

# Radcliffe & Whitefield Mission Community News

October – November 2025

## Roving Reporter – A Round Up of Recent Events

### Bee Inspired



On a wet & windy evening, it was fantastic to see so many people at our very first Mission Community Inspirational Worship Event. With live worship music played by members of Nelson St Church, an inspirational address from the Venerable Karen Smeaton, a fun bee quiz, "Isaiah 53" Christian book & gift stall, goody bags, food & fellowship – what more could you want! A huge thank you to St. Andrew's, Radcliffe for hosting this event, to everyone who came along on the night, & to all who helped with organising it.



### Bury & Rossendale Deanery EcoStepping Stones

Radcliffe & Whitefield Mission Community were definitely punching above our weight, with a fabulous turn out & almost all of our Churches represented at the Bury & Rossendale EcoStepping Stones event. Following worship, lead by Revd Canon Grace Thomas, delegates split into groups to watch the EcoStepping Stones videos & discuss possible ways in which the concepts could be applied in our own contexts. Kath Pollard & Keith Watkinson (Deanery EcoChampions) are available to support Churches with any questions / queries on EcoChurch-matters.



### Parish Giving Scheme Workshop

A huge thank you to Carolyn McGloughlin, Parish Support Officer, for leading our Mission Community Parish Giving Scheme workshop – it was great to see such a good turnout. Carolyn talked us through the 'whys and wherefores', answered lots of questions and assured us that she is happy to help if anyone needs further information or support to get started with this; [carolynmcgloughlin@manchester.anglican.org](mailto:carolynmcgloughlin@manchester.anglican.org). Thanks also to All Saints, Stand for hosting this event.

## Coming Soon ...

### The Lord's Prayer Tour

During 2025 and early 2026, Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, is undertaking a tour across the North of England, sharing the meaning and significance of the Lord's Prayer as part of a shared "Faith in the North" initiative.

Archbishop Stephen will visit dioceses in the Northern Province of the Church of England to speak about the ongoing relevance of the Lord's Prayer in today's world, encouraging everyone to live by its powerful, transformative words. Nearest venues: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025 – Blackburn Cathedral; Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Liverpool Cathedral; Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Manchester Cathedral.

Lots more info at [The Lord's Prayer Tour – Dates for the diary - Faith in the North](#)

### Lord's Prayer Day – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Please join with other members of our Mission Community to say The Lord's Prayer together at 7am, 12 noon or 8pm on Zoom, or simply pray yourself at these times.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88510585974?pwd=QUdYYjN6bDFoakxpZnBoY2ZDMUFoZz09>

## Eco Tips

**October** - Provide food and shelter for wildlife, now and in preparation for next year. Clean all your bird feeders to avoid the spread of disease to winter migrants and put up a nest box well in advance of breeding season.

**November** – If you're planning a bonfire party, make sure to check for hedgehogs & other creatures that may have seen your rubbish pile as a place to hibernate.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Renew For Women

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Oct  
7.45pm, St. Mary's  
Rawtenstall

[\(1\) Facebook](#)

### Women's Voices Conference

Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Oct  
[Buy tickets – Women's Voices 2025: Women's Bodies – Luther King Theological College](#)

### Saying Goodbye

Baby Loss  
Remembrance  
Service;  
Manchester  
Cathedral, Sun  
19<sup>th</sup> Oct 2.30pm  
[Saying Goodbye](#)

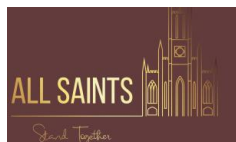
### Early Years Conference

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Nov [Early Years Conference Tickets, Sat, Nov 8, 2025 at 10:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)

### Intercultural Kingdom Conference

Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Nov  
[Intercultural Kingdom Conference 2025 Tickets, Sat, Nov 15, 2025 at 9:30 AM | Eventbrite](#)

## Around The Steeples, Spires, Towers & Turrets Of Our Mission Community



### **All Saints, Stand** [standchurch.com](http://standchurch.com)

**News** – In preparation for our 200 year celebration we've commissioned a virtual tour of the inside and outside of our amazing Grade 1 listed building; find this on our website.

Members of our congregation and wider community have worked to make a 'Poppy Fall' which will be put up on the outside of church for the Season of Remembrance.

**Special Services** – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October – Join us for Choral Evensong with a Harvest theme.

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November - A service of Remembrance at 10am, followed by a service at the cenotaph, to include two minute silence and the laying of wreaths.



### **St. Andrew's, Hillock** [www.standrews-hillock.org.uk](http://www.standrews-hillock.org.uk)

**News** – We'll be holding our Harvest Supper on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October, including a Ceilidh and pasty and pie supper. Starts at 6pm all welcome.

**Regular Events** – Anna Chaplaincy drop in for over 50's, every Tuesday 1 – 3pm at St Andrews, all welcome.

Community Litter Picking – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month; 10.30 – 11.30am.



### **St. George's, Unsworth** [achurchnearyou.com/church/16088](http://achurchnearyou.com/church/16088)

**News** – We'll be holding our Christmas Fair at St. George's, Unsworth on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – everyone welcome.

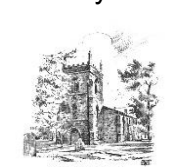
**Regular Events** - Community Litter Picking – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month; 9 – 10.30am.

Our Cornerstone Café is open on a Wednesday & a Friday.

**Special Services** – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 10am – Harvest Festival; all donations of produce gratefully received for The Food Pantry (dry goods only please).

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 4pm - Parish Memorial Service.

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 10.45am - Civic Remembrance service at Unsworth Pole.



### **Christ Church Ainsworth** [www.ainsworthparish.org.uk](http://www.ainsworthparish.org.uk)

**News** – We have an 'Evergreen Events' Artisan & Makers Market in Ainsworth Church & Community Hall on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 11 - 3pm.

Our Christmas Fair will be held in Ainsworth Church & Community Hall on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 11 – 2pm.

**Regular Events** – Coffee & Conversation – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, 10.30 – 12 noon in Ainsworth Church & Community Hall; a drop in social event for over 50's.

**Special Services** – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 10.30am – Family & Uniformed Organisations Harvest Service; donations of toiletries / produce gratefully received for Porch Boxes.

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 6.30pm – Service To Remember The Departed

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 6.30pm – BCP Evensong – everyone welcome.



### **St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe** [www.st-thomas-radcliffe.org](http://www.st-thomas-radcliffe.org)

**News** – We recently held our first Heritage Weekend, which went really well with lots of visitors, great displays & some lovely comments written in our Visitors Book.

Our Christmas Market will be held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December in Church.

**Special Services** – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October, Harvest Festival with produce donated to Porch Boxes.

**Regular Events** – Saturday Café – every Saturday 10am – 12noon.



### **Radcliffe Parish Church of St. Mary** [Radcliffe Parish Church of St. Mary](http://Radcliffe Parish Church of St. Mary)

**News** – We recently held our Heritage Open Days & had almost 100 visitors over the course of the weekend – with the furthest coming from Australia!

Don't miss our "Hits Of The Decade" Concert performed by The Eden Singers; Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Oct, 4pm.

Our Christmas Fayre will be held on Sat 29<sup>th</sup> November, 11 – 2pm.

**Special Services** - Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 3pm – joint Radcliffe Team All Souls Service at St. Mary's.

**Regular Events** - Saturday Café – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month, 10am – 12noon; next dates 11<sup>th</sup> Oct & 8<sup>th</sup> Nov.



### **St. Andrew's, Radcliffe** [St Andrews Radcliffe](http://St Andrews Radcliffe)

**News** - Oasis Craft Group will be holding a Christmas Craft Fair in Church on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November from 1 – 3pm, everyone welcome.

**Christ Church Walshaw** [www.christchurch-walshaw.co.uk](http://www.christchurch-walshaw.co.uk)

**Special Services** – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 3pm – Memorial Service to remember loved ones.



If your Church has any news or dates to include in our December / January newsletter, email [alisonhartleyhorse@gmail.com](mailto:alisonhartleyhorse@gmail.com)