

Radcliffe & Whitefield Mission Community News

April – May 2026

Roving Reporter

Exploring Unconscious Bias

A small but enthusiastic group of people came along to this session which was led by Diane Gray-Stephenson (Diocesan Racial Justice Lead). Having taken time to consider the various unconscious biases that we all harbour, we then worked through some scenarios & considered how, as individuals and part of our Churches, we might be more open minded, welcoming & supportive of others.

Other News ...

Recycling

Our Mission Community has signed up to support **KitAid**, a charity that recycles football kits & distributes them to adults & children in some of the world's poorest countries. Please collect kit locally as we need a minimum of 10 bags for collection. We're also supporting **Tools With A Mission (TWAM)**, a Christian charity that collects unwanted usable tools, refurbishes them, sorts them into trade tool kits and sends them to the developing world for livelihood creation. Any donated items can be dropped off at St. Mary, Radcliffe by arrangement, or brought along to meetings.

Coming Soon ...

Bee Joyful

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

Why not bring a friend & join us for our Mission Community Spring Worship Event. An evening of Songs of Praise style worship with Speaker Revd Phil Cansdale. No need to book, just turn up.

Ascension Day Prayer Journey

Thursday 14th May starting from Christ Church Walshaw & St. George's, Unsworth @ 10am & concluding with Ascension Day Communion led by Revd Phil Cansdale, 1.15pm @ St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe.

Mission Community Prayer Walk

Saturday 4th July 11.30am @ St. Mary, Radcliffe, followed by 'bring your own' lunch, & Communion led by Bishop Mark Davies.

Eco Tips

April – As the days get longer & lighter, could you commit to walking or cycling rather than driving? If you have to drive, could you give someone a lift?

May – Say 'no to the mow' – allowing even a small area of your lawn to grow wild creates food & habitat for many birds, animals & insects, as well as saving you time on garden maintenance!

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

All Saints' 200 year celebrations got off to a lively start with Nikki Fox and others in "Divas in Denial", featuring songs from the shows followed by music from the 70's. By the end it wasn't only the Divas on stage but a lot of the audience! As a complete contrast the last half of April will see our heritage exhibition which will be open at the following times: Thursday 16th April and Saturday 18th April 10 - 2pm
Tuesday 21st April and Thursday 23rd April 2 - 6pm
Saturday 25th April and Tuesday 28th April 11 - 3pm
On Saturday 25th April there will be a talk at 1.30pm on Sir Charles Barry and All Saints, and on Saturday 9th May we will be treated to an organ recital by Jonathan Scott.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Bury & Rossendale Deanery Gathering

Weds 15th April
6.45 for 7.15pm
St. Peter's Church,
Manchester Rd.
BL9 9QZ

[Celebrating Our Shared Journey:](#)

[Deanery Gatherings](#)

[Across our Diocese - Diocese of Manchester](#)

Faith Security Training

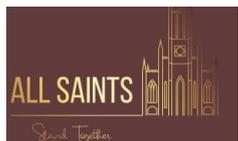
A new training scheme available for faith communities in England & Wales. Learn how to reduce the risk of hate crime, anti-social behaviour, and serious threats.

[Faith Security Training](#)

Confirmation Service

St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe
Sunday 12th July @ 3pm
Please contact Revd Marie Pattison (Radcliffe Team) if your Church has Confirmation candidates.

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



All Saints, Stand standchurch.com

News – As we continue with our 200 year celebrations we have a variety of events planned - details can be found on our website.

Holy Week Services – Mon 30/03 & Tues 31/03 - Stations of the Cross 7 pm; Weds 01/04 - Holy Communion 10:15 am; Maundy Thursday - Holy Communion and stripping of the altar 7pm; Good Friday - An hour at the cross 2 pm; Sat 04/04 - Service of the light 7:30 pm



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

News – Saturday 18/04 – We are hosting Besses Boys Band's Chocolate Bingo event.

Friday 15/05 - National Highways - M60 Simister Island Project at St Andrew's 1-9pm; members of the public will be able to see proposed plans and discuss.

Holy Week Services – Weds 01/04 - Stations of the Cross 7.30pm; Thurs 02/04 - Holy Communion & Stripping of the Altar 7.30pm; Fri 03/04 - Church open for Private Prayer 12 noon; An Hour at the Cross 2pm.



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

News – We have Morning Prayer in Church at 11am each Monday morning. We're also holding a book club, starting on Monday 13/04 @ 7.30pm; our 1st title is Maggie O'Farrell's 'Hamnett'.

We'll be holding our Spring Fair on Saturday 09/05.

Regular Events - Community Litter Picking – 1st Saturday of each month; 9 – 10am.

Holy Week Services – Tues 31/03 - Healing Eucharist & Stripping of the Altar 7.30pm; Fri 03/04 - An Hour at the Cross 2pm.



Christ Church Ainsworth www.ainsworthparish.org.uk

News – We'll be holding our Spring Fair on Saturday 16/05; 11 – 2pm

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.

CCA Litter Pickers – 1st Thursday of each month; 3.15 – 4pm

Holy Week Services – Thurs 02/04 - Holy Communion & Stripping of the Altar 7pm; Fri 03/04 – Good Friday Reflection 7pm; Sun 05/04 – Easter Dawn Service followed by breakfast 6.15am; Holy Communion - 10.30am.



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

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

Holy Week Services – Weds 01/04 - Stations of the Cross 7pm; Thurs 02/04 - Maundy Thursday Holy Communion with Vigil 10am; Holy Communion with Vigil joint service at St. Mary's 7pm; Fri 03/04 - Good Friday Liturgy around the Cross, 2pm; Sun 05/04 - Easter Sunday Sunrise Service with breakfast at St. Mary's 6.30pm; Holy Communion 11am.



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

News – We'll be holding our Spring Fayre on Saturday 09/05 11 – 2pm. The Mothers' Union Deanery Festival will be held on Mon 11/05 (time to be advised).

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

Holy Week Services – Weds 01/04 - Stations of the Cross, joint service at St Thomas & St John 7pm; Thurs 02/04 - Maundy Thursday - Holy Communion with Vigil joint service at St. Thomas & St. John 10am; Holy Communion with Vigil 7pm; Fri 03/04 - Good Friday, Liturgy around the Cross, joint service at St Thomas & St John 2pm; Sun 05/04 - Easter Sunday Sunrise Service, with breakfast 6.30pm; Holy Communion 9.30am.



St. Andrew's, Radcliffe St Andrews Radcliffe

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 June / July newsletter, email alisonhartleyhorse@gmail.com