

<p>The Radcliffe Team Ministry</p> <p>Parish of St Mary</p> <p>and</p> <p>Parish of St Thomas and St John with St Philip's Community Centre</p>		
<h2>NOTICES THIS WEEK</h2>	<p><i>Sunday 1 March 2026</i></p> <p><i>Second Sunday of Lent</i></p>	

Sunday and the week ahead

Sun 1 st	9:30am	Eucharist at St Mary's followed by graveyard cleanup	Lessons for today: Genesis 12:1-4a; Romans 4:1-5,13-17; John 3:1-17. Light refreshments after each service
	11:00am	Eucharist at St Thomas and St John's <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ingathering of non-perishable food and toiletries for Porch Boxes Ingathering of Easter eggs for needy children and families 	
	1:00pm	Baptism at St Mary's of Maddox Brian Macklin	
Mon 2 nd	10:00am	Warm Spaces at St Philip's Community Centre	Until 1:00pm
	7:00pm	Team Lent Discussions at St Thomas' vicarage	Duration 2 hours, open to all
Tue 3 rd	1:00pm	Team Lent Discussions at St Thomas' vicarage	With refreshments
Wed 4 th	10:00am	Team mid-week Communion at St Mary's	All welcome. See poster
Thu 5 th	7:15pm	"Exploring Unconscious Bias", Mission Community event at Christ Church, Walshaw BL8 3SF	No Friday Friends Bible Study during Lent
Fri 6 th	noon	Team Intercessions at St Thomas and St John's, followed if you wish by bring-your-own-lunch and provided drinks	See poster
	2:00pm	Annual town service for the women-led World Day of Prayer, at Bridge Community Church, Milltown St	Until 12:30pm. More volunteer servers are invited
Sat 7 th	10:30pm	Saturday Café at St Thomas and St John's, including Vestry Hour (10:30-11:30am) for baptism and wedding enquirers	Lessons for today: Exodus 17:1-7; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42 Light refreshments after each service
Sun 8 th Third Sunday of Lent <i>International Women's Day</i>	9:30am	Eucharist at St Mary's	
	11:00am	Eucharist at St Thomas and St John's <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ingathering of Easter eggs for needy children and families. Next Sunday will be the last day to bring Easter eggs to church. They will then be distributed by Porch Boxes 	

Points for Prayer

Baptism	Maddox Brian Macklin and his family and godparents
For healing	<p>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</p> <p>St TJ and elsewhere: Marilyn Alldred, Joyce Baker, Lawson Bant, Revd Dougie Bird, Carol Cain, Reg Dee, Jacob Dewar, Zohreh Galati, Lyn Hill, Claire Jones, Louise Peart</p>
Recently bereaved	Family and friends of:
Books of Remembrance	<p>St Mary's: Joan Hardacre (5th)</p> <p>St Thomas and St John's: John Howarth, Constance Alice Holden (1st); Elizabeth Powers, Ada Kiernan (3rd); Wilfrid Cooper (4th); Edward Pearson (5th); William Lomax (7th)</p>

Looking ahead

March		
Wed 11 th	7:00pm	St Thomas and St John's PCC at St Philip's Community Centre
Sat 14 th	1:00-6:00pm	Two Crows Arts Event at St Mary's: Spirit of Radcliffe (see posters); refreshments; ends with a concert
Sun 15 th Mothering Sunday Healing	9:30am	Eucharist at St Mary's
	11:00am	Eucharist at St Thomas and St John's Last day for ingathering of Easter eggs for needy children and families
	1:00pm	Baptism at St Mary's of Harriet Ivy Powell
Thu 19 th	7:00pm	The Lord's Prayer Tour with Archbishop Stephen Cottrell comes to Manchester Cathedral (see poster)
Sun 29 th	10:00am	Joint Team service for Palm Sunday at St Mary's
Mon 30 th	7:00pm	Team Holy Communion at St Thomas and St John's (Holy Week)
Tue 31 st	7:00pm	Team Candlelit Taizé Service at St Mary's (Holy Week)
April		
Wed 1 st	10:00am	Team mid-week Communion at St Mary's (Holy Week)
	7:00pm	Team Stations of the Cross at St TJ's (Holy Week)
Thu 2 nd Maundy Thursday	10:00am	Team Holy Communion at St Thomas and St John's
	7:00pm	Team Holy Communion with Vigil at St Mary's
Fri 3 rd Good Friday	2:00pm	Team Liturgy around the Cross at St Thomas and St John's
Sun 5 th Easter Sunday	6:30am	Team Sunrise Service at St Mary's with breakfast
	9:30am	Easter Holy Communion at St Mary's
	11:00am	Easter Holy Communion at St Thomas and St John's
Sat 11 th	12:30pm	Easter Lunch at St Thomas and St John's
Wed 15 th	6:45pm	Deanery Celebration event at St Peter's church, St Peter's Road, Bury BL9 9QZ
Mon 20 th	7:30pm	Mission Community Songs of Praise at Christ Church, Ainsworth BL2 5RU
Sun 26 th	noon	St Thomas and St John's Annual Parochial Church Meeting
May		
Sun 3 rd	10:45	St Mary's Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Thu 7 th	7:00pm	St Mary's Parochial Church Council
Mon 11 th	7:00pm	Deanery Mothers' Union Festival
Thu 14 th		Mission Community Prayer Journey for Ascension Day with Eucharist at St Thomas and St John's at 12:30pm

Recycling

Present opportunities are flagged on posters in church and in Notices sheets. New opportunities have opened up through our Mission Community. Please bring to church unwanted tools in good condition, full team football strips or individual items to be sent abroad, and candles and tapers of any sort including domestic/scented candles.

Annual Reports

covering calendar year 2025 are being produced. Would group/activity leaders and usual contributors please submit material to Revd Adele (for St Thomas and St John's) and to Vicky Bridge (for St Mary's).

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. You can use the QR codes below 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.



Left: St Thomas and St John
Right: St Mary

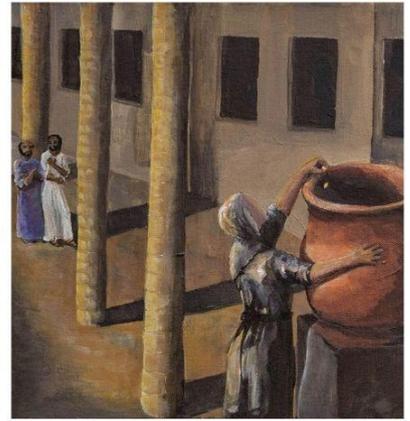
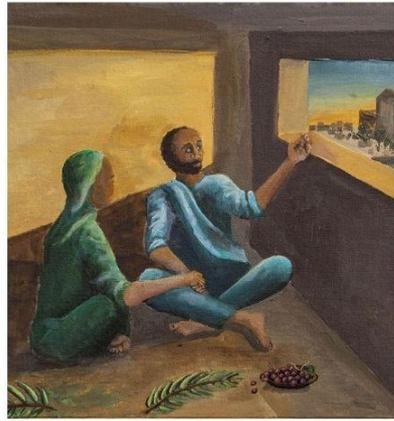
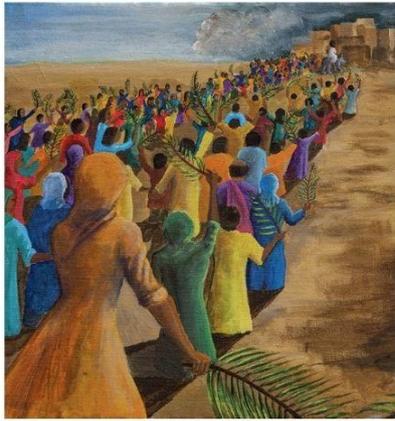


Parish Contacts List: this is being finalised for its first issue. It will list those who have given consent. If you have not yet completed a Consent Form, please contact Les (07759 595137).

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



LENT DISCUSSIONS

based on the book

Women of Holy Week

by Paula Gooder

Monday Evenings or Tuesday Afternoons

at St Thomas Vicarage, M26 2TR

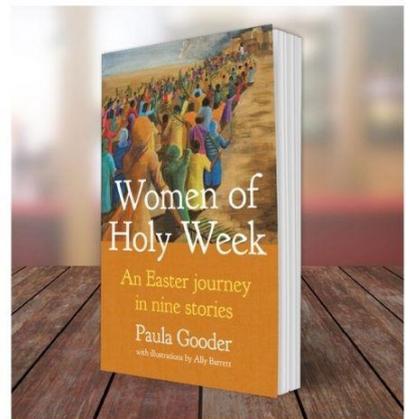
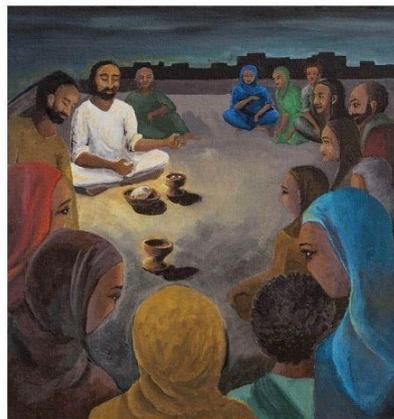
Mondays 7-9pm | 23rd Feb, 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd March

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



Holy Week & Easter



30 March, Monday, 7pm

Holy Communion | St Thomas & St John



31 March, Tuesday, 7pm

A Candlelit Taize Service | St Mary



1 April, Wednesday

10am Mid-week Communion | St Mary



7pm Stations of the Cross

St Thomas & St John



2 April, Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion

10am St Thomas & St John

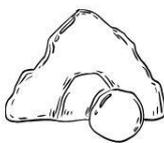
Holy Communion with Vigil **7 pm** St Mary



3 April, Good Friday, 2pm

Liturgy around the Cross

St Thomas & St John



5 April, Easter Sunday

6:30am Sunrise service at St Mary with breakfast

9:30am Easter Holy Communion | St Mary

11:00am Easter Holy Communion

St Thomas & St John



11 April, Saturday 12.30

Easter Lunch | St Thomas & St John, £8

*Everyone
Welcome*

TWO CROWS ARTS STUDIO cic PRESENTS



Spirit of ★ RADCLIFFE

Two days of **FREE** creative sessions and events
for **EVERYONE** celebrating Radcliffe's people and history

★ SATURDAY ★

14th March 1.00-6.00pm

Saint Mary's church

with a special live performance by RUBY TINGLE

28th March 10.30-2.30pm

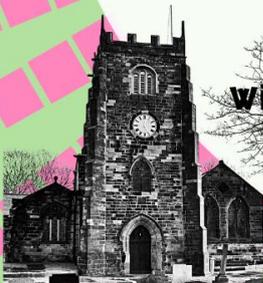
Radcliffe Market Hall

More details to be announced

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SATURDAY

14th March 1.00-6.00pm

Radcliffe Parish Church of St Mary

Church Green, Radcliffe, Bury M26 2QA

FREE

No need to book

1-2pm and 4-5pm quickfire artist portraits to take home

1-1.45 Horrible history style talk at Radcliffe tower

1.45-3.00 comic book workshop inspired by the talk

3.00 -4.00 sketchbook tour around church and tower

5.30 -6.00 special one off acoustic performance by Ruby Tingle

**CULTURE
BURY.**

Please see below a prayer list from our Mission Community covering first the coming week, then the month. Updated information is in church.

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

- Giving thanks and praying for all those who work with children, families & young people.
- Giving thanks for the various initiatives offered by our Churches to support and nurture children, families and young people; parent and toddler groups, Family Services, Messy Church, Sunday Schools & Youth Groups.
- Praying that through these initiatives, the seeds of faith will be sown & take root in young lives.
- Praying that other people within our churches would feel called to become involved in ministry with children, families & young people.
- Praying that the Holy Spirit will guide and inspire us as we seek new ways of working with the children, families & young people in our local communities.

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,

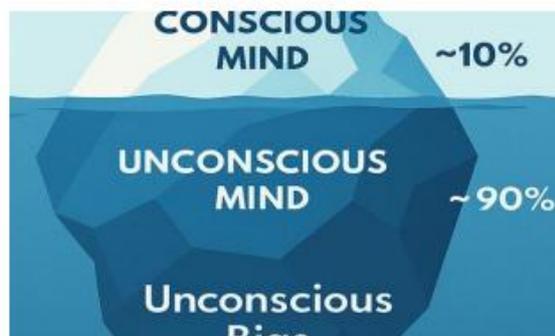
in praying for peace with justice,
through him who is the prince of peace,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Radcliffe & Whitefield Mission Community

Exploring Unconscious Bias



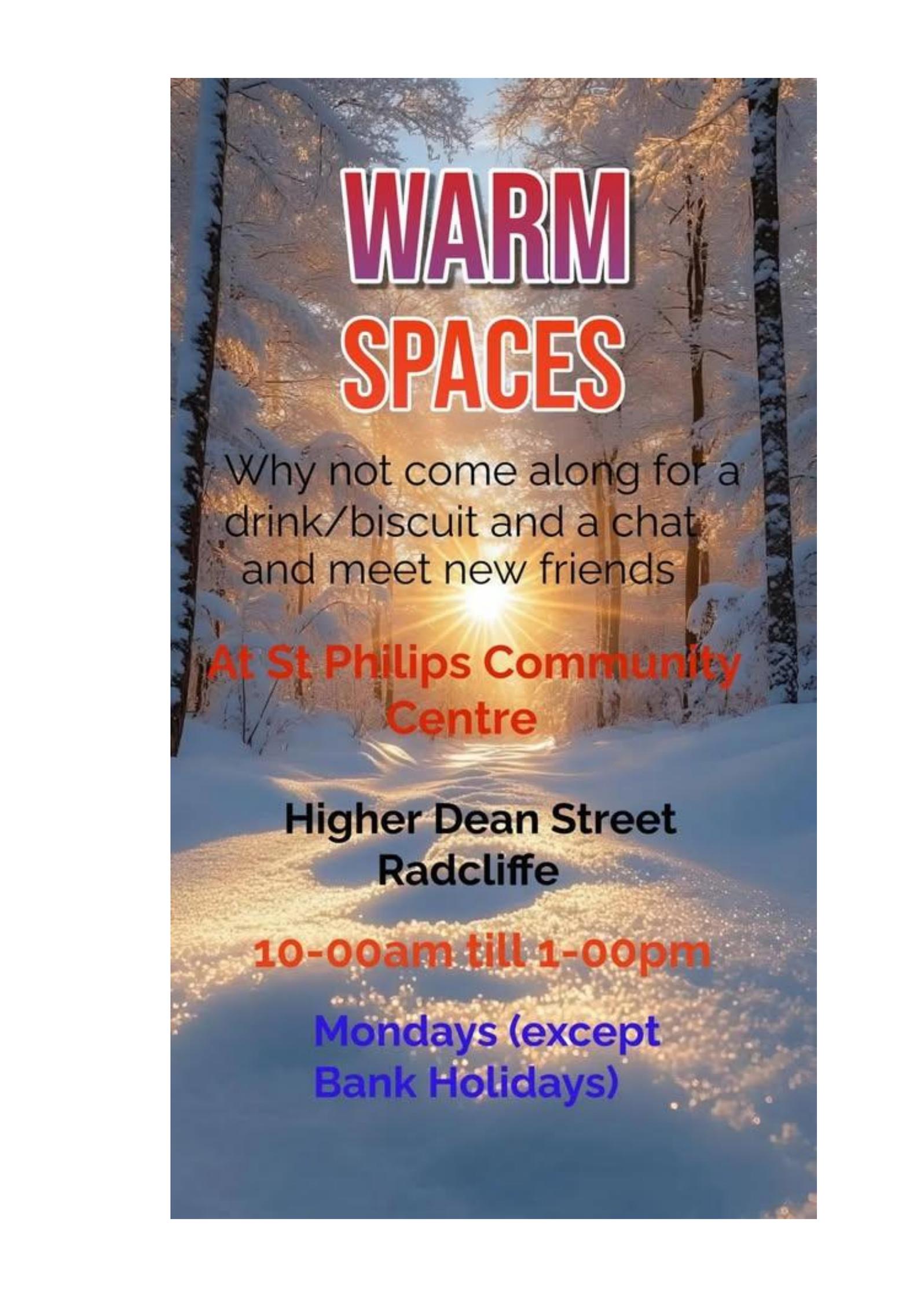
Join us for an evening with Diane Gray-Stephenson (Racial Justice Lead) as we unpack unconscious bias, the impact it can have & how we might be more inclusive.

Thursday 5th March, 7.15 for 7.30pm

Christ Church Walshaw, BL8 3SF

Everyone welcome; for more info contact

Alison on 07952-709041



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.

*The Churches Of Radcliffe & Whitefield
Mission Community Are Working With
'KitAid'*

KitAid is a charity that recycles your once loved football kit and distributes to underprivileged children and adults in some of the world's poorest countries.

106,081 unwanted kits were sent in 2025 alone!

Donated kit doesn't have to be from a premier league club; it doesn't matter if there is a shirt sponsor or if it's from a grass roots club, it doesn't even have to be a full strip - if it's clean & it's wearable we'll take it.

Items we can take:

- ↳ Full team kits
- ↳ Individual items
- ↳ Boots
- ↳ Shin pads
- ↳ Training bibs
- ↳ Rain Jackets

To donate your unwanted kit just place it in the bin marked 'KitAid' which you will find

And we'll do the rest!

Sharing the passion for football across the world



Radcliffe & Whitefield Mission Community

*Are working with 'The Recycled Wax
Company' to keep candles out of landfill.*

We can take:

- ↳ Church candles
- ↳ Tea lights
- ↳ Tapers
- ↳ Domestic / scented candles (including those in glass jars)
- ↳ Wax melts

Simply bring your unwanted candles & melts to Church & we'll do the rest.



RADCLIFFE & WHITEFIELD MISSION COMMUNITY

RECYCLE FOR CHARITY

As part of our recycling mission, we are collecting tools for the charity **Tools With A Mission**.

TTWAM is a Christian charity that collects unwanted usable tools, refurbishes them, and then sells them to local job seekers. They are the developing world for toolhead creation. We have five local groups across the country formed by volunteers, and are supported by seven independent contractors, including Men's Sheds.

Locally, we provide volunteering opportunities to older citizens who struggle with loneliness and isolation after retirement, as well as opportunities for people with physical and learning disabilities and support for community groups and refugees. We work with organisations offering skills training and experience to young people with additional needs and preparing them for employment. We have also provided tools to local community groups in the UK who use them in projects for people with special needs.

If you would like to donate your unwanted, but still useful tools, please check the list on the information leaflet for the types of tools that are accepted and those that aren't.

At Men's, Radcliffe will be the collection centre and hand tools and smaller items can be brought to the Tool Group meetings along with other recycling, but we kindly request that any larger items are brought to the church on the first Sunday of the month between 11am and 12.30pm.

Thank you



<http://www.twam.uk>



Agricultural tools - forks, spades, hoes, garden rakes, hand forks and trowels, loppers, secateurs, hand shears, cultivators, sickles, shovels, axes, bow saws

Builders' tools - levels, sledgehammers, bolsters, chisels, all types of hammers and trowels, pin and lines, tape measures, hacksaws and blades, utility knife blades

Carpenters' tools - sliding bevels, braces, clamps, hand drills and bits, rasps, all types of hammers, utility knives, all types of planes and saws, rules, screwdrivers, squares, vices, sharpening stones, screws, nails, bolts, Workmate benches (in good condition)

Electricians' tools - hand drills and bits, all types of pliers and hacksaws, screwdrivers, spanners, soldering irons, volt meters and multimeters, wire strippers

Mechanics' tools - allen keys, cold chisels, files, vices, gauges, all types of hammers and pliers, punches, metric socket sets, spanners, adjustable spanners, cantilever toolboxes, oil cans

Plumbers' tools - basin or tap wrenches, wire brushes, breast drills and bits, various grips, hacksaws, screwdrivers

Garage workshop - hydraulic jacks, axle stands, battery chargers, large engineering vices, crowbars

Power tools - hand and bench drills, sanders, planers, jigsaws, circular saws, bandsaws, chop saws, lathes, rotovators, welding machines, generators, bench grinders, angle grinders, routers

Sewing machines - manual, electric, treadle, and industrial Knitting machines - machine and hand wool, needles, patterns

Haberdashery - needles, cottons, large material pieces/rolls (minimum one metre), buttons, zips, tapes

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.

Thank you



Thank you for your kind donation!



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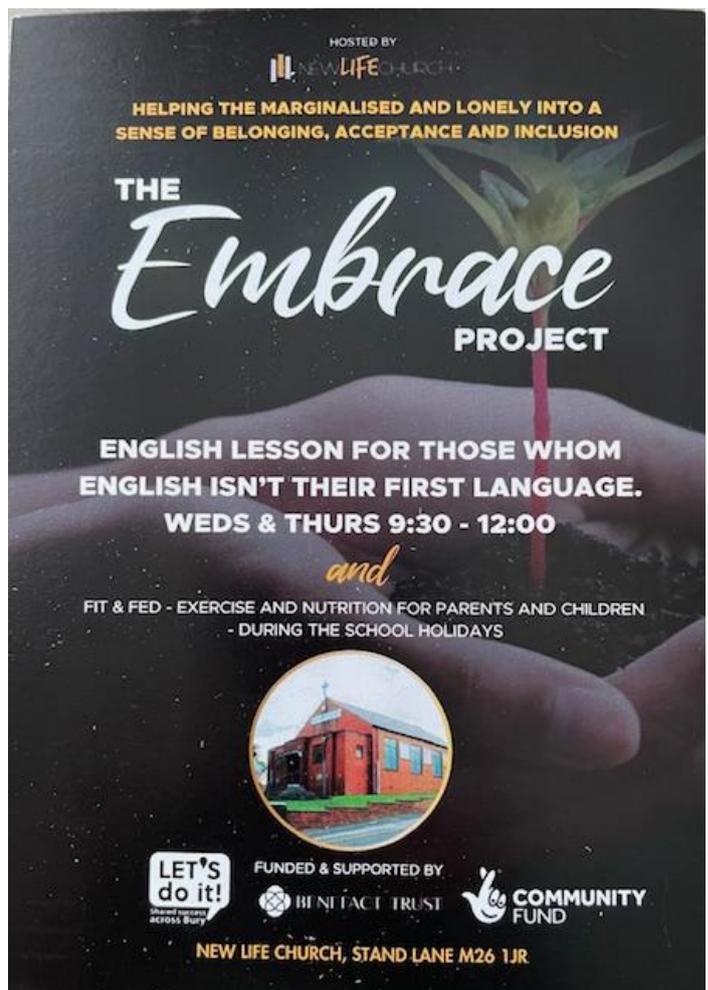
HELPING THE MARGINALISED AND LONELY INTO A
SENSE OF BELONGING, ACCEPTANCE AND INCLUSION

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



LET'S do it!
Small groups across the city

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COMMUNITY FUND

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
wwdp.org.uk
Registered Charity Number 233242



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

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

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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](http://RadcliffeParishChurchofSt.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