

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	<i>Sunday 2 November 2025</i> <i>All Saints' Day</i>

Sunday

TODAY before the service your gifts of non-perishable food and toiletries will be received for Porch Boxes to create food packs for vulnerable individuals and families in crisis need

- 9:30am **Eucharist** at St Mary's: President and Preacher - Revd Adele McKie; followed by light refreshments; followed by graveyard cleanup
- 11:00am **Eucharist** at St Thomas and St John's: President and Preacher - Revd Adele McKie; followed by light refreshments
- 3:00pm **Team All Souls' Service for the Commemoration of the Departed** at St Mary's

HUMANITARIAN APPEAL FOR GAZA AND THE MIDDLE EAST Last week for our gifts to be passed to Christian Aid for the relief of suffering amongst the people of Gaza.

ALL SOULS' SERVICE For the service this afternoon, there is still time to see sheets in church where you can record names of those you would wish to be read out during the service.

SHOEBOX APPEAL Last day! Donations may be made towards Operation Christmas Child

POPPY APPEAL: There is an opportunity to respond in church to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal by the purchase of a poppy.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH (Ladies Who Lunch, Family and Friends – open to all across the Team) – please see sign up sheet in St TJ's and contact Sue Aspinall with deposit payments

The week ahead

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| Tuesday (4th) | 11:00am
7:30pm | Funeral at St Thomas and St John's of Dorothy Barber
Churches Together in Radcliffe meeting at St Mary and St Philip Neri's church, Belgrave Street |
| Wednesday (5th) | 10:00am
10:30am | Service of the Word at St Mary's; followed by light refreshments
Intermediate Digital Skills course begins for six weeks at St Philip's Community Centre – see poster in church and later in the e-Notices for registration details |
| Friday (7th) | 10:15am

12 noon | (- 11:30) Following coffee, Team Friday Friends Study Group , at St Thomas and St John'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 (8th) | 10:00am
10:30am | (- noon) Monthly Saturday Café at St Mary's
(- 12:30pm) Saturday Café at St TJ's, including Vestry Hour
OCTOBER BONUS BALL winner was Stuart Cowpe (no. 21) |
| Sunday (9th) | | REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY |
| | 9:30am | Eucharist at St Mary's: President - Revd Adele McKie; followed by light refreshments |
| | 10:45am | Act of Remembrance at Radcliffe War Memorial; followed by parade to St Thomas and St John's church, where the Civic Service will follow. Officiants - Revd Adele McKie and Revd Irene Thirkell. Organist – Jim Needham |

Please pray for ...

- **Prayers for healing:**

- **St Mary's:** Catherine, Steven, Andrew Baines, Helen Bardsley, Roger Brierley, Berenice Carey, Barbara Cordener, David Duckworth, 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, Roy Warburton, Denis Wright, 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, Hannah Sox, Lynda Westnott
- **Those recently bereaved:** family and friends of Dorothy Barber, Eileen Roper and Susan Coidan

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

- **St Mary's:** Veronica Alice Ashworth (4th); Wilfred Robert Finnans (6th)
- **St Thomas and St John's:** James Alan Watts, Hannah Plews (2nd); Ethel Shields, Irene Greenhalgh (3rd); Emma Dagg (4th); Nora Richards, Keith Higham (6th); Jean Le Clere, Joseph John Fitzmaurice, Audrey Joan Downes (7th); Cyril Openshaw, Winifred Rothwell (8th)

Looking ahead

Forthcoming events:

- **Saturday 29 November, 11am-2pm, St Mary's Christmas Fayre**
- **Monday 1 December at St Thomas and St John's at 7pm:** the **Licensing** as Incumbent in the Benefice of Radcliffe of the Revd Marie Pattison
- **Sunday 7 December, 2-4pm, at St Mary's: Christmas wreath making workshop.** £20 for materials and instruction. There is a signup sheet at St Mary's
- **Sunday 7 December, 2pm at St TJ's: Concert by Besses Boys' Band and Affetside Choir**



Saturday 6 December from 11-2 at St Thomas and St John's: Christmas Makers' Market. There will be no Saturday Café that day.

Plans are well on the way. Now we need your help, this month we are asking for Raffle Prizes and Tombola Prizes, anything from a posh bottle of wine to a tin of peas, Beryl Holgate will help with this.

MIDDLE EAST HUMANITARIAN APPEAL

When there is a disaster in the world requiring such a large response that the UK Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) launches an appeal, it is our policy and practice to provide in church a ready means for the congregation to respond. This is usually by supporting Christian Aid, a member of the DEC and the UK Churches' relief agency.

The DEC has relaunched an appeal first made a year ago. It now says: "Conflict in the Middle East has devastated lives. The ceasefire agreement in Gaza brings hope and relief. DEC charities are now preparing to scale up their work but urgently need more funds. Your support can save lives. Donate now." Christian Aid adds: "As the ceasefire takes hold, the humanitarian situation in Gaza remains dire. Clean water, food, medical care and shelter are still desperately needed, and widespread trauma will take years to heal." £10 could provide blankets for two people to keep them warm. £50 could provide emergency food for five families for one week. £100 could provide emergency shelter for five families.



Christian Aid works through local efforts in Gaza and amongst displaced persons – see more information in church and later in the e-Notices. Please use the emergency response envelopes in church for your response, gift aiding if you can.

THANK YOU

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.



Middle East Humanitarian Appeal

After two years of relentless bombardment, displacement and deprivation, a ceasefire has finally been agreed in Gaza. For many, it offers a moment of respite — but it does not end the suffering. Christian Aid says: With support and prayers, we can and will reach more people with the humanitarian aid they need. Donate today if you can.

How is Christian Aid responding?

Thanks to the generosity of Christian Aid supporters, we've raised over £5 million to help our local partners deeply rooted in the community. Despite the challenges, they're delivering aid every day.

- 800,000 people have received emergency aid.
- Over 1.3 million have been supported with food.
- More than 950,000 with water and sanitation.

The Christian Aid website at <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/dec-middle-east-humanitarian-appeal> describes work done over the past year, including:

- Emergency and psychological care, through Palestinian Medical Relief Societies
- Food distribution and community-led relief through the Agricultural Development Association
- Shelter, protection and education for displaced families through community committees in Khan Younis
- Support for women and children through the Women's Affairs Centre

Donation is possible using Christian Aid envelopes in church (gift aiding if you can), or on-line at <https://give.christianaid.org.uk/donate/CAM-008501>

God, hear our prayers for peace in the Middle East.
May all people in the region be protected, safe from harm.
We pray that this crisis will end now, with no further loss of life.
God, may the injured and distressed know your healing presence.
May the powerful and the decision-makers follow the paths of justice, mercy and peace.
We pray for recognition of the dignity and value of every life.
May the clamour of violence cease,
Replaced by the beating of swords into ploughshares.
God, in your name, Amen.

LIVING LOVED LIVING FREE

WITH DR. JOHN ANDREWS



SAT 8 NOV - 10AM - 2:00PM

COME AND JOIN US FOR A
SPECIAL DAY OF TEACHING

NEW LIFE CHURCH, STAND LANE M26 1JR

Looking ahead to Advent and Christmas

November

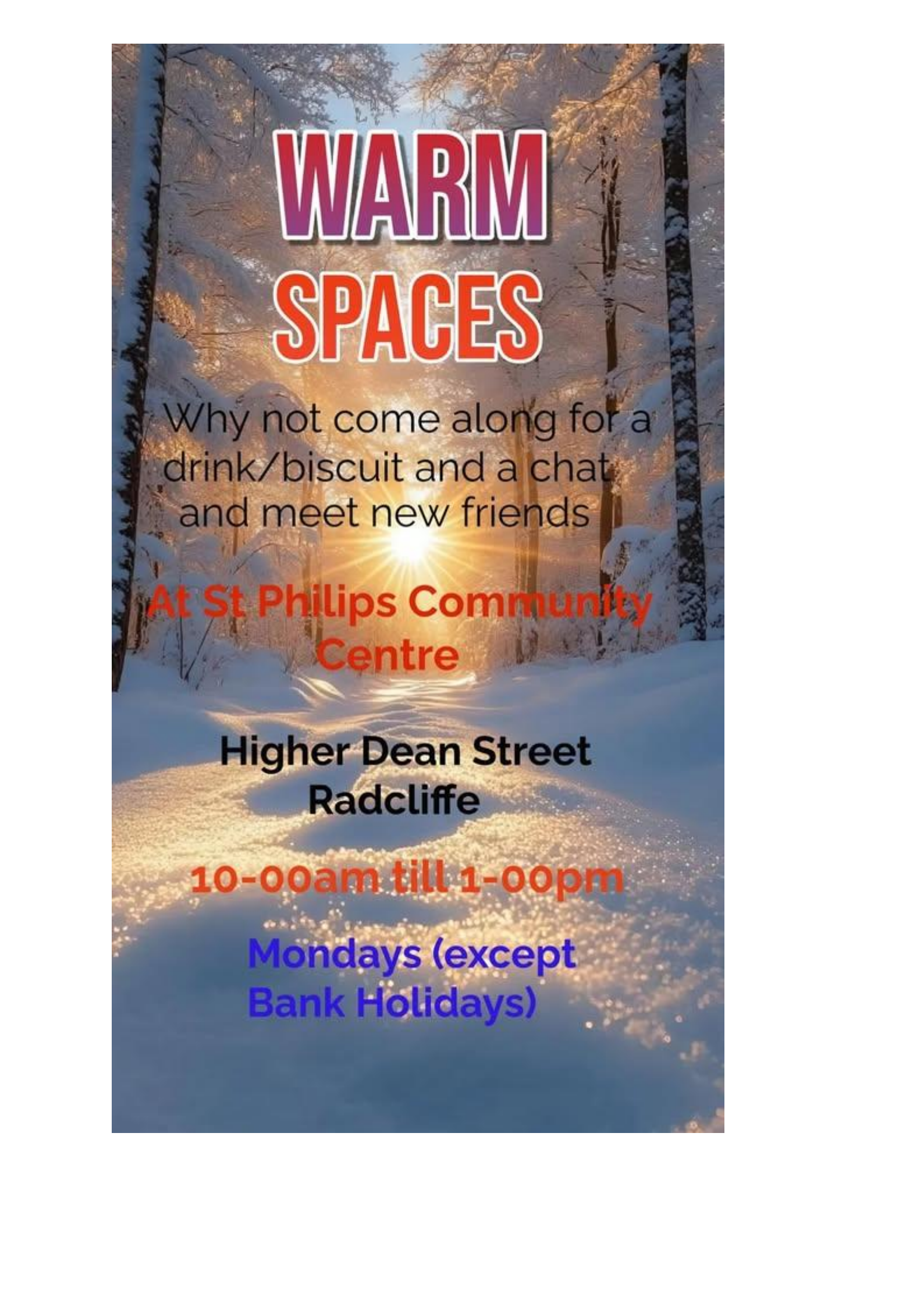
Sunday 2nd **Operation Christmas Child** last date for money in lieu of shoeboxes
Saturday 29th **St Mary's Christmas Fayre 11am-2pm**

December

Monday 1st Mission Community **Zoom Advent Prayers** 6pm, code available on request
– continues every weekday evening during Advent
Friday 5th **Team Advent Study Group** begins at 10:15am at St TJ's (then each Friday)
Saturday 6th **St Thomas and St John's Christmas Makers' Market** in church, 11-2
[Please note: no Saturday Café]
Sunday 7th **Ingathering of toys** (latest date) for distribution through Trinity Food Bank
Monthly ingathering of gifts for **Porch Boxes** noting the list of requirements (at St TJ; St Mary's has a different scheme of support)
Concert by Besses Boys Band and Affetside Choir at 2:00pm at St TJ's
Christmas Wreath Making Workshop, 2-4pm at St Mary's
Sunday 14th **Churches' Carols in the Market** at 6:00pm
Friday 12th **Carol Singing** in Rose Court Care Home at 2:00pm
Christmas Party and Carol Concert, featuring the St Philip's Community Choir,
7:30pm at St Philip's Community Centre
Saturday 13th **Carol Concert with Affetside Choir** at 2:00pm at St Mary's
Monday 15th **Carol Singing** in Holly Bank Care Home at 2:00pm
Tuesday 16th **Ladies Who Lunch Friends and Family (St TJ) Christmas Lunch**
12:30 for 1pm at Stand Golf Club
Thursday 18th **St John's School Christmas Service** at 10am at St Thomas and St John's
Sunday 21st **Team Nine Lessons and Carols** at 4:00pm at St Thomas and St John's
Wed 24th **Team Crib Service** at St Thomas and St John's at 6:00pm
Team First Eucharist of Christmas at 11:30pm at St TJ's
Wed 25th **Team Christmas Morning Eucharist** at 10:00am at St Mary's

February

Sunday 1st **Christingle** celebrated during morning services (supports Children's Society)



WARM SPACES

Why not come along for a
drink/biscuit and a chat
and meet new friends

**At St Philips Community
Centre**

**Higher Dean Street
Radcliffe**

10-00am till 1-00pm

**Mondays (except
Bank Holidays)**



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

November 2025

1 st	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.
2 nd	We pray for all those who are remembering loved ones today & for those attending the Memorial Services at St. Mary, Radcliffe, St. George's, Unsworth and Christ Church Ainsworth.
3 rd	We pray for mission & ministry at Christ Church Ainsworth.
4 th	We pray for mission & ministry at All Saints Stand.
5 th	We pray for pets & all animals on bonfire night; that they would be safe & well cared for on this exciting night.
6 th	We pray for all who will be attending the Mothers' Union meeting at All Saints, Stand this afternoon, & for Mothers' Union members everywhere.
7 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Mary, Radcliffe.
8 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. George's, Unsworth.
9 th	On Remembrance Sunday we pray for all who will be attending Remembrance Services, parades & events throughout the country.
10 th	We pray for mission & ministry at Emmanuel Community Church, Radcliffe.
11 th	On Remembrance Day we remember & give thanks for those who gave their lives in conflict.
12 th	We pray for all who will be running or attending the cooking workshop at St. Andrew's, Hillock today & also next Wednesday, that these sessions might be well attended & helpful to those who take part
13 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.
14 th	On Children In Need Day, we pray for all who will be fundraising for children's charities; praying also for the children & families who will benefit from the monies raised & services provided.
15 th	We pray that the Christmas Fair at Christ Church Ainsworth will be a well-supported & successful event. We give thanks for all who give up their time to organise & run these events.
16 th	On Safeguarding Sunday, we give thanks for the work & commitment of our Parish Safeguarding Officers.
17 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.
18 th	We pray for & give thanks for all who provide ministry to older people; praying especially for members of the Whitefield Anna Chaplaincy Team.
19 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Andrew's, Hillock.
20 th	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.
21 st	We give thanks for the congregation, volunteers & community at St. Mary, Radcliffe.
22 nd	We pray that the Christmas Fair at St. George's, Unsworth will be a well-supported & successful event. We give thanks for all who give up their time to organise & run these events.
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 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, & that the meeting will be productive.
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	As National Tree Week draws to a close, we pray for & give thanks for the conservation sector & volunteer groups who work to maintain our forests & woodlands.

Christmas Wreath making workshop

Herald in the most wonderful of seasons with your own hand made beautiful and bespoke wreath to hang on your front door this Christmas



Live demo and guidance throughout the event

A beautiful selection of foilage, natural embellishments and exquisite ribbons to choose from

A warming winter drink and yummy festive treats

The perfect way to start this most beautiful season!



£20.00pp

**Sunday 7th December
2pm-4pm
At Mary's Church
Radcliffe**

Making Christmas magical !



Remembrance Day

POPPIES

ON SALE HERE

Please show your support and give generously

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

You are invited to join **The Ladies Who Lunch, Friends and Family** for Christmas Lunch at Stand Golf Club on **Tuesday 16th December** at 12.30pm for 1pm lunch
3 Courses £35.00 – 2 Courses £30.00 - Includes Coffee & After Dinner Mints
Please make your choices on the sign up sheet at the back of church
Please pay a £10.00 deposit to Sue Aspinall

Liv's Trust

PRESENTS

RADCLIFFE'S GOT TALENT!

Shine like a star

**SATURDAY
8TH NOVEMBER 2025**

Are you aged between 7yrs - 17yrs?

If you are a Radcliffe resident, a member of
a Radcliffe dance or music school or supported
by Liv's trust come and join us

Sing, dance, play & musical instruments!

**ST PHILIPS COMMUNITY CENTRE,
HIGHER DEAN STREET, RADCLIFFE M26 3TE**

BACK TO THE 60s and 50s

*Blast
of the
Past* *Night Party*

RAFFLE, STAND UP BINGO, & QUIZ

**BLAST THE PAST
AT ST PHILIPS COMMUNITY CENTRE £2 ENTRY INCLUDING
QUIZ, FULL BAR SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER AT 7-30PM**

**ALL PROCEEDS ARE GOING TOWARDS
PURCHASING A DEFIBULATOR FOR THE CENTRE**

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

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?

**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

HOSTED BY
NEW LIFE CHURCH

HELPING THE MARGINALISED AND LONELY INTO A
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**

LET'S do it! FUNDED & SUPPORTED BY
BENEFACT TRUST **COMMUNITY FUND**

NEW LIFE CHURCH, STAND LANE M26 1JR

Eagle's Wing is a mutual support group of friends made up of local people, asylum seekers and refugees living in this area. It meets at the United reformed Church, Parsons Lane, Bury BL9 0LY, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10am to noon (term time only). "Come as strangers, stay as friends" – they say.

10:00am on Mondays

(- 1:00pm) **Warm Spaces** scheme is again in operation at St Philip's Community Centre through the winter. Come along for a drink and biscuit and a chat. All welcome – spread the word

TEAM ADVENT STUDY GROUP

As in past years, a study group will meet during the weeks of Advent, on Fridays, 10:15 – 11:30am in St Thomas and St John's church. The first session will be on Friday 5 December., There is no need to register and it is free of charge. Beginning with a brew, we will then be guided by the Archbishop of York's pick as an Advent book: "Listening to the Music of the Soul", by Bishop Guli Francis-Dehqani. During the weeks of Advent, this study will replace the usual Friday Friends Bible Study.

It has been said that "Listening to the music of the soul" is a wonderfully evocative phrase – but what does it really mean for the everyday anxieties of life? Bishop Guli Francis-Dehqani invites us on the deepest journey of all: one within our very souls. To listen to the music of the soul, Bishop Guli writes, is to "connect in a meaningful way to our innermost being" – to release the pressure to be someone we are not, and inhabit our lives more fully, in deep and authentic relationship with God. Bishop Guli's invitation is rooted in her own remarkable story.

She arrived in the UK as a refugee forty years ago, following the murder of her brother in the wake of the Iranian Revolution. Growing up as a Christian in Iran and later fleeing to escape religious persecution, she knows exactly what it means to experience an identity shaped by complexity – and the struggle we all share to make sense of who we are.

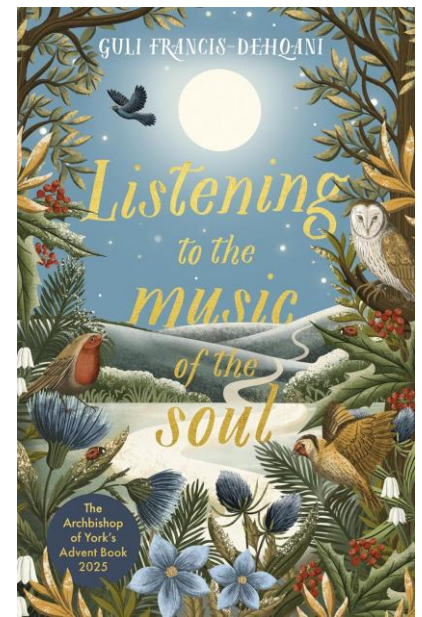
In a highly digital world of social media soundbites, polarized debates, and the demand for instant responses, Bishop Guli offers another way. This Advent, her invitation to us to pause and "listen to the music of the soul", is a call to rest in life's nuances, in the fertile spaces in between, where beauty and pain coexist – and where, in that very tension, we encounter God most profoundly.

Relating her vivid life story to the biblical narratives of Advent, Bishop Guli encourages us to see our own journeys within the greater story of God's unending love and His purpose for our salvation. Each chapter invites us to listen to a musical interpretation of its theme (accessible via QR code), whether flight, angels, or hope, and encourages us to respond in a way that is deeply personal. From Mary's Magnificat and its hope for the overlooked, to the harmonies of silence and darkness, fear and hope, and light and space that accompany the season of Advent, *Listening to the Music of the Soul* draws into the beauty of God's reconciliation with humanity through the birth of Jesus.

The accompanying music to each chapter, whether familiar or not, becomes a companion to us on this journey, helping us tune our hearts to the deeper music of the soul. And in that inner music, we find ourselves drawn into the wider melody of God's love, where our lives are held within the heartbeat of His eternal song of salvation.

To participate in the group, it is not necessary to have the book but, if you would like to have a copy it may be ordered from Amazon and other booksellers for about £10. If you have access to BBC Sounds, you can find the

2024 recording of Bishop Guli's appearance on "Desert Island Discs".





Providing crisis packs for those in need

Christmas Items Required - Thanks

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| ☐ Single sponge puddings | Tins Ravioli |
| ☐ Hot dogs | crisps |
| ☐ Canned drinks | small cartons fruit juice |
| ☐ Tins beans and sausage | Cake Bars |
| ☐ Miniature jars of jam | Tins meatballs |
| ☐ Tinned Stews/spaghetti bolognese/chilli | |
| ☐ Bottles of squash | UHT Milk Semi skimmed and full fat |
| ☐ Tins of meat | Chocolate Bars |
| ☐ Tinned tuna | Custard |
| ☐ Tins meatballs | |
| ☐ Christmas themed chocs/cakes | |

Please note no Christmas puddings and no mince pies

Basically anything that a family would love to have at Christmas time!

