

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 23 November 2025
Christ the King

Sunday


- 9:30am **Eucharist** at St Mary's: President and Preacher - Revd Margaret Trivasse; followed by light refreshments
- 11:00am **Eucharist** at St Thomas and St John's: President and Preacher - Revd Margaret Trivasse; followed by light refreshments
WELCOME Jim playing the organ

TODAY and for the next few weeks we are invited to bring to church (St TJ) and place around the font **toys and other gifts** that will be passed to the children of needy local families. The final ingathering will be on Sunday 7 December. They should not be Christmas wrapped. Please remember older children.

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 full payment

MARIE'S LICENSING Please see sign up sheet to offer items for the buffet following

The week ahead

- Monday (24th)** 10:00am (- 1:00pm) **Warm Spaces** scheme is again in operation at St Philip's Community Centre through the winter. Come along on any Monday (except bank holidays) for a drink and biscuit and a chat. All welcome – spread the word
- Wednesday (26th)** 10:00am **Service of the Word** at St TJ's; followed by light refreshments
- Thursday (27th)** 10:00am **Funeral** at St Thomas and St John's of Terence Bradbury
- Friday (28th)** 10:15am (- 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
12 noon **Team Intercessions** at St TJ's, followed by bring-your-own-lunch eaten together if you wish to stay
- Saturday (29th)** 9:30 am (11:30am) **Mission Community "Window on Advent"**, (come when you're ready, leave when you like"). A time of thought, prayer and reflection; refreshments available. St Andrew's Hillock M45 8NA
 10:30am (- 12:30pm) **Saturday Café** at St TJ's, including Vestry Hour
11:00am (- 2:00pm) St Mary's Christmas Fayre
- Sunday (30th)** **ADVENT SUNDAY**
- 9:30am **Eucharist** at St Mary's: President - Revd Adele McKie; Preacher – Revd Irene Thirkell; followed by light refreshments
- 11:00am **Eucharist** at St Thomas and St John's: President - Revd Adele McKie; Preacher – Revd Irene Thirkell; followed by light refreshments
- 12:30pm **Baptism** of Mya Murdoch at St Thomas and St John's. Officiant – Revd Adele McKie

Please pray for ...

• Prayers for healing:

- **St Mary's:** Catherine, Roger Brierley, Berenice Carey, Barbara Cordener, David Duckworth, Colin Embrey, Margaret Embrey, Christine Firth, William Firth, Chris Hollis, Pauline Holt, Priscilla Holme, Terry Houlgrave, Harry Melling, Peter Savage, Denis Wright, Janice Wright.
- **St TJ and elsewhere:** Catherine, Pam, Joan Atherton, Lawson Bant, Paula Barrand, Alice Berry, Geraldine Braden, Tony Cardwell, Reg Dee, Jacob Dewar, Zohre Galati, Vicky Halstead, Marjorie Higham, Miriam Higham, Anthony Hill, Lyn Hill, Louise Peart, Barry Sheehan, Jane Slade, Hannah Sox, Lynda Westnott
- **Those recently bereaved:** family and friends of Terence Bradbury, Roy Warburton, Gillian Clarkson, Fay Atherton

• Those recalled in our Books of Remembrance:

- **St Mary's:** Terence Bowker (29th)
- **St Thomas and St John's:** David Plant (23rd); Alice Sylvia Sutton, John George Pollard (26th); Mary Jane Baybutt, Joseph Holland, Norah Hilton, Doris Bailey, Lydia Wilkins (27th)

Looking ahead

Clergy appointments  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Saturday 13 December, in the cathedral at 1pm: ordination as priest of the Revd Irene Thirkell. Everyone is welcome to attend both services. 	Christmas Lunch at Stand Golf Club on Tuesday 16.12.25. Menus and prices are in church (St TJ). See sign up sheet in church. Full payment is now due to Sue Aspinall please.	Christmas Makers Market Saturday 6 December 2025 If you have any items for the Market, could you bring them on Saturday 29th, Sunday 30th or Tuesday 2nd please We are hoping to have a cake stall and to serve cakes in the cafe, if you have any donations of cakes, can you bring on Saturday 6th between 10am and 10.30am Marilyn will be happy to sell you some Raffle Tickets, see the prizes at the back of church.
Something extra for Advent? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Midweek worship as well as Sunday worship – see the Notices Join the Mission Community's Zoom meeting for prayer every weekday in Advent. 10 minutes at 6pm – see the Notices in Advent Join in the Team Advent Study Group. Every Friday at St TJ's, 10:15 for a brew then an hour's study and discussion until 11:30am See Notices and noticeboards. 	Christmas wreath making workshop. Sunday 7 Dec, 2-4pm, at St Mary's: £20 for materials and instruction. There is a sign up sheet at St Mary's	Concert by Besses Boys' Band and Affetside Choir Sunday 7 December, 2pm at St TJ's: Please see Maryse (tel: 0161 761 6136) for tickets, £8 (16 and under free), or to offer help to ensure the smooth running of this event: serve refreshments? Run a raffle? Sell items left from the Makers' Market the day before?
Why not join with Christians from other Radcliffe Churches in an act of witness and of Christmas celebration , singing carols in the market. Sunday 7 December at 6pm.		PLEASE PARK CONSIDERATELY: if you park your car in New Church Street, please respect the need of our neighbouring residents to access their drives at all times.
Give Fair This Christmas Gift giving is a joyful part of Christmas. This year, why not make it simpler and more meaningful by choosing Fairtrade certified gifts? Fairtrade products support ethical trade, protect the planet, and empower producers. Every Fairtrade purchase is a vote for a fairer, greener world, and is an easy way to do a little good, wherever you are. One way you can support Fairtrade in our diocese is by visiting the Justicia shop in Bolton which offers a wide range of gifts and treats – find them on Facebook, on e-Bay, on the website justiciafairtrade.co.uk , or at Knowsley Street, Bolton (open every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 10:00am – 3:30pm).		

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.

Looking ahead to Advent and Christmas

December

- Monday 1st Mission Community **Zoom Advent Prayers** 6pm – continues every weekday evening during Advent. Simply click the link below to take part: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88510585974?pwd=QUdYYjN6bDFoakxpZnBoY2ZDMUFoZz09>
- Friday 5th **Team Advent Study Group** begins at 10:15am (- 11:30am) at St TJ's (then each Friday). Based on the Archbishop of York's pick as an Advent book: "Listening to the Music of the Soul", by Bishop Guli Francis-Dehqani.
- 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 and other agencies as appropriate
- Monthly ingathering of gifts for **Porch Boxes** noting the list of requirements (at St TJ); St Mary's has a different scheme of support
- **Christmas Concert by Besses' Boys' Band and Affetside Choir** at 2:00pm at St TJ's – Tickets £8 (16 & under free) from Maryse, or pay on the door. Refreshments.
- **Christmas Wreath Making Workshop**, 2-4pm at St Mary's
- **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 – **Radcliffe Hall School Christmas Service** at 11:00am at St Mary's
- **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 4:00pm
- **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)

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The Churches of the Radcliffe & Whitefield
Mission Community Invite you to ...

Window On Advent

A time of thought, prayer & reflection as we come
together to prepare for the season of Advent

Saturday 29th November

9.30 – 11.30am

St. Andrew's, Hillock. M45 8NA

Refreshments also available

Arrive when you're ready; leave when you like ...

We're looking forward to seeing you!

St Thomas & St John's Church
with St Philip's Community Centre



Christmas Makers Market



Saturday 6th December
2025

11pm - 2pm

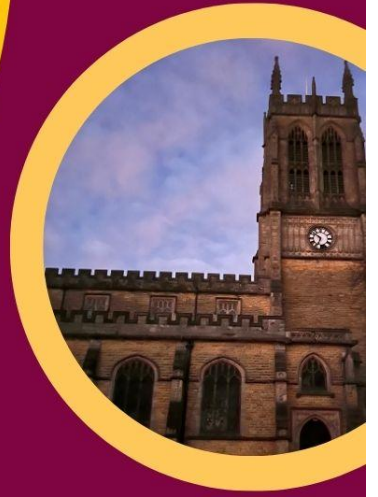
Handmade Stall
Gifts
Christmas Goodies
50/50 Game
Tombola Stall
Fancy Goods Stall



**Come and sample our
delicious refreshments
in our Market Cafe.**



BLACKBURN STREET, RADCLIFFE



**JOIN GRUMPY OWL TO LEARN ABOUT
THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS AT OUR
CRIB SERVICE**

St Thomas & St John's Church Radcliffe
Christmas Eve
Wed • 24 Dec 2025 • 4pm

JOY

Christmas Fayre

Saturday November 29th 11am – 2pm

Radcliffe Parish Church of St Mary
Church Green,
M26 2QA



All your favourite stalls.....
Raffle with fabulous prizes,
Lucky bags, Bottle Tombola, Craft Stall, Tombola, Cake
stall, Book and Toy Stall, Chocolate Tombola, Lucky Dip
and Café with refreshments.
You can also pick up a copy of our 2026 calendar!

ST MARY'S
THE PARISH CHURCH OF RADCLIFFE
Church Green Radcliffe, M26 2QA



PRESENTS
A Fundraising
Christmas Concert by
The Affetside Choir

Saturday 13th December 2025

Concert starts 2pm

Tickets £7

Includes: Drink + Mince pie/cake/biscuits

Tickets available on door or from :
Vicky : 07533894392 or Deb : 0161 724 4116





& BESSES BOYS BAND
BRASS & VOICES

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

SUNDAY 7TH
DECEMBER 2025
2:00PM

ST. THOMAS AND ST. JOHN'S CHURCH,
NEW CHURCH STREET, RADCLIFFE, M26 2UD
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

Tickets: Adults £8
16 & under: Free
Available from Choir/Band
Members Or Pay On The Door



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)**



JOIN US FOR A

Christmas CAROL Concert

Fri 12th DECEMBER
2025

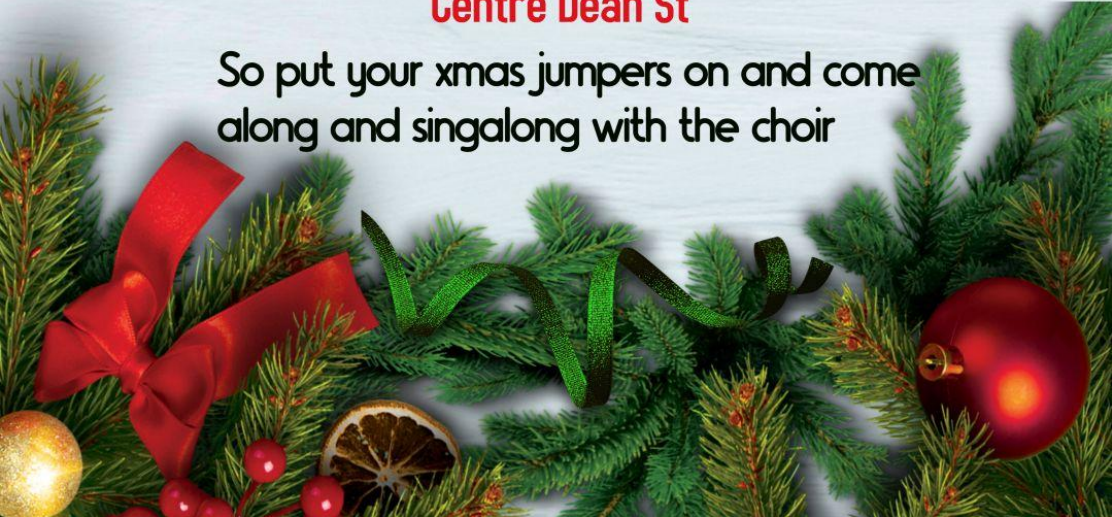
AT 7-00pm

Free Entry Full Bar &
Raffle, Tombola

Mince Pies & Mulled Wine
Available to Purchase

At St Philips Community
Centre Dean St

So put your xmas jumpers on and come
along and singalong with the choir



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.

"What wings are to a bird, & sails are to a ship; so prayer is to the soul."



COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE

CHRISTMAS IN THE MARKET

@ RADCLIFFE MARKET PLACE

SUN 7TH DEC AT 6:00PM

HOSTED BY RADCLIFFE CHURCHES

EVENT SUPPORTED BY


Dough · So · Good
Pizzeria

WOOD FIRED PIZZAS & ITALIAN
DISHES AVAILABLE TO BUY

ALL WELCOME
HOT & COLD DRINKS AVAILABLE


RADCLIFFE MARKET
1851 ONWARDS

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!



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

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.

**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




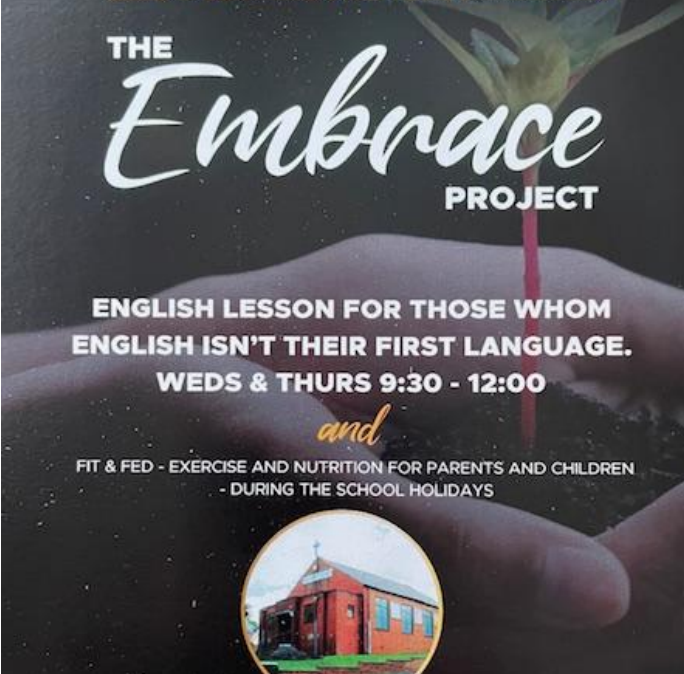
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NEW LIFE CHURCH

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!**
Shared resources
ACROSS Bury

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**COMMUNITY
FUND**

NEW LIFE CHURCH, STAND LANE M26 1JR

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.

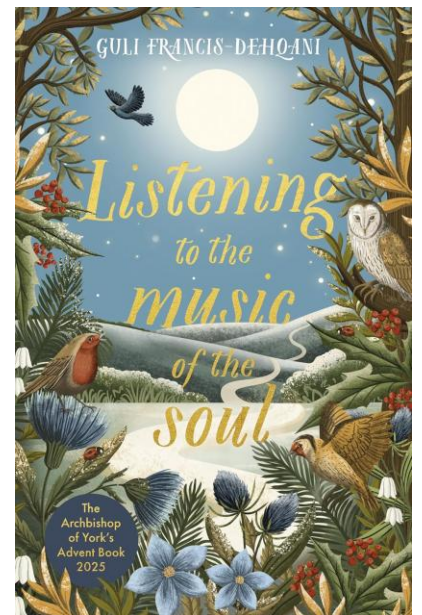
It has been said that "Listening to the music of the soul" is a wonderfully evocative phrase – but what does it really mean for the everyday anxieties of life? Bishop Guli Francis-Dehqani invites us on the deepest journey of all: one within our very souls. To listen to the music of the soul, Bishop Guli 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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| <input type="checkbox"/> Single sponge puddings | Tins Ravioli |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hot dogs | crisps |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canned drinks | small cartons fruit juice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tins beans and sausage | Cake Bars |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Miniature jars of jam | Tins meatballs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tinned Stews/spaghetti bolognese/chilli | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bottles of squash | UHT Milk Semi skimmed and full fat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tins of meat | Chocolate Bars |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tinned tuna | Custard |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tins meatballs | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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!

