

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 28 September 2025
Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday

THANKS to everyone in both Churches who made the Heritage Weekends so successful. Illustrated to the right is the banner made by the children of St John's School to hang in church

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 & Preacher – Revd Adele McKie; followed by light refreshments
PLEASE see Carol Smith with clean jam jars or small jars (mustard, mint size)
PLEASE see **sign-up** sheet in church for tickets for 11 October Harvest Lunch, or see Marilyn

The week ahead

Wednesday (1st) 10:00am **Service of the Word** at St Mary's; followed by light refreshments

Thursday (2nd) 10:00am **Gardening Team** meets at St TJ
10:00am **Funeral** of James Hassall at St Mary's

Friday (3rd) 10:15am (- 11:30) Following coffee, **Team Friday Friends Study Group**, at St Thomas and St John's.
12 noon **Team Intercessions** at St TJ's, followed by bring-your-own-lunch

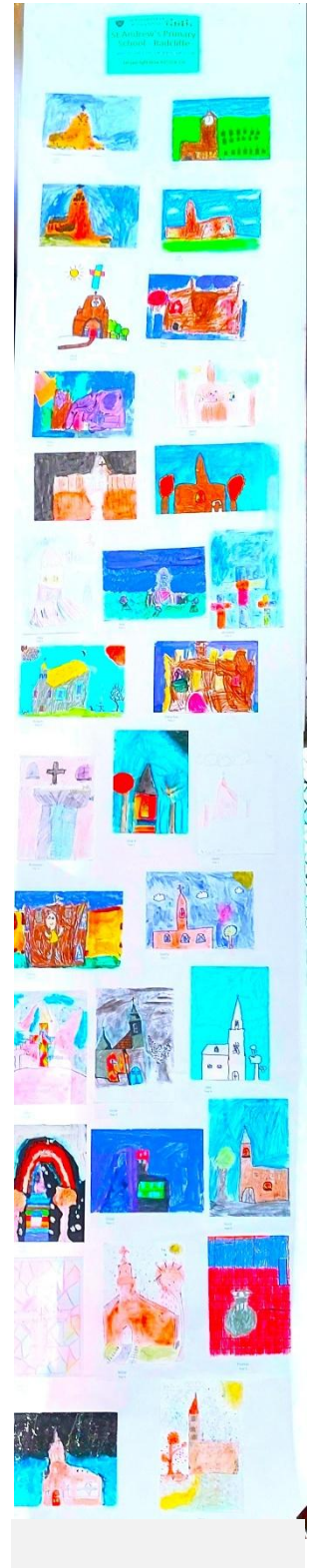
Saturday (4th) 10:30am (- 12:30pm) **Saturday Café** at St TJ's,
4:00pm **Eden Singers** concert at St Mary's

Sunday (5th) **16TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

At St Thomas and St John's food and toiletries will be received for Porch Boxes as usual on the first Sunday of the month. Please note that the following week will be our Harvest Thanksgiving when gifts will be presented at the altar during the service, and later passed to Porch Boxes for needy local families. Please feel free to support either or both occasions as you wish.

9:30am **Eucharist** at St Mary's: including a blessing for Amy and Elizabeth during the service; followed by light refreshments; followed by graveyard cleanup.

11:00am **Eucharist** at St Thomas and St John's: followed by light refreshments



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, Jackie Garvey, 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 Colin Bethell, Carole Blunt, James Hassall and Anthony Baker

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

- **St Mary's:** Barbara Roscoe Greaves (30th); Marjorie Smith, Evelyn Bowker (1st)
- **St Thomas and St John's:** Hilda Nuttall (29th); Joseph Wilkes, Edith Galloway (30th); Harold Smith, Ethel Jones, Dorothy Riley, Frederick Bowen (1st); Marion Walker (2nd); Alice Nicholson (3rd); Clifford Seel (4th)

Looking ahead

Harvest: Our Harvest Thanksgiving services will be on Sunday 12 October in each church. At St Thomas and St John's, 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 will be held on Saturday 6 December at St TJ.

Fund Raising Event - Building Repairs



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 two months to get busy. It is said that we all have a talent, what's yours?

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. 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.

The annual **Fairtrade Fortnight** (22 September – 5 October) fits well with the Season. Fairtrade ensures that poor producer communities receive a fair price for their work, with a small premium to support community development, education and healthcare within the communities. As the Diocesan Environmental Working Group reminds us: "Over these fourteen days, we'll be celebrating the difference we can all make when we choose Fairtrade and campaign - as part of a UK-wide movement - for a fairer system behind the things we consume every day. Nick Hardman says, "Sadly, fairness isn't a given. But the power to get there is in our hands. Together, our actions can have a positive impact on real people's lives. Fairer pay. Fairer treatment. Fairer futures. That's Fairtrade. It's not just a label – it's a movement. So, whatever you do, and however you do it: Do it Fair."

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.

Concert



Performed by

The Eden Singers

**Take a trip down memory lane
and hear songs and events
from the 1920 through to 2000**

Saturday 4th October 4pm

St. Mary's Church, Church Green, Radcliffe, M26 2QA

All Tickets £7.00 including refreshments

Contact 1: 07533-894 392

Contact 2: 0161 724 4116

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





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.”

Radcliffe & Whitefield Mission Community

Prayer Diary



October 2025

1 st	We pray for Revd Jason as he starts his new ministry, and the new chapter in the life and mission of St. George's, Unsworth & St. Andrew's, Hillock. We give thanks for all who have supported these Churches during the interregnum.
2 nd	We give thanks for members of our Mission Community Prayer & Spirituality Group who will be meeting this evening; may prayer underpin all that we do in our individual Churches & as a Mission Community.
3 rd	We pray for mission & ministry at Christ Church Ainsworth.
4 th	We pray for those from St. George's, Unsworth, who will be litter picking this morning; that they would have meaningful encounters as well as working to improve their local environment.
5 th	We pray for Revd Jason, the Church leaders & the worshipping community at St. Andrew's, Hillock as Revd Jason leads his first Service there today.
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 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.
10 th	On World Homeless Day, we pray for those who have nowhere to go & no one to turn to. We pray for & give thanks for the work of local organisations who work to support those in the greatest need.
11 th	On World Hospice & Palliative Care Day, we pray for & give thanks for all who work in these areas. Praying also for those who access the care & support that these people offer.
12 th	We pray for those who will be attending Harvest Services at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe and Christ Church Ainsworth today. We pray for & give thanks for the work of 'Porch Boxes', which will be supported by both of these Churches & their worshipping communities.
13 th	We pray for the children & staff at Christ Church Ainsworth School, who will be holding their Harvest Service in Church today. Praying also for Trinity Food Bank, who will be supported by this Service.
14 th	We give thanks for & pray for all members of Clergy; that they would find time within their busy schedules to rest. We pray also for all Clergy spouses & family members.
15 th	We pray for mission & ministry at All Saints Stand.
16 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Andrew's, Hillock.
17 th	We pray for all who have organised or will be attending the Harvest Supper & Ceilidh at St. Andrew's, Hillock this evening.
18 th	We pray for all at St. Andrew's, Hillock as they hold their Harvest Festival today.
19 th	We pray for Revd Jason, the Church leaders & the worshipping community at St. George's, Unsworth as Revd Jason leads his first Service there today.
20 th	We pray for & give thanks for all who provide ministry to older people; praying especially for members of the Whitefield Anna Chaplaincy Team.
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 & give thanks for all who are involved with funeral ministry; praying also for the families that they serve & support.
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 & give thanks for all those who are involved with ministry for children & families.
26 th	We pray for mission & ministry at Christ Church Walshaw.
27 th	We pray for & give thanks for the many volunteers that support our Churches & wider communities.
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 pray for & give thanks for all those who take on the role of 'EcoChampion' within their Churches.
31 st	We pray for those who will be holding 'Light Parties' this evening; praying that the light will shine through the darkness & the darkness will not overcome it.

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).

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



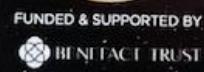
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