

Radcliffe & Whitefield Mission Community News

February – March 2026

Roving Reporter – Advent

Window On Advent

This was our first Mission Community Advent event; each of our Churches created a prayer station on an Advent theme, to allow people to come together in prayer & fellowship in readiness for the season of Advent. Whilst very few people took advantage of this wonderful event, those who did come along really appreciated the opportunity to spend time in quiet prayer & reflection, at what can become a really busy time of year. A big thank you must go to all who created such thoughtful and thought-provoking prayer stations.

Advent Zoom Prayers

It was great to see all of our Churches represented on Advent Zoom prayers & also good to welcome some new attenders to this online prayer initiative; thank you to everyone who took part.

Other News ...

Candle Recycling

Our Mission Community has signed up to the 'Recycled Wax Candle Recycling Scheme'; if you have Church candles, tapers, tealights or even domestic scented candles or melts which could be recycled, simply bring them along to 1 of our Mission Community meetings.

Coming Soon ...

Bee Joyful

Monday 20th April 7.30pm @ Christ Church Ainsworth. BL2 5RU.

Why not join us for our very first Mission Community Songs of Praise! Hymns, prayer & worship led by Revd Phil Cansdale, plus a delicious selection of cakes & bakes. No need to book, just turn up.

Exploring Unconscious Bias

Thursday 5th March 7.15 for 7.30pm @ Christ Church Walshaw. BL8 3SF

Join us for an evening with Diane Gray-Stephenson (Racial Justice Lead) as we unpack unconscious bias, the impact it can have & how we might be more inclusive.

Eco Tips

February – Make sure that bird feeders are clean & topped up regularly during these colder months; bird baths can be kept ice free by placing a tennis ball in them.

March – Earth Hour takes place on March 28th this year; from 8.30 – 9.30pm people all across the country will be turning off lights & other electrical appliances to save energy; why not try filling that hour with prayer or an 'eco-positive' activity.

FOCUS ON ... ALL SAINTS, STAND ... 1826 - 2026

Throughout 2026, we will be celebrating 200 years of faith and worship at our wonderful Grade 1 listed church designed by Charles Barry. Special events are arranged from March to December beginning with a show in March by Nikki Fox and company, and in April our Heritage Exhibition spanning 2 Weeks. The rest of the year sees a variety of musical performances including jazz, brass band, organ recitals - with one by the internationally acclaimed Jonathan Scott, and culminating in December with Handel's Messiah. We also look forward to our primary school putting on events for us in the church. In September the Bishop of Manchester will attend our celebration service to mark the consecration of the church in that month in 1826.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Service Of Reflection For Those Involved With Safeguarding

Mon 16th Feb
7.00pm
Manchester Cathedral

[Service of Reflection for Those Involved in Safeguarding](#)

Vocations Day

Sat 7th Feb
10 – 2.30pm
St. Bride's, Old Trafford
[Eventbrite - Vocations Day 2026](#)

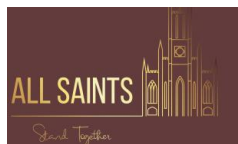
Lord's Prayer Evening

A special evening of prayer & reflection led by the Archbishop of York.

Manchester Cathedral.
Thurs 19th March
7 - 9pm

[Lord's Prayer Evening with Archbishop of York - Diocese of Manchester](#)

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



All Saints, Stand standchurch.com

News – Our weekly Lent Course runs from Tuesday 24th Feb – Tues 17th March, including soup for lunch. Holy Week & Easter Services can be found on our website.

Special Services – Ash Wednesday; Holy Communion & imposition of ashes @ 10.15am

St. Andrew's, Hillock www.standrews-hillock.org.uk



News – 4th March - Onward Housing are having a Winter Wellbeing Warm & Skills Event at St Andrew's 11-2pm. There will be information about job opportunities in the area, and providers will be on hand to talk about adult learning, training and volunteering. There will also be the opportunity for people to speak to services about needs, and access support on money advice, housing, mental health, food and wellbeing.

Saturday 28th March - Spring Community Day, where we will be bringing the community together for information within the community and a fun family time together.

Our weekly Bible study group started on 28th January & will be held weekly for the next 8 weeks.

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



St. George's, Unsworth achurchnearyou.com/church/16088

News – We are now holding a short Prayer Service in Church at 11am each Monday morning. We are also holding our JAM Sunday School on the third Sunday of each month.

Regular Events - Community Litter Picking – 1st Saturday of each month; 9 – 10.30am.

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

Christ Church Ainsworth www.ainsworthparish.org.uk



News – Weds 18th Feb, 1.30-3.30pm – 'Prayers & Promises', a family event exploring Lent through games, crafts and activities, followed by family friendly Ash Wednesday worship.

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

Special Services – Lent Reflections will be held each Tuesday evenings during Lent at 7.15pm in Church.

St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/16096/>



News – We'll be running a Lent course again this year; times & dates to be confirmed – please check our website for further details.

Special Services – Ash Wednesday Service, 10am @ St. Mary's & 7pm @ St. Thomas & St. John.

Regular Events – Saturday Café – every Saturday 10.30am – 12.30pm.



Radcliffe Parish Church of St. Mary Radcliffe Parish Church of St. Mary

News – 14th Feb - 2pm - Eden Singers concert 'Hits of the Decades' all your favourites from the 1920s through to 2000's. Tickets are £7 and include refreshments.

14th March - Two Crows Art event - an all age day of interactive arts and heritage themed activities based in the church, starting at 1pm, with refreshments. Drop in drawing workshop, quickfire portraits by children's book illustrator Andy Rowland, 'Horrible history' style talk at Radcliffe tower by Bury Art Museum, little book making workshop inspired by talk with artist Pru Clarke, sketchbook tour around church and tower with Lee Crocker, rounding up with a musical performance by Ruby Tingle, award winning multimedia artist & musician.

Special Services - 1st Feb - 9.30am – Christingle / Candlemas service

3rd Feb - 11am - Radcliffe Hall School Christingle service in church

Regular Events - Saturday Café – 2nd Saturday of each month, 10am – 12noon.



St. Andrew's, Radcliffe StAndrewsRadcliffe

Regular Events - Oasis Craft Group meet each Tuesday afternoon from 1 – 3pm, all welcome.

Baby & toddlers 'Wiggle Tots' is held on Thursdays from 9 – 10.30am.

Family Service – Thursdays 3.45pm

Christ Church Walshaw www.christchurch-walshaw.co.uk



News - We are holding a Valentine's Day Community Event on Saturday 14th Feb – all welcome.

Regular Events – Our super popular baby & toddler group meets in Church on Wednesdays from 10 – 11.15am (term time only).

Walshaw Community Choir - Wednesdays 7.15pm

'Cake & Chat' - 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month.

If your Church has any news or dates to include in our April / May newsletter, email alisonhartleyhorse@gmail.com