

The Radcliffe Team Ministry

Parish of St Mary

and

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



Holy Week

NOTICES THIS WEEK

Sunday 29 March 2026

Palm Sunday

Sunday and the week ahead

		Clocks went forward an hour at bedtime last night	
Sun 29 th Palm Sunday	10:00am	Joint Team Eucharist at St Mary's There is a box in church for gifts of money towards Easter flowers	Followed by refreshments
Mon 30 th Monday in Holy Week	9:25am	Church party assembles at Radcliffe Metrolink station to travel to 10:30 am service of Blessing of Oils and Renewal of Vows in the cathedral - all welcome	
	7:00pm	Team Holy Communion at St TJ's	
Tue 31 st Tuesday in Holy Week	11:00am	(- noon) Radcliffe Hall school Easter Service at St Mary's	
	7:00pm	Team Candlelit Taizé Service at St Mary's	
Wed 1 st Wednesday in Holy Week	10:00am	Team mid-week Communion at St Mary's	With refreshments
	7:00pm	Team Stations of the Cross at St Thomas and St John's	
Thu 2 nd Maundy Thursday	10:00am	Team Holy Communion with foot-washing at St Thomas and St John's	
	7:00pm	Team Holy Communion with foot-washing at St Mary's followed by Vigil for as long as you wish to stay	
Fri 3 rd Good Friday	7:00am	(- 9am) Radcliffe Churches meet for prayer at Bridge Community Church	
	2:00pm	Team Liturgy around the Cross at St Thomas and St John's	
	7:00pm	(- 9pm) Radcliffe Churches meet for prayer at New Life church	
Sat 4 th Easter Eve	7:00am	(- 9am) Radcliffe Churches meet for prayer at New Life church	
	10:30am	Saturday Café at St Thomas and St John's, including Vestry Hour (10:30-11:30am) for baptism and wedding enquirers.	Until 12:30pm
	1:30pm	Wedding at St TJ's of Ffion Lewis and Ryan Wilkes	
	7:00pm	(- 9pm) Radcliffe Churches meet for prayer at Bridge Community church	
Sun 5 th Easter Day	6:30am	Team Sunrise Service at St Mary's	Followed by breakfast
	9:30am	Easter Holy Communion at St Mary's	Lessons for today: Acts 10:34-43; Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10 Light refreshments after each service
	11:00am	Easter Holy Communion at St TJ's <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We welcome Jim playing the organ You are invited to bring gifts of non-perishable food and toiletries for our first-Sunday-of-the-month Porch Boxes ingathering 	
		Marie writes: You are encouraged to welcome Easter by making a joyful noise. If you have a musical instrument, party popper, bell, football clacker, horn, pan lid and a spoon, or your own hands to clap and voice to yell with - bring it along on Easter Sunday. [There are some such instruments in church already.]	

Points for Prayer

For healing	St Mary's: Catherine, Berenice Carey, Anna Cowsill, David Duckworth, Colin Embrey, Margaret Embrey, Christine Firth, William Firth, Peter Gorman, Kathleen Hardman, John Heuze, Chris Hollis, Pauline Holt, Terry Houlgrave, Harry Melling, Margaret Ratcliffe, Ian Williams, Denis Wright, Janice Wright 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
Bereaved	Family and friends of Priscilla Holme, Rose Poulton and Peter Savage
Books of Remembrance	St Mary's: Roy Fairhurst (30 th) St Thomas and St John's: Marion Atherton, Arthur Francis, William Mills, Katharine Anne Noakes, Nellie Burgess (29 th); Ernest Mills, Irene Rainford (30 th); Dilys Jones, Wyn Gray (1 st); Fred Burgess, Clara Fletcher, Revd Barry Newth (3 rd); William Gillgrass Bowness, Hilda Chadwick, Thomas Hoyle (4 th);

Looking ahead

April		
Wed 8 th	7:00pm	St Thomas and St John's PCC at St Philip's Community Centre
Fri 10 th	10:15am	Team Friday Friends Study Group resumes 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	BEE Joyful. Mission Community Songs of Praise at Christ Church, Ainsworth BL2 5RU (see poster)
Wed 22 nd	7:30pm	Annual Social Evening hosted by Union of Catholic Mothers
Sat 25 th	9:00am	(- 11am) Last Saturday of every month: Radcliffe Churches pray for revival at New Life church (preceded by Breakfast)
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
Sat 9 th	11:00am	(- 2pm) Spring Fayre at St Mary's
10 th - 16 th		Christian Aid Week. Christian Aid is the relief and development agency of the British Churches. As well as envelopes in church to support our own giving, we seek to involve others by house-to-house collecting and by in-supermarket collecting. Can you volunteer a few hours please? See Philip Gooderson (0161 761 6136)
Sat 16 th	7:00pm	Quiz at St Philip's Community Centre: fund-raiser for Christian Aid

<p>Annual Parochial Church Meetings</p> <p>The "AGMs" of our Churches are set for late April/early May (see table above). Before that we have to update the Electoral Rolls, membership of which determines who may speak and vote at them – and who may serve in some of the positions within the Church. If you are a regular worshipper, ask to join, or check if you're not sure you are on already. At St Thomas and St John's – see Carol Smith. Jean Robinson at St Mary's.</p>	<p>Annual Reports</p> <p>.. 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).</p>
<p>Mission Community Please see new Prayers for the week, special prayers for Holy Week, Prayer Diary for April, and a new newsletter covering events around the Mission Community – in church and in the later pages of the emailed version.</p>	

To be in touch with the clergy, please contact Revd Marie Pattison, Team Rector (0161 989 5785 or 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.



PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

**WE HEAR THE STORY OF
EASTER TOGETHER**

29 MARCH 2026

10.00 AM

ST MARY'S

St Mary's and St Thomas & St John Churches, Radcliffe

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

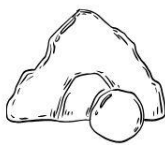
Holy Communion with Vigil **7 pm** St Mary



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*

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:

- Giving thanks for the many Lent Services and study groups which have been held within our individual Churches and across our wider Mission Community; for all who have led these initiatives & for those who have attended them.
- Praying that where joint initiatives have been held, they will bring Churches together, inspire closer working relationships & help our Mission Community to grow in faith and discipleship.
- Praying for inspiration from the Holy Spirit as we seek new ways in which to work together.
- Praying for Christians all around the world, who are preparing to celebrate Holy Week and Easter; praying especially for those who live in fear of persecution for their beliefs.
- Giving thanks that we are able to worship and proclaim our faith without fear of reprisals.

Radcliffe & Whitefield Mission Community Prayer Diary



March 2026

1 st	We pray for mission & ministry at All Saints Stand.
2 nd	We pray for those who will be leading & attending the Lent courses at St. Thomas & St. John this evening & tomorrow afternoon, that they might find inspiration & guidance.
3 rd	We pray for those who will be attending the Anna Chaplaincy drop-in at St. Andrew's, Hillock this afternoon; giving thanks also for the work that this team do & praying for those they support.
4 th	We pray for those who will join together for the Lent Service being held at Christ Church Ainsworth this afternoon; praying that those present will be nurtured & uplifted by the Holy Spirit.
5 th	We pray for members of All Saints, Stand PCC who will be meeting with Archdeacon Rachel today to plan for the future. We pray also for those who will be attending our 'Exploring Unconscious Bias' session this evening, that this may help individuals & Church communities to recognise prejudices & become more inclusive.
6 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. George's, Unsworth.
7 th	We give thanks for & pray for all Clergy members within our Mission Community.
8 th	We pray for 'The Wedding Team' at All Saints, Stand, & for all of the couples who are preparing for weddings there this year.
9 th	We pray for those who will be leading & attending the Lent course at St. Andrew's, Hillock each Monday evening throughout Lent, that they might find inspiration & guidance.
10 th	We pray for those who will be representing their Churches at the Prayer & Spirituality Group meeting this evening; praying that others would feel called to be part of this group.
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 the Radcliffe Team, their volunteers & helpers, and give thanks for all that they do.
15 th	We pray for all who will be leading or attending Mothering Sunday Services today; praying also for those who find this a difficult or upsetting time of year.
16 th	We pray for mission & ministry at Emmanuel Community Church, Radcliffe.
17 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.
18 th	On Global Recycling Day, we pray that the importance recycling plays in preserving our precious primary resources and securing the future of our planet, will be recognised & celebrated..
19 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Andrew's, Hillock.
20 th	On National Red Nose Day, we give thanks for all who will be raising funds for good causes. Praying also for those who will benefit from this generosity.
21 st	On National Single Parent Day, we pray for all those who are raising children on their own.
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, Stand 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 the 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 give thanks for all who are involved with funeral ministry, praying also for the families they serve
27 th	We pray for all who will be part of the Spring Community Day at St. Andrew's, Hillock tomorrow.
28 th	We pray for & give thanks for all who will be taking part in the Big Spring Clean at Christ Church Ainsworth today. Giving thanks also for our regular team of 'Pew Polishers' & for all that they do.
29 th	We pray for all who will be leading or attending Palm Sunday Services today; praying especially that the donkeys at Christ Church Ainsworth will be on their best behaviour!
30 th	We pray for mission & ministry at Christ Church Walshaw.
31 st	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Mary, Radcliffe.

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

Radcliffe & Whitefield Mission Community

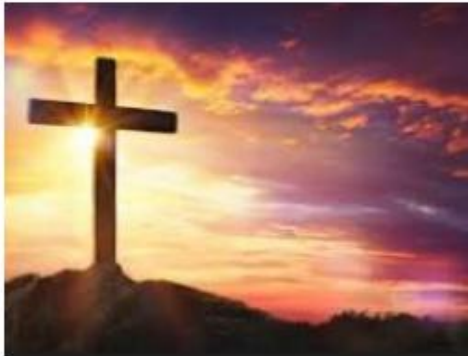
Prayer Diary



April 2026

1 st	We pray that the Holy Week & Easter Services being held throughout our Mission Community, will provide comfort and challenge, love and inspiration to all who attend.
2 nd	We pray for all who are involved with ministry to children, families & schools; praying especially for those who will welcome children into their Churches during Holy Week & Easter. Praying that the seeds of faith would be sown in young hearts.
3 rd	We give thanks for & pray for our Church Officers, Lay Leaders & Volunteers.
4 th	We pray for Christians around the world who are preparing to celebrate Easter; praying especially for those who live in fear & risk persecution for their faith.
5 th	We give thanks for the many Easter Services which will be held today; we pray for those who will be leading them, & that those who attend may be filled with the joy of the Resurrection.
6 th	We pray for those who will be taking part in Spring Harvest; that they would find spiritual refreshment, inspiration & renewal.
7 th	We give thanks for & pray for all Clergy members within our Mission Community.
8 th	We pray for the team at Christ Church Ainsworth, that they may have wisdom & inspiration as they consider the best way to recruit new PCC members & explore new opportunities for mission.
9 th	We pray for mission & ministry at All Saints Stand.
10 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe.
11 th	We give thanks for all who are involved with funeral ministry, praying also for the families they serve
12 th	We pray for mission & ministry at Christ Church Ainsworth.
13 th	We pray for those who will be part of the new book club being held at St. George's, Unsworth this evening; that it would bring people together from Church & the wider community.
14 th	We pray for the Radcliffe Team, their volunteers & helpers, and give thanks for all that they do.
15 th	We pray for those who are preparing for 'Bee Joyful'; that they would be guided & inspired by the Holy Spirit as they plan & prepare for this event.
16 th	We give thanks for & pray for all who will represent their Churches at the Task Group meeting this evening; praying that this would be a time of inspiration, sharing & support.
17 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.
18 th	We pray for all who will be attending 'Chocolate Bingo' at St. Andrew's, Hillock today – that this would be a well-supported & successful event.
19 th	We pray for mission & ministry at St. Andrew's, Hillock.
20 th	We pray for all who will be leading & attending 'Bee Joyful' at Christ Church Ainsworth this evening; that they might find inspiration, encouragement & spiritual refreshment.
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24 th	We pray for mission & ministry at Christ Church Walshaw.
25 th	We pray for those who lead & participate in the prayer groups & Bible study groups which are run by our Churches; may they know God's presence & grow in faith.
26 th	We pray those who will be involved with the APCM to be held at Christ Church Ainsworth today. We pray for Churchwardens, PCC members, and all who volunteer or hold Office within our Churches.
27 th	We give thanks for the work of Mothers' Union within our parishes & beyond. We pray for Mothers' Union members throughout our Mission Community.
28 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.
29 th	We give thanks for the green spaces within our parishes & pray that we would be good guardians of this world. We give thanks for all who work for environmental sustainability & climate justice.
30 th	We pray for mission & ministry at Emmanuel Community Church, Radcliffe.

The cross is a symbol of love, courage & hope.



Prayers for Holy Week



"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me."

(Revelation 3; 20)

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

(John 3; 16)

Holy Monday - 30th March 2026

"Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots."

(Luke 23; 34)

"And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

(Ephesians 4; 32)

We Pray For:

Help to forgive in a situation where we have been hurt
Help to understand others' feelings of hurt or betrayal
Broken relationships
Help to say sorry when we are in need of forgiveness

Heavenly Father, may I live today as a forgiven person, opening my heart to you.

Help us to forgive those who have hurt us and teach us to love unconditionally – Amen.

Holy Tuesday - 31st March 2026

"Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but exhort him as if he were your father. Treat younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity.

Give proper recognition to those widows who are really in need. But if a widow has children or grandchildren, these should learn first of all to put their religion into practice by caring for their own family and so repaying their parents and grandparents, for this is pleasing to God."

(1 Timothy 5; 1-4)

We Pray For:

Our own families
Our Church family

Easter Sunday - 5th April 2026

"Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realise that it was Jesus."

(John 20; 11-14)

Risen Lord, as You appeared to Mary in the garden, to the disciples in the upper room, to the travellers on the road to Emmaus, be known to us. Be in our homes, in our work and in our journeying. Christ Jesus, risen in glory; scatter the darkness from our hearts and from your world, and let us walk in your presence and peace – Amen.

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!



Holy Saturday - 4th April 2026

"Father, I entrust my spirit into your hands."

When the Roman Officer saw what had happened, he praised God and said, "Certainly this was a righteous man". And all the people that came together to that sight, beholding the things which were done, smite their breasts and returned."

(Luke 23; 46 - 48)

We Pray For:

Those who are close to death
Those who mourn

*Heavenly Father, we entrust ourselves to you;
That living or dying,
Joyful or suffering,
We may ever be with our Lord Jesus,
Secure in your eternal care – Amen.*

"So let us come near to God with a sincere heart and a sure faith, with hearts that have been purified from a guilty conscience and with bodies washed with clean water."

(Hebrews 10; 22)



Maundy Thursday – 2nd April 2026

"I am thirsty."

(John 19; 28)

"On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."

(John 7; 37-38)

Lord, we thank you that your purposes for us are not limited by time & space. Your love for us is not bounded by our selfishness. Your grace reaches out to us even when we deliberately go our own way.

Your truth gives us hope even in the darkest times.

We thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, to us; for His coming to share all that life means to us; for His coming for the fulfilment of your promises; for His walking with us and sharing of our journey.

Help us to honour Your name in thought, and word, and deed, and fill us with your Holy Spirit – Amen.

We Pray For:

Those who are searching for truth
Those who don't yet know Jesus
The Holy Spirit to fill us with living water

Lord Jesus,

*In your words, "I am thirsty", we hear the cry of our own hearts;
We are thirsty for You, Lord.*

*Refresh us by your living water, as we yearn for your spirit to fill us.
Amen*

Heavenly Father, Jesus taught that we should love one another; Bring our families together in love and unity, and teach us to love and respect each other.

Show us how to support and encourage each other, and inspire us to work together to become full of your perfect love – Amen.

Holy Wednesday – 1st April 2026

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

(Mark 15; 34)

Lord, you are the God who saves me; day and night I cry out to you. May my prayer come before you; turn your ear to my cry. I am overwhelmed with troubles and my life draws near to death. I am counted among those who go down to the pit; I am like one without strength.

I am set apart with the dead, like the slain who lie in the grave, whom you remember no more, who are cut off from your care. But I cry to you for help, Lord; in the morning my prayer comes before you.

Why, Lord, do you reject me and hide your face from me?

(Psalm 88 1-6; 13-14)

We Pray For:

Those who are unwell
Those who struggle to be heard
Those who suffer

Heavenly Father, we pray for all who are troubled in any way; praying especially for those who are known to us.

Give relief to those in pain, care to those who are alone, and reassurance to those who are in distress.

Shine upon all those who are in the darkness of suffering, that in your presence they might find rest & peace – Amen

Good Friday – 3rd April 2026

"When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit."

(John 19; 30)

"For the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last."

(Luke 23; 45-46)

We Pray For:

Ourselves; that we can truly live in the freedom that Christ has given us

Those who need the new start which is promised by the cross.

Lord Jesus,

We thank you for finishing the work that you came to do;

For you came not only to teach & heal,

But to save from sin all who trust in you.

Through your perfect sacrifice,

Sin is conquered;

Death is destroyed;

Mankind is redeemed;

Heaven is opened.

You are our hope today, tomorrow, and to the end of time.

Amen



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.

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

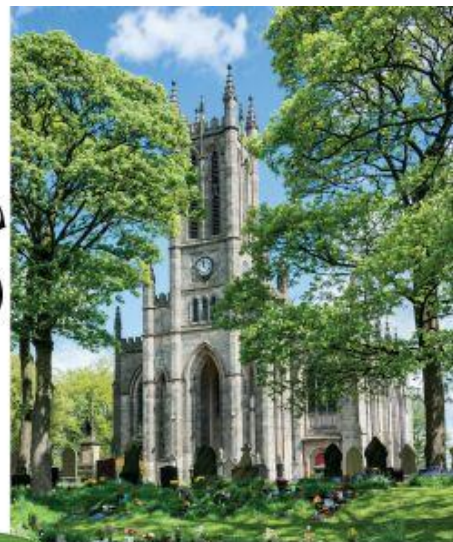




ALL SAINTS 1826-2026 STAND

BICENTENARY

**200 Years
Heritage Exhibition**



Opening Hours

Thursday 16th April 10-2pm
Saturday 18th April 10-2pm
Tuesday 21st April 2-6pm
Thursday 23rd April 2-6pm
Saturday 25th April 11-3pm (Talk 1.30pm)
Tuesday 28th April 11-3pm



Saturday 25th April, 1.30pm - Talk on Sir Charles Barry and All Saints
Refreshments Available

All Saints Church, Stand, Whitefield M45 7NF

Within 5 minutes walk from Whitefield Metrolink Station and 135 bus route. Limited car parking.

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The
Small
Projects
Fund



Small Projects Fundraising Event

Easter Saturday Lunch

Potato Pie and Peas

Cake for Dessert

Saturday, 11 April 2026

Lunch served at 12:30 p.m.

Ticket price: £8.00, 14 and under £4.00

Available from Beryl Holgate

Please note:

The Saturday Coffee Morning will not be held on this date.



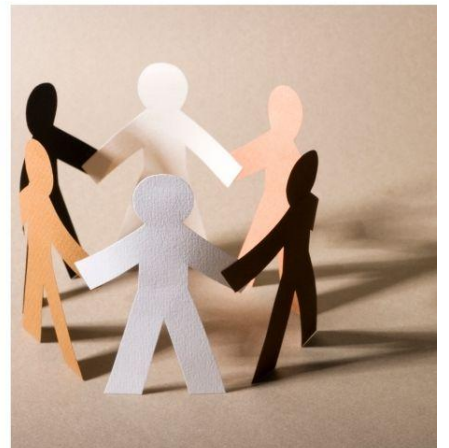
Saturday Cafe



Every Saturday
10:30am - 12:30pm

Everyone Welcome

ST THOMAS & ST JOHN CHURCH
NEW CHURCH STREET, RADCLIFFE





**Radcliffe and Whitefield
Mission Community invites
you and your friends to:**

BEE JOYFUL

An evening of Songs of Praise style worship
with speaker

Rev Phil Cansdale

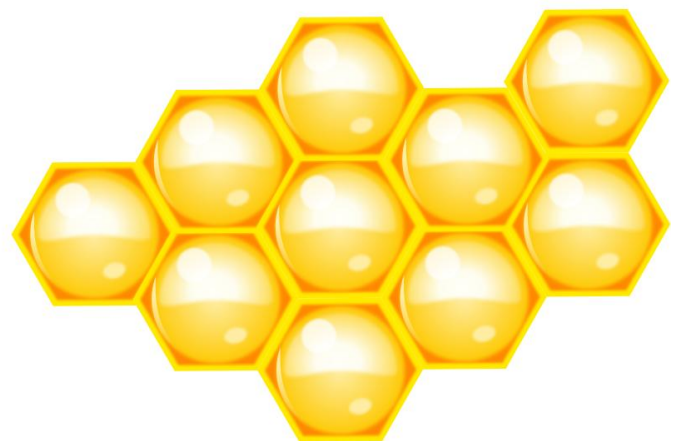
Monday 20th April

7.30pm

Christ Church, Ainsworth BL2 5RU



Refreshments available





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 usable 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.



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 leading 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 workers 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



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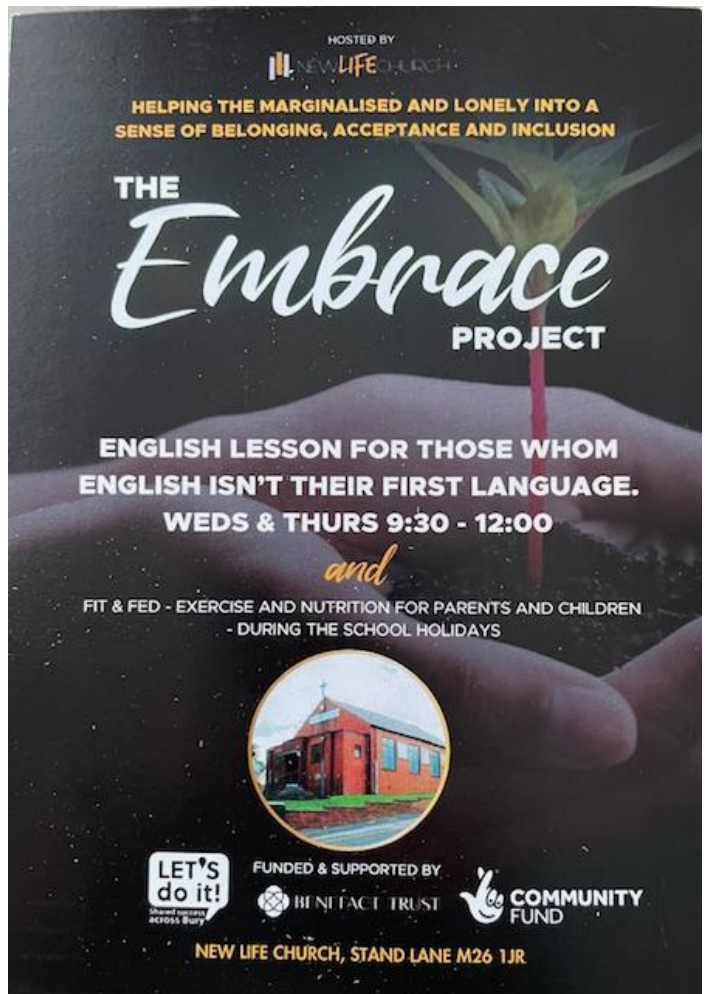
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Vicky at St Mary's writes: "Our St Mary's WAG's are once again taking part in the Race for Life at Heaton Park this year. This year's event is on Sunday 5th July and anyone wanting to join us can use the link below. There is a St Mary's team which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

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

CHRISTIAN LIFE & WITNESS COURSE

You are invited to come deepen your faith in Jesus Christ and discover practical ways to point others to Him during this free, engaging three-hour session.

Saturday 30th May 2026
10:00am - 1:00pm
Bridge Community Church
Milltown Street / Regan Street
Radcliffe
M26 1WD

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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 April10 - 2pm

Tuesday 21st April and Thursday 23rd April2 - 6pm

Saturday 25th April and Tuesday 28th April11 - 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 'Hamnet'.

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 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 June / July newsletter, email alisonhartleyhorse@gmail.com