

The Radcliffe Team Ministry

Parish of St Mary

and

Parish of St Thomas and St John with St Philip's Community Centre

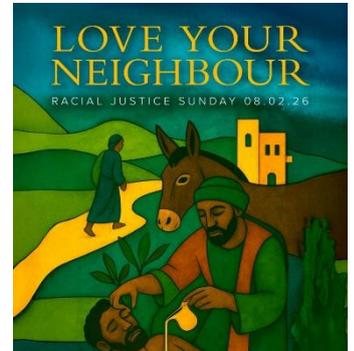
NOTICES THIS WEEK

Sunday 8 February 2026
Second Sunday before Lent

Sunday

*Today is designated as Racial Justice Sunday - 2026
theme: Love Your Neighbour*

- 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; followed by light refreshments.
- 1:00pm **Baptism** at St Mary's of Penelope Carol Elizabeth Hale



THANKS to all who prepared for and participated in our Christingle observance last Sunday; and to those who supported The Children's Society by your giving - £208.83 at St Thomas and St John's; £90 at St Mary's.

The week ahead

- Monday (9th)** 10:00am (- 1:00pm) **Warm Spaces** continues every Monday morning at St Philip's Community Centre
- Wednesday (11th)** 10:00am **Eucharist** at St TJ's; followed by light refreshments
7:00pm St TJ's **PCC** meets at St Philip's Community Centre
- Thursday (12th)** 7:00pm St Mary's **PCC** meets in church
- Friday (13th)** 10:15am (- 11:30) Following coffee, **Team Friday Friends Study Group**, at St Thomas and St John's. All welcome as we study the Book of Daniel
12 noon **Team Intercessions** at St TJ's, followed by bring-your-own-lunch eaten together if you wish to stay
- Saturday (14th)** 10:00am (- noon) Monthly Café at St Mary's
10:30am (- 12:30pm) Saturday **Café** at St TJ's, with Vestry Hour
2:00pm **Concert** at St Mary's by The Eden Singers: "Hits of the Decades", £7 including refreshments

Sunday (15th)

THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

The Ministry of Healing will be offered during both morning services today: laying on of hands with prayer and anointing for yourself or a loved one

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

Please pray for ...

- **Baptism** in the Team today and those who will support Penelope Carol Elizabeth Hale
- **Prayers for healing:**
 - **St Mary's:** Catherine, Berenice Carey, Anna Cowsill, David Duckworth, Colin Embrey, Margaret Embrey, Christine Firth, William Firth, Peter Gorman, John Heuze, Chris Hollis, Pauline Holt, Priscilla Holme, Terry Houlgrave, Harry Melling, Margaret Ratcliffe, 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, Lyn Hill, Claire Jones, Louise Peart
- **Those recently bereaved:** family and friends of Sue Ormrod and Patricia Parton
- **Those recalled in our Books of Remembrance:**
 - **St Mary's:** William Boote (9th); James Howarth, Geoffrey Bowdler (12th); Albert Boote (13th); Ivy Bolton (14th)
 - **St Thomas and St John's:** Joan Coles (8th); Herbert Barlow, Philip John Tipping (10th); Elsie Mary Hill, Samantha Claire Brooks (12th); George Price Wynn, Alice Stephenson, Karen Hollingworth (13th); Barrie Thorp (14th)

Notices

Dates to note:

Wednesday 18 February, Ash Wednesday: as well as the usual Team Wednesday morning Eucharist at 10:00am, there will be an evening Team Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes at 7:00pm at St Thomas and St John's.

Friday 6 March: service for the annual World Day of Prayer will this year be at 2:00pm at Bridge Community church. See posters in church and later in the electronic Notices.

Thursday 19 March at Manchester Cathedral. The Archbishop of York shares the meaning and significance of The Lord's Prayer. 6:45pm refreshments; 7:15pm start

Giving to church

Our Churches depend on income from fees paid for some of our services, from fund-raising, from activities at St Philip's Community Centre and – *most particularly* – from monetary gifts from worshippers and other supporters. In each of our churches, donations can be made via digital giving machines using credit or debit cards.



Above: St Thomas and St John

Below: St Mary

Also, you can use these QR codes to give



Please speak to us for advice on gift aiding your offering, so that each £1 you give becomes £1.25 – at no extra cost to you.

Lent Discussions

Revd Marie writes: Lent is a time when we are invited to spend time on practices that deepen our faith, whether that be by giving up something or taking up a new practice. With this in mind, I'm inviting people to my home for a discussion group.

One will be on Monday evenings (7-9pm), to include those who work in the day and another on Tuesday afternoons (1-3pm) for those who hate the dark - this is scheduled to finish for school pick-up time. They will begin 23rd and 24th Feb for 5 weeks.

The theme is Women of Holy Week, we will listen to some 'eyewitness' accounts of bible stories and learn and discuss together.

Please contact me and sign up if you wish to attend, so I know I have enough chairs and biscuits!

During Lent, the usual Friday Friends Team Bible Study will be suspended, but Team Noon Intercessions will continue on Fridays as usual.

To be in touch with the clergy, please contact Revd Marie, Team Rector (07795 805767), Revd Irene, Curate (07435 657865) or Revd 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.

Ash Wednesday

*"Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return"*

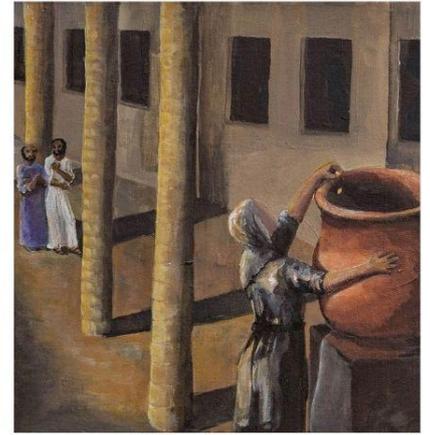
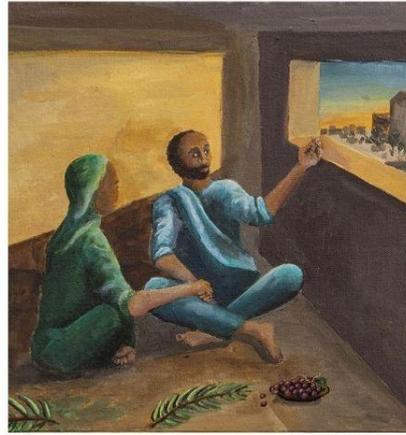
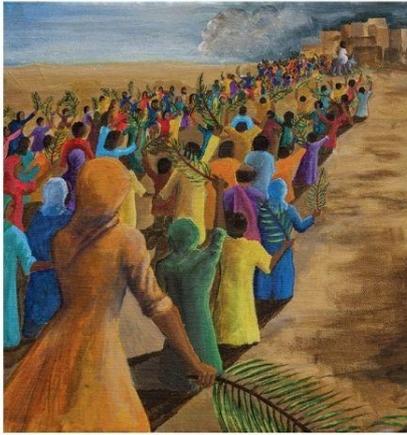
18 FEBRUARY, 2026

10:00 AM

St Mary's

7:00 PM

St Thomas & St John



LENT DISCUSSIONS

based on the book

Women of Holy Week

by Paula Gooder

Monday Evenings or Tuesday Afternoons

at St Thomas Vicarage, M26 2TR

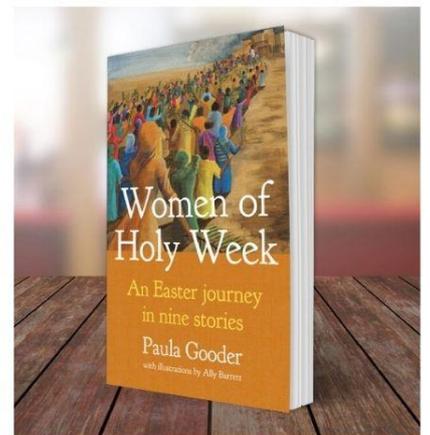
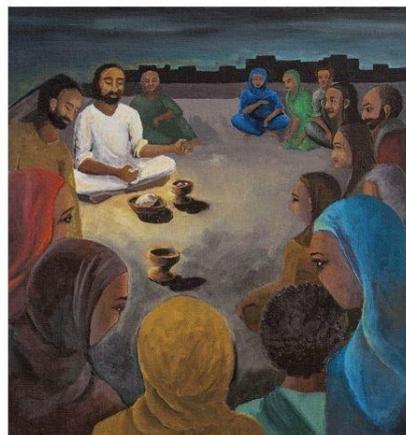
Mondays 7-9pm | 23rd Feb, 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd March

Tuesdays 1-3pm | 24th Feb, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th March

Sign up by emailing revmariepattison@gmail.com

or texting or calling 07795 805767

or speaking to Rev Marie



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

As we prepare to mark Racial Justice Sunday, in the coming week the Churches of our Mission Community will be:

- Giving thanks for and celebrating the diversity of cultures & traditions present within our Churches and wider communities.
- Giving thanks for all who work to recognise and support those who are marginalised, both within our local communities & in the wider world.
- Praying for those who are victims of injustice; for those who are oppressed or alienated; for those who feel alone or unloved.
- Praying for an end to misunderstanding, racism and injustice.
- Praying that we might walk in humility and solidarity with all around us, on the journey towards equality and justice for all.
- * Praying for inspiration from the Holy Spirit as we work together to build a better world for all of God's people.

Radcliffe & Whitefield Mission Community Prayer Diary



February 2026

1 st	We pray for all who visit St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe; that all would feel welcome & supported.
2 nd	We pray for mission & ministry at All Saints Stand.
3 rd	We pray for the Radcliffe Team, their volunteers & helpers, and give thanks for all that they do.
4 th	On World Cancer Day, we pray for all who have been affected by cancer; we pray for all who work with & care for those who have cancer & we pray for those working to develop new treatments.
5 th	We give thanks for & pray for all Incumbents, OLMs, NSMs & SSMs & those who have Permission To Officiate throughout our Mission Community.
6 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. George's, Unsworth.
7 th	We pray for Alaina Anderson, as she takes on the role of Parish Safeguarding Officer for Christ Church Walshaw.
8 th	On Racial Justice Sunday, we pray that we might walk in humility and solidarity with all around us, on the journey towards equality and justice for all.
9 th	We pray for those who will join together for Morning Prayer at St. George's, Unsworth today; praying that those present will be nurtured & uplifted by the Holy Spirit as they begin their week.
10 th	We pray for mission & ministry at Emmanuel Community Church, Radcliffe.
11 th	We pray for those who will be part of the Bible study group at St. Andrew's, Hillock today, that they may grow in understanding & in faith.
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 those who will be part of the Valentine's Activity Afternoon at Christ Church Walshaw today; that this would be a time of fun, faith & fellowship.
15 th	We pray for all who will be leading or attending JAM Sunday School at St. George's, Unsworth today, that the seeds of faith may be sown & nurtured in young hearts.
16 th	We pray for members of Christ Church Ainsworth PCC who will be meeting with Archdeacon Rachel this evening to discuss the ongoing interregnum.
17 th	We pray for all who will be leading Lent Services, Reflections or Bible Study Groups in the coming weeks; that they may be guided by & inspired by the Holy Spirit.
18 th	We pray for those who will be part of the Prayers & Promises family event at Christ Church Ainsworth this afternoon; that the seeds of faith might be sown & nurtured in those who attend.
19 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Andrew's, Hillock.
20 th	We pray for discernment & guidance for the team at St. Andrew's, Radcliffe, in their ongoing efforts to address various maintenance issues at the Church.
21 st	We pray for mission & ministry at Christ Church Walshaw.
22 nd	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Andrew's, Radcliffe.
23 rd	We give thanks for 200 years of faith and worship at All Saints and ask for God's blessing for the celebratory events taking place throughout the year, and on those involved in organising them. We pray that the year may be a time for building closer relationships with our local community.
24 th	We pray for those who will join together for Jesus Prayer on Zoom this evening; praying also that others might feel called to be part of this time of prayer.
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	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Mary, Radcliffe.
28 th	We pray for God's guidance for the team at St. Andrew's, Radcliffe, as they seek to discern new ways in which God is calling them to serve their community.

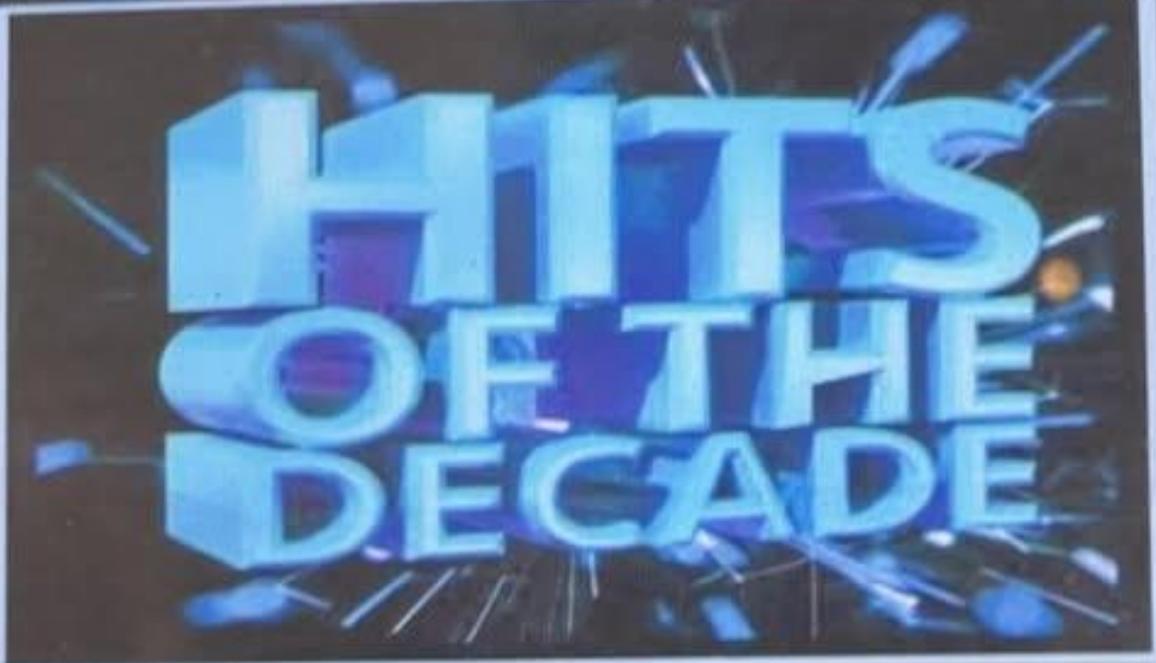
Please join us in prayer for the people of Iran

— for peace, for protection, for comfort for grieving families, and for hope to shine in the midst of great darkness. We also **hold in prayer those members of our community from Iran**, who are deeply concerned for their loved ones back home.

We share [this prayer written by the Rt Revd Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani, Bishop of Chelmsford](#) and unite together in praying:

Ever-loving God,
who hears us in our anguish and distress,
and longs for us to be free.
We pray for the people of Iran and the wider Middle East,
at this time of fear and uncertainty.
Be near to those who are anxious;
bring comfort to all who are suffering.
Guide those with the power to make decisions,
and lead them in the ways of wisdom, compassion and moderation:
that people of goodwill would seek harmony and reconciliation.
Join us with our Christian brothers and sisters in all places,
in praying for peace with justice,
through him who is the prince of peace,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Concert



Performed by

The Eden Singers

Take a trip down memory lane
and hear songs and events
from the 1920 through to 2000

2pm Saturday 14th February 2026

St. Mary's Church, Church Green, Radcliffe, M26 2QA

All Tickets £7.00 including refreshments

Contact 1: 0161-724-4116 Contact 2: 07533-894-392

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



Our churchyard is maintained by a group of volunteers on a monthly basis, who try to keep on top of the cutting, trimming, weeding and tidying. We try to ensure that our grounds are a calm and welcoming environment for visiting families. We rely on the regular giving of our parishioners and one-off donations from visitors in order to find the funds to maintain our beautiful church building and grounds. If you would like to make a donation please see the information given below. Thank you

Supporting our ministry
Radcliffe Parish Church of St Mary
Thank you for your generosity

Please scan the QR code or go to our website at

www.radcliffeparishchurch.com

and find the link to our Give a Little campaign to make a donation.

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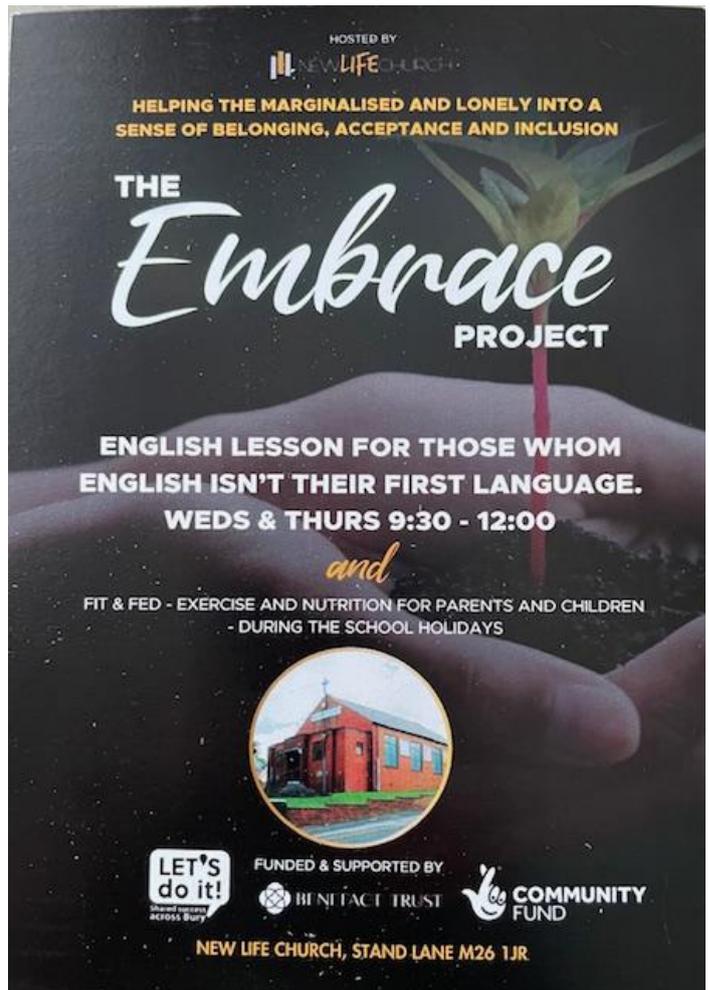
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SENSE OF BELONGING, ACCEPTANCE AND INCLUSION

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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Small groups across the city

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NEW LIFE CHURCH, STAND LANE M26 1JR

Vicky at St Mary's writes: "Our St Mary's WAG's are once again taking part in the Race for Life at Heaton Park this year. This year's event is on Sunday 5th July and anyone wanting to join us can use the link below. There is a St Mary's team which you can also join once you have entered. Please speak to Vicky (07533 894392) if you need further details.

<https://raceforlife.cancerresearchuk.org/>

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
A service for everyone!

Friday 6 March

I will give you rest, come

Nigeria 2026

When: 2:00 pm

Where:

Bridge Community Church
10 Milltown Street
Radcliffe M26 1WD

Who:

ALL WELCOME



INFORMED PRAYER PRAYERFUL ACTION

24-7 365 Days a year Prayer movement Ecumenical International Women-led

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Lord's Prayer Evening with Archbishop of York

March 19 @ 6:45 pm – 9:00 pm

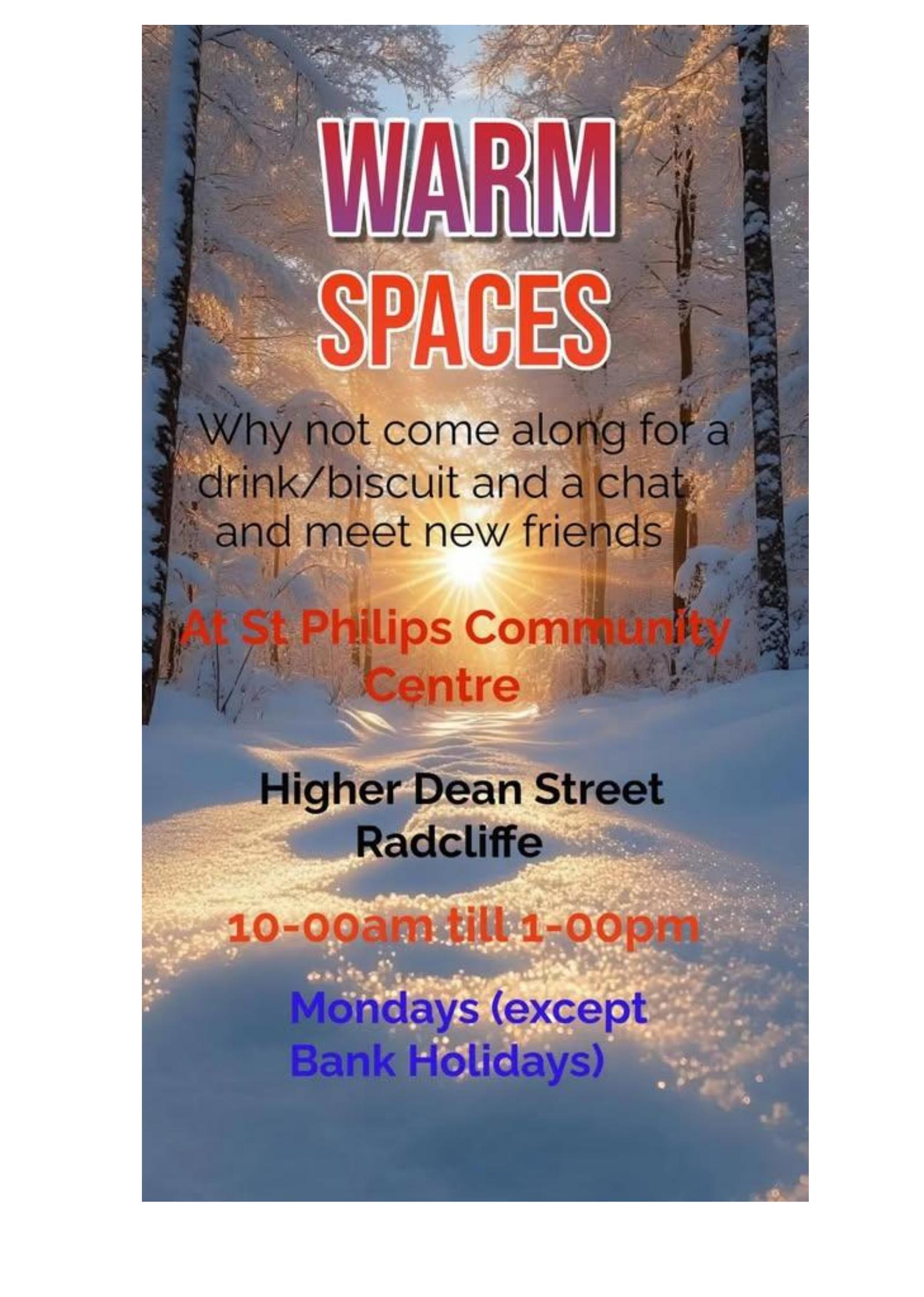
Come along for a special evening of prayer and reflection at Manchester Cathedral on Thursday 19th March, led by the Archbishop of York. This inspiring gathering will focus on the Lord's Prayer, bringing together people from across our diocese to explore its meaning in our lives today. Whether you're part of a church, school, chaplaincy or simply curious to learn more, this evening is for everyone.

Doors open for refreshments at 6.45pm and the event starts at 7.15pm.

Please add the date to your diary and join us for what promises to be an affirming and uplifting event.

Book tickets at <https://www.manchester.anglican.org/event/lords-prayer-evening-with-archbishop-of-york/>

or ask for help to book



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)**

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.



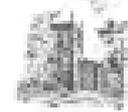
St. George's, Unsworth achurchnearyou.com/church/16088

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.



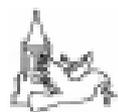
St. Andrew's, Radcliffe StAndrewsRadcliffe

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 alisonharleyhorse@gmail.com