th); Wilfred Riley (12th); Benjamin Brown (13th)

Looking ahead

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 19 – 21 September: Heritage Weekend at St Thomas and St John's. It is planned to conclude the Heritage Weekend with a songs of praise/thanksgiving celebration on the Sunday.

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. See poster later in the e-Notices and in church.

Christmas Market fund raising event for St TJ's will be held on Saturday 6 December. Including – Homemade Craft Stalls – Cards – Jams – Marmalade – Beautiful Hand Knitted items – Cake Stall – Christmas Gifts – Toys – Raffle – Tombola. More offers welcome – to Small Projects Group.

Season of Creation: This is the period in the annual church calendar, from 1 September to 4 October, dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life. Many churches choose to use this time of year to hold special services and events to give thanks for God's gift of creation, and to renew their commitment to caring for our one planet home.



The theme for the Season of Creation 2025 is peace with creation, based on Isaiah 32:14-18. The prophet Isaiah pictured the desolated Creation without peace because of the lack of justice and the broken relationship between people and God. This description of devastated cities and wastelands reveals how human destructive behaviours have a negative impact on the Earth. Our hope: Creation will find peace when justice is restored. There is still hope and the expectation for a peaceful Earth. To hope does not mean to stand still and quiet, but to act, pray, change, and reconcile with Creation and the Creator in unity, repentance and solidarity.

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.

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



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**

Fund Raising Event - Building Repairs



We are planning a Christmas Market fund raising event on 6th December 2025. Including – Homemade Craft Stalls – Cards – Jams – Marmalade – Beautiful Hand Knitted items – Cake Stall - Christmas Gifts – Toys - Raffle - Tombola.

We have had a positive response with lots of offers. But we can always do with more.

You have another 3 months to get busy.

It is said that we all have a talent, what's yours?



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







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 Champions (Vicky and Carol).

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.**



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



September 2025

1 st	We pray for the staff & pupils at St. John's School as they return for the start of a new term.
2 nd	At the start of the new academic year, we pray for Kay James as she takes on her new role as Head Of School at Christ Church Walshaw School.
3 rd	We pray for the children & staff at Christ Church Ainsworth School, & for those who are preparing for the Blessing of Backpacks in school tomorrow.
4 th	We give thanks for the work of the Mothers' Union as the members at All Saints Stand meet today. We pray also for those who will be part of the Day of Prayer at St. Andrew's, Radcliffe today.
5 th	We pray for mission & ministry at All Saints Stand.
6 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Mary, Radcliffe.
7 th	We pray for all of our Baptism families - thanking God that they still see this as important.
8 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. George's, Unsworth.
9 th	We pray for those who will be attending Coffee & Conversation at Christ Church Ainsworth today & give thanks for those who organise this monthly gathering.
10 th	We pray for the children & staff at Christ Church Walshaw School, & for all those who will be involved with the Blessing of Backpacks in school today.
11 th	As the new term begins, we pray for the children & families who attend the Wiggle baby & toddler group and the All Age Service at St. Andrew's, Radcliffe.
12 th	We pray for the Heritage Weekend at St. Mary, Radcliffe & for all who visit.
13 th	We pray that the Bury & Rossendale Deanery Eco-Conference being held at All Saints, Bury, today, will be a well-supported & successful event. We pray for all Churches that have begun their EcoChurch journey.
14 th	We pray for the children & families who will be part of the Back To School Service at Christ Church Walshaw today, that they may know that they are surrounded by God's love always.
15 th	We pray for all who will be part of 'Bee Inspired!' this evening; giving thanks for the 'worker bees' within our Churches & worshipping communities, & praying that they would receive spiritual refreshment through this event.
16 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Andrew's, Hillock.
17 th	We pray for mission & ministry at Christ Church Ainsworth.
18 th	We pray for those who will be representing their Churches at Deanery Synod this evening; praying that this will be a helpful & constructive time together.
19 th	We pray for the Heritage Weekend at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe & for all who visit.
20 th	We pray for all who will be authorised or re-authorised as ALM at Manchester Cathedral today; giving thanks for all who feel called to this ministry & for all that they do.
21 st	We give thanks for the congregation, volunteers & community at St. Mary, Radcliffe.
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 pray for those who will be attending the Parish Giving Scheme workshop this evening, that this will be a helpful & productive session which will be well received by our wider PCCs.
26 th	We pray for the Churches & organisations that will be holding MacMillan Coffee Mornings today – especially for St. Andrew's, Hillock & Christ Church Ainsworth. Praying also for those who will attend these events throughout the country, & for those who will benefit from the funds raised.
27 th	We pray for all who are organising or will be attending the Besses Together Family Fun Day at St Andrew's, Hillock this afternoon.
28 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe.
29 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Andrew's, Radcliffe.
30 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.

“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

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.

Season of Creation



The symbol for the Season of Creation 2025 (1 September – 4 October) is a tree in a world of two halves. On one side, the tree is barren and the landscape exploited. On the other side, the tree is lush and green, in a flourishing landscape. Above is a dove, carrying an olive branch in its beak. Through this year's Season of Creation, we will reflect on the connection between caring for creation and fostering peace.

Think graveyard cleanup team, Gardening Team, ethical recycling (details below), taking note of some of the ideas from Eco Church (information in church). The Team Intercession Group will pick up on this theme, including on Friday 26 September.

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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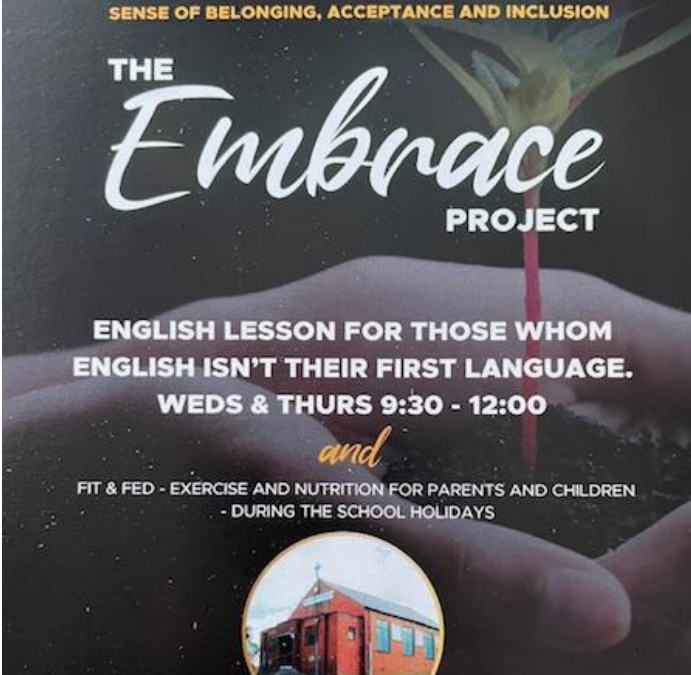
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SENSE OF BELONGING, ACCEPTANCE AND INCLUSION

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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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