

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 4 January 2026
Second Sunday of Christmas*

This weekend, first Sunday of the month, there will be at St Thomas and St John's the usual ingathering of non-perishable food and toiletries to support the work of Porch Boxes. Packs are provided to local people in crisis need. Goods may be brought to both our Team Churches at any time. Please support this effort if you can.

Sunday

9:30am **Eucharist** at St Mary's: President: Revd Marie Pattison; Preacher: Revd Irene Thirkell; followed by light refreshments [no graveyard cleanup]

11:00am **Eucharist** at St TJ's: President: Revd Adele McKie; Preacher: Revd Irene Thirkell; followed by light refreshments

CHRISTMAS CARDS The rack has again been available at St TJ's, and a table at St Mary's, to facilitate the exchange of Christmas cards. As Christmas is past, please check for any cards you may still not have collected.

TEAM NOTICES We want all members of our Church community to be informed about services, events and other matters. There are prints of pages 1 and 2 available in church. St Mary's have a specific notices sheet in church; and both churches hear notices spoken during Sunday services. If you have and use email, you could be receiving an electronic version of many more pages. If you do not, please sign up by contacting lesandkathleen@btinternet.com

The week ahead

Wednesday (7th) 10:00am **Eucharist** at St Mary's; followed by light refreshments

Friday (9th) 10:15am (- 11:30) Following coffee, **Team Friday Friends Study Group**, at St Thomas and St John's. All welcome as we conclude our Advent study (postponed from last week).

12 noon **Team Intercessions** at St TJ's, followed by bring-your-own-lunch eaten together if you wish to stay

Saturday (10th) 10:00am (- noon) Monthly Saturday **Café** at St Mary's
10:30am (- 12:30pm) Saturday **Café** at St TJ's, with Vestry Hour
December Bonus Ball winner was Eunice Cartledge (no. 10)
2:00pm **Family Film Show** at St Mary's: "Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny". Including refreshments, £3 per person or £10 for a family ticket.

Sunday (11th) **THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST**

9:30am **Eucharist** at St Mary's: President: Revd Adele McKie; Preacher: Revd Marie Pattison; followed by light refreshments.

11:00am **Eucharist** at St TJ's: President: Revd Irene Thirkell; Preacher: Revd Marie Pattison. During the service, Amy Morton will be baptised. Followed by light refreshments.

Please pray for ...

- **Prayers for healing:**
 - **St Mary's:** Catherine, Berenice Carey, David Duckworth, Colin Embrey, Margaret Embrey, Christine Firth, William Firth, Peter Gorman, Chris Hollis, Pauline Holt, Priscilla Holme, Terry Houlgrave, Harry Melling, Sue Ormrod, Peter Savage, Ray Vernon, Ian Williams, Denis Wright, Janice Wright.
 - **St TJ and elsewhere:** Marilyn Alldred, Lawson Bant, Revd Dougie Bird, Carol Cain, Reg Dee, Jacob Dewar, Zohreh Galati, Claire Jones, Louise Peart
 - **Those recently bereaved:** family and friends of Roger Brierley, Penelope Keating, Jean Etheridge, Barbara Cordner, Tony Cardwell
- **Those recalled in our Books of Remembrance:**
 - **St Mary's:** Rob Rintoul. Howard Barkess (6th); Geoffrey Howard (7th); Robert Clegg (10th)
 - **St Thomas and St John's:** George Brown, Elaine Morris, Doris Elston (4th); Harry Monks (5th); John Jefferson Cameron, Richard Lawson (6th); Elizabeth Openshaw, Cyril Weston Robinson, Anthony Hoyle, Edith Howarth, Ray Dennis (7th); Bertha Allen, Edith Partington (8th); James William Greenhalgh, Beatrice Simms (9th); Derek Dalley, Bessie Schofield, Gladys Atkinson (10th)

Notices

Bury Homeless Project We are still collecting warm clothing in good condition – gifts may be placed in the cardboard box at the back of church (St Thomas and St John’s)	Prayer Lists At each church, the lists of those we understand to be sick and seeking the prayers of the Church have been updated. For further change, please see the clergy, or Deb at St Mary’s or Kathleen at St Thomas and St John’s
Mission Community Eco Recycling Items that we can receive in church to be recycled in various ways: old spectacles, hearing aids, foreign currency, postage stamps, bras, ink and toner cartridges (branded only). Non-perishable food and toiletries can be brought to church at any time for passing on to Porch Boxes to support local people.	
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.	
Giving to Church At each of our parish churches, you will find a digital giving machine which may be used for one-off gifts, including making them gift-aided which adds 25% to their value. If you wish to make a commitment to regular giving, we have forms to make a gift-aid declaration, and we can help you set up either a Direct Debit or a Standing Order. Each parish has a QR code displayed to facilitate one-off gifts.	Social media You can find us on Facebook <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Radcliffe Parish Church of St Mary• The Parish Church of St Thomas & St John We are often covered on the Facebook site: Diocese of Manchester – Deanery of Bury & Rossendale. Please look at these sites and click to “follow” to build up their profile.

To be in touch with the clergy, please contact Rev Marie, Team Rector (07795 805767), Rev Irene, Curate (07435 657865) or Rev Adele, Associate Priest (07946 383024).

To discuss baptisms or weddings, please go to Vestry Hour from 10:30 on Saturdays at St Thomas and St John's, or from 10:45 on Sundays at St Mary's.

Please supply future information to lesandkathleen@btinternet.com or to 0161 724 5696.



Family Film Show



**Come and enjoy
Indiana Jones & the Dial of
Destiny**



**Showing at Radcliffe,
Parish Church
St Mary**

On Saturday 10th January 28

At 2pm

**Cost £3 per person includes
refreshments**

For tickets please Contact :

Deborah : 0181 724 4116 OR

Vicky : 07553 894892



Please see below a prayer list from our Mission Community covering first the coming week, then the month.

In the coming week the Churches of our Mission Community will be:

- * Praying for the Churches throughout our Mission Community, especially those that remain in interregnum.
- * Giving thanks for and praying for our Focal Leaders, Churchwardens, PCC members, and the many other lay people who work so hard to support the work of our Churches.
- * Giving thanks for and praying for our own members of Clergy & also those from other Churches who continue to provide support and cover throughout our Mission Community.
- * Praying for inspiration from the Holy Spirit as we look forward to the year ahead. Praying that our Churches and worshipping communities might thrive & that we might see growth in faith & in numbers.

Radcliffe & Whitefield Mission Community Prayer Diary



January 2026

1 st	We give thanks for all that has been achieved by & through the Churches of our Mission Community throughout the past year and pray for inspiration & guidance as we & our Churches prepare for the year ahead.
2 nd	We pray for mission & ministry at All Saints Stand.
3 rd	We pray for the team at St. Andrew's, Radcliffe, that they may have wisdom as they consider the options with regards to their Church boiler, as the boiler room has flooded once again.
4 th	On World Braille Day, we give thanks for the use of Braille & for all who raise awareness of blindness issues.
5 th	We pray for the staff & children of our local schools as they prepare to return after the Christmas break.
6 th	We celebrate & give thanks for the visit of the Magi to Jesus.
7 th	We give thanks for the children & families who come to MidWeek Praise at Christ Church Ainsworth, we pray that through this Service, the seeds of faith may be sown in young hearts.
8 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. George's, Unsworth.
9 th	We pray for all those who attended Christ Church Walshaw, or any of the Churches within our Mission Community, for the first time in 2025; that they would find or rediscover faith.
10 th	We pray for mission & ministry at Emmanuel Community Church, Radcliffe.
11 th	We give thanks for the congregation at St. Andrew's, Hillock & all who support the work of 'Mopane Tree', supporting rural communities & schools in Namibia. Praying also for the communities who will benefit from their input.
12 th	We pray for mission & ministry at Christ Church Ainsworth.
13 th	We give thanks for & pray for our Church Officers, Lay Leaders & Volunteers.
14 th	We pray for the Radcliffe Team, their volunteers & helpers, and give thanks for all that they do.
15 th	We pray for & give thanks for the work of the Anna Chaplaincy Team in Whitefield.
16 th	We pray for discernment for the team at St. Andrew's, Radcliffe as they seek to discern how God is calling them to serve their community.
17 th	We give thanks for those who represent their Churches at Deanery Synod & pray for all who will be attending the meeting & Carbon Literacy Training Session this morning.
18 th	We give thanks & pray for all Incumbents, OLMS, NSMs & SSMs & those who have Permission To Officiate throughout our Mission Community.
19 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Andrew's, Hillock.
20 th	We give thanks & pray for all those who are involved with ministry for children & families.
21 st	We pray for mission & ministry at Christ Church Walshaw.
22 nd	We give thanks for those who will be part of the Prayer & Spirituality Group meeting this evening; we pray that there will be someone from each Church who feels called to be a part of this group.
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 mission & ministry at St. Mary, Radcliffe.
25 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe.
26 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.
27 th	On International Holocaust Remembrance Day, we remember not only the victims of the holocaust, but of all genocide.
28 th	We give thanks for the work of BRP Ministries & pray for those who will be attending the Bible Reading Fellowship Group at Christ Church Ainsworth this afternoon.
29 th	We give thanks for those who will be part of the Task Group meeting this evening; we pray that there will be someone from each Church who feels called to be a part of these groups.
30 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Andrew's, Radcliffe.
31 st	We give thanks for the work of Mothers' Union within our parishes & beyond. We pray for Mothers' Union members throughout our Mission Community.

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



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)**

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.

Other information

Please explore the information available in church. It includes prayer points suggested by our Mission Community, and its latest Newsletter.

**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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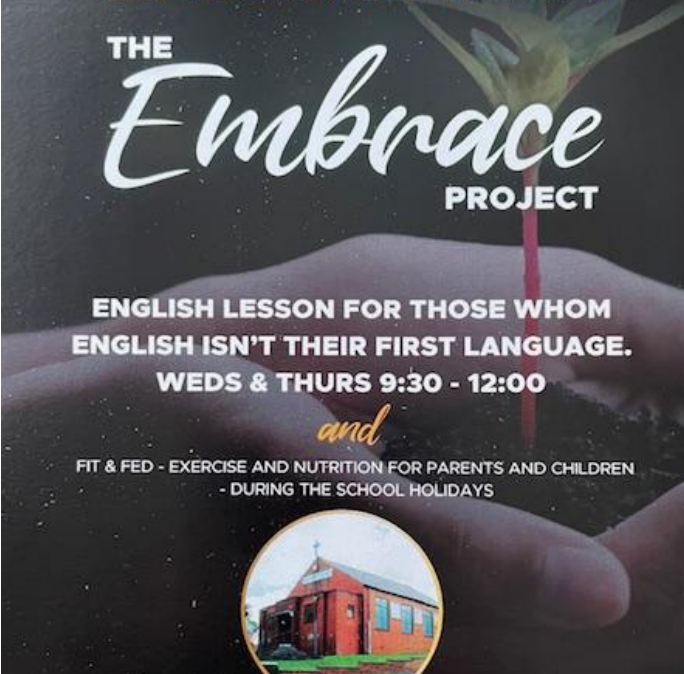
HELPING THE MARGINALISED AND LONELY INTO A
SENSE OF BELONGING, ACCEPTANCE AND INCLUSION

**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**



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