

<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>	
<h2>NOTICES THIS WEEK</h2>	<p><i>Sunday 5 October 2025</i></p> <p><i>Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity</i></p>

## Sunday

9:30am **Eucharist** at St Mary's: President – Revd Adele McKie; Preacher - Revd Irene Thirkell; 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: President – Revd Adele McKie; Preacher - Revd Irene Thirkell; followed by light refreshments  
THANKS to those who provided help and support to last week's Gardening Group

**INCOME SURVEY:** each October, throughout the Diocese, we are invited to complete a simple survey form and place it in the box at the back of church. Please completely fill the box containing the letter that matches your personal income only — do not include income earned by other members of your family. Please complete this form if you are over 16 and have attended this church at least twelve times in the past twelve months. You do not put your name on it and it is completely confidential. The information is used when the Diocese sets the amount our Church is invited to contribute ("Parish Share") towards clergy stipends and housing, and towards training and other central support to parishes. Even if you have no or little income, please complete a form so that there is a proper reflection of parishioners' income.

**RADCLIFFE AND WHITEFIELD MISSION COMMUNITY NEWS:** copies of the first edition of this newssheet, which will be produced every two months, are available in church.

## The week ahead

<b>Tuesday (7<sup>th</sup>)</b>	1:00pm	<b>Funeral</b> at St Thomas and St John's of Anthony Baker
<b>Wednesday (8<sup>th</sup>)</b>	10:00am 7:00pm	<b>Service of the Word</b> at St TJ's; followed by light refreshments St Thomas and St John's <b>PCC</b> at St Philip's
<b>Friday (10<sup>th</sup>)</b>	10:15am  10:30am 12 noon	(- 11:30) Following coffee, <b>Team Friday Friends Study Group</b> , at St Thomas and St John's. All welcome as we continue a study in the Letters to Timothy <b>Funeral</b> of Colin Bethell at St Mary's <b>Team Intercessions</b> at St TJ's, followed by bring-your-own-lunch eaten together if you wish to stay
<b>Saturday (11<sup>th</sup>)</b>	10:00am 10:30am 12:30pm	(- noon) Monthly Saturday Café at St Mary's (- noon) <b>Saturday Café</b> at St TJ's, including Vestry Hour <b>Harvest Lunch</b> at St Thomas and St John's (need a ticket)
<b>Sunday (12<sup>th</sup>)</b>		<b>HARVEST THANKSGIVING</b>
	9:30am	<b>Eucharist</b> at St Mary's: President and Preacher - Revd Adele McKie; followed by light refreshments
	11:00am	<b>Eucharist</b> at St Thomas and St John's: President and Preacher - Revd Adele McKie; followed by light refreshments

*At each church, Harvest gifts of non-perishable food and toiletries will be received and presented at the altar. They will then be passed to local charity, Porch Boxes, to support local families in crisis need.*

# Please pray for ...

- **Prayer for our community** following the violent act of antisemitism that took place on Thursday at the Heaton Park Hebrew Congregation Synagogue. Our prayers are with all who are affected—the victims, their families, emergency responders, and the wider Jewish community, including our Jewish neighbours here in Radcliffe and North Manchester. We reaffirm and pray for our shared commitment, with friends and colleagues of all faiths and none, to peace, safety, and the fundamental right of every person to worship freely and without fear. We pray for strength and courage to stand together against hatred in all its forms, so that we all may live and worship in peace and safety. We pray, with Bishop David, that love will be allowed to conquer hate.
- **Prayer for Archbishop of Canterbury designate:** Bishop Sarah Mullalley
- **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, Denis Haslam, Chris Hollis, Pauline Holt, Terry Houlgrave, Malcolm Kirkpatrick, Harry Melling, Pat Rigby, Peter Savage, 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 George Vail, Colin Bethell, James Hassall and Anthony Baker
- **Those recalled in our Books of Remembrance:**
  - **St Mary's:** Grace Gregson, Mary Alice Cottrill (7<sup>th</sup>); David Robinson (11<sup>th</sup>)
  - **St Thomas and St John's:** Joan Davidson (26<sup>th</sup>); Laura Ellen Clarkson, James Pickstone, Emily Hall, Fred Boardman (5<sup>th</sup>); Jack Walsh (6<sup>th</sup>); Keith Clegg (8<sup>th</sup>); Thomas Percy (10<sup>th</sup>); Hannah Jane Todd (11<sup>th</sup>)

## Looking ahead

**Bible Reading Fellowship:** This Christian charity inspires, equips and supports people of all ages to grow in faith. One way it does this is through Bible reading notes. They take a short portion of scripture for each day and provide thoughts to encourage understanding and reflection. A popular series is "New Daylight", available once a quarter for £5.25. At St Thomas and St John's, Sue Aspinall offers to put a combined order in each quarter. Anyone interested should have a word with her in the coming weeks before the next order goes in in December. Sue also has the BRF illustrated catalogue of Christmas cards, and is willing to put in a combined order to reduce delivery charges. Please see Sue if interested. It is of interest that BRF sponsors a number of parish ministries to be found in neighbouring parishes. Messy Church supports work with children. Anna Chaplaincy provides support to older members of the community.

The annual **Fairtrade Fortnight** (22 September – 5 October) ends today. 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." Let's re-commit ourselves to use only fairly traded goods in church, where this is possible – for example beverage materials.

**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.

*Please supply future information to [lesandkathleen@btinternet.com](mailto: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](mailto:revadele@btopenworld.com) or on 07946 383024.*

## ***Bishop David Welcomes the Appointment of the Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally as the next Archbishop of Canterbury***

*His Majesty The King has approved the nomination of the Bishop of London, the Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah*



*Mullally, as the next Archbishop of Canterbury, Downing Street has announced. The 106th Archbishop of Canterbury since Saint Augustine arrived in Kent from Rome in 597, Bishop Sarah will be the first woman to hold the office.*

*She will be installed in a service at Canterbury Cathedral on 25th March 2026.*

*Responding to the news, the Rt Revd Dr David Walker, Bishop of Manchester said:*

***"I am delighted that Dame Sarah Mullally is to be the next Archbishop of Canterbury. She is a person of great wisdom and insight, as well as deep Christian faith. It is a particular joy to me that we now have a woman in the office of archbishop, only a decade or so since women became eligible for episcopal posts in England. In the years I have known and worked with Bishop Sarah, I have found her to be a great bishop and an excellent colleague. Please join me in holding her in our prayers as she prepares to take up this most demanding of roles."***

*Sarah Mullally has been the Bishop of London since 2018, the first woman to hold that role, and previously served as the Bishop of Crediton in the Diocese of Exeter. Prior to her ordination in 2001, she was the Government's Chief Nursing Officer for England – the youngest person ever to be appointed to that role at the age of 37 – having previously specialised as a cancer nurse. Bishop Sarah has described nursing as "an opportunity to reflect the love of God".*

*The Crown Nominations Commission (CNC) for Canterbury nominated Bishop Sarah following a process of public consultation and prayerful discernment that began in February this year. The Canterbury CNC was made up of representatives from across the Church of England, global Anglican Communion and the Diocese of Canterbury.*

Fund Raising Event



## Harvest Lunch Potato Pie - Peas and Pudding

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> 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



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- **SHOEBOX APPEAL** Today, and for the next four Sundays, there will be an opportunity to give to Operation Christmas Child. Please place your monetary donations in the box provided. As last year, we shall not be making up shoeboxes, but instead giving money. Your donation will enable a gift to be given to a, often hard to reach, child in need through one of over 75,000 local Churches world-wide sharing the good news of life and hope in Jesus in a child-friendly way.



# 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 10<sup>th</sup> September for 6 weeks, 10.30am - 12.30pm.

### **Intermediate Digital Skills**

Takes place every Wednesday from 5<sup>th</sup> 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

### October 2025

1 <sup>st</sup>	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 <sup>nd</sup>	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 <sup>rd</sup>	We pray for mission & ministry at Christ Church Ainsworth.
4 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Mary, Radcliffe.
7 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for all of our Baptism families - thanking God that they still see this as important.
8 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for mission & ministry at St. George's, Unsworth.
9 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for mission & ministry at All Saints Stand.
16 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Andrew's, Hillock.
17 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for all who have organised or will be attending the Harvest Supper & Ceilidh at St. Andrew's, Hillock this evening.
18 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for all at St. Andrew's, Hillock as they hold their Harvest Festival today.
19 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for & give thanks for all who provide ministry to older people; praying especially for members of the Whitefield Anna Chaplaincy Team.
21 <sup>st</sup>	We give thanks for the congregation, volunteers & community at St. Mary, Radcliffe.
22 <sup>nd</sup>	We pray for mission & ministry at Emmanuel Community Church, Radcliffe.
23 <sup>rd</sup>	We pray for & give thanks for all who are involved with funeral ministry; praying also for the families that they serve & support.
24 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for & give thanks for all those who are involved with ministry for children & families.
26 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for mission & ministry at Christ Church Walshaw.
27 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for & give thanks for the many volunteers that support our Churches & wider communities.
28 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe.
29 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Andrew's, Radcliffe.
30 <sup>th</sup>	We pray for & give thanks for all those who take on the role of 'EcoChampion' within their Churches.
31 <sup>st</sup>	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.

# Greater Manchester Churches Together



**ANNUAL ASSEMBLY**  
**OCTOBER 8TH 6.30PM-9.00PM**  
**SALFORD CATHEDRAL CENTRE**  
3 FORD STREET M3 6DP  
Parking on site

**HOPE FOR THE FUTURE**  
Worship and Keynote Address  
Presentations on  
Hope for the Church  
Hope for Creation  
Hope for the County

**GMCT ASSEMBLY PROGRAM**  
6.30PM GATHERING - TEA AND COFFEE



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
WORSHIP AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS  
BREAK-OUT SESSIONS:  
HOPE FOR THE CHURCH  
HOPE FOR CREATION  
HOPE FOR THE COUNTY  
CLOSING PRAYERS AND BLESSING

9.00PM DEPARTURES

**On behalf of the many Christian traditions across Greater Manchester, we express our grief following the horrific attack on the Heaton Park Synagogue this week. We offer our prayers for those bereaved and injured and for the wider Jewish community at this time. We cherish the freedom we all have to worship as we please and hope that, God willing, we can continue to do so in safety and security. Shalom.**

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



The  
Small  
Projects  
Fund

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**



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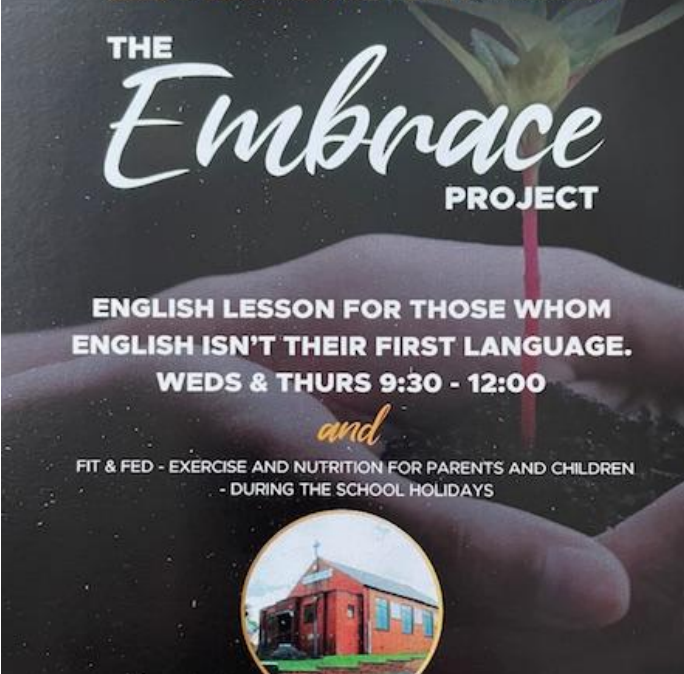
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ENGLISH ISN'T THEIR FIRST LANGUAGE.  
WEDS & THURS 9:30 - 12:00**

*and*

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



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