

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 19 April 2026
The Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday and the week ahead

Sun 19 th Third Sunday of Easter	9:30am	Eucharist at St Mary's	Lessons for today: Acts 2:14a,36-41; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35 Light refreshments after each service
	11:00am	Eucharist at St Thomas and St John's Thanks to those who arranged, prepared and attended (37 of us) the St TJ's Easter Lunch. £260 were raised for church funds.	
	12:30pm	Baptism at St TJ's of Lottie Rae Adams	
	Please see in church the statutory notices convening the Annual Meetings. There are forms to enable you to stand as Churchwardens, members of the Parochial Church Council, and Deanery Synod representatives. Check that you are correctly recorded on the parish Electoral Rolls. Annual Reports are available to be picked up.		
Mon 20 th	10:00am	Warm Spaces at St Philip's Community Centre	
	7:30pm	BEE Joyful. Mission Community Songs of Praise at Christ Church, Ainsworth BL2 5RU (see poster)	
Tue 21 st		Celebrating Bicentenary of All Saints Stand with a 200 Years Heritage Exhibition – church open as advertised – see posters for selected dates from 16 th - 28 th April	
Wed 22 nd	10:00am	Team mid-week Communion at St TJ's	With refreshments
	7:30pm	Annual Social Evening hosted by Union of Catholic Mothers (advance booking needed)	
Fri 24 th	10:15am	(- 11:30) Following coffee, Team Friday Friends Study Group, at St TJ's. All welcome as we meet to study the Bible	
	noon	Team Intercessions at St Thomas and St John's, followed by bring-your-own-lunch if you wish, drinks provided	
Sat 25 th	9:00am	(- 11:00am) Churches' Revival Prayer Meeting at New Life Church (see poster)	9-10 will be breakfast
	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
Sun 26 th Fourth Sunday of Easter	9:30am	Eucharist at St Mary's	Followed by refreshments
	11:00am	Eucharist at St Thomas and St John's followed by the Meeting of Parishioners (to elect Churchwardens), the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (election of Deanery Synod reps and PCC members; to receive Annual Report and Accounts), and a short PCC meeting	
	1:00pm	Baptism at St Mary's of Willow Rose Bibby	

Points for Prayer

Baptism	Lottie Rae Adams, her parents, godparents and supporters
For healing	St Mary's: Catherine, Andrew Berry, Berenice Carey, Anna Cowsill, David Duckworth, Mick Dugdill, Colin Embrey, Margaret Embrey, Christine Firth, William Firth, Peter Gorman, John Heuze, Chris Hollis, Pauline Holt, Harry Melling, Margaret Ratcliffe, Joyce Uren, Ian Williams, Denis Wright, Janice Wright St TJ and elsewhere: Marilyn Alldred, Joyce Baker, Lawson Bant, Revd Dougie Bird, Carol Cain, Stuart Cowpe, Reg Dee, Jacob Dewar, Zohreh Galati, Lyn Hill, Claire Jones, Louise Peart
Bereaved	Family and friends of ...
Books of Remembrance	St Mary's: John Bolton (19 th); Christine Carew (22 nd) St Thomas and St John's: Peter Manchester, Sheila Royle (19 th); Mary Elizabeth Todd, Gwendolin Wright (21 st); Harry Uren, Thomas Gregory (22 nd); Kathleen May Davenport (23 rd)

Looking ahead

May		
Sun 3 rd	10:45am	St Mary's Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Wed 6 th	7:30pm	AGM of Churches Together in Radcliffe - refreshments from 7:15pm
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)
Mon 11 th	7:00pm	Deanery Mothers' Union Festival at St Mary's
Thu 14 th	10:00am	ASCENSION DAY Mission Community Prayer Journey - details later but we may note it ends at St Thomas and St John's with "bring your own lunch" and Holy Communion at 1:15pm
Fri 15 th	6:00pm	Mission Community Zoom Prayers (10 minutes) during the days of the Thy Kingdom Come prayer campaign until Pentecost
Sat 16 th	7:00pm	Quiz at St Philip's Community Centre: fund-raiser for Christian Aid

Heard at the PCC (St Thomas and St John's)

At the April meeting, Revd Marie's report of a new monthly service at Rose Court Care Home was welcomed. This augments the monthly service at Holly Bank Care Home arranged by Lay Assistants. Feedback on events and services during Lent, Holy Week and Easter was positive. The Lent Discussion Groups will be followed by a monthly follow-on initiative, to be known as First Wednesday Friends, beginning on 6 May, 7-9pm, in the vicarage. It will be Eucharist followed by discussion.

The Building Sub-Committee has planned the rehabilitation of the tower, with removal of pigeons. Permissions and funding are in place. Work continues to ensure that the church heating system is replaced as soon as possible.

Safeguarding training is being undertaken where necessary in line with the re-affirmed policy.

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.

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

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

- Praying for those Churches within our Mission Community that will be holding their APCMs in the coming weeks.
- Giving thanks for & praying for those who will be preparing reports & collating figures in readiness for these meetings.
- Praying for & giving thanks for all who hold office within our Churches.
- Praying for those who may be considering standing for election to PCC or Churchwarden, or who may be considering taking on any official role within our Churches.
- Praying that we may be guided and inspired by the Holy Spirit as we try to encourage individuals to play a more active part in the life of our Churches.

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.
21 st	We pray for mission & ministry at St. George's, Unsworth.
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 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.

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

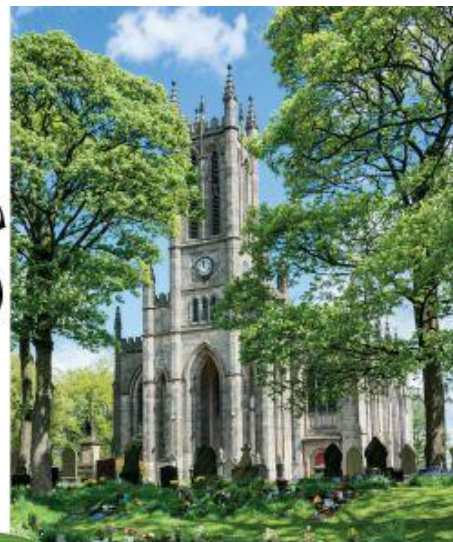




ALL SAINTS 1826-2026 STAND

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.

www.standchurch.com

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

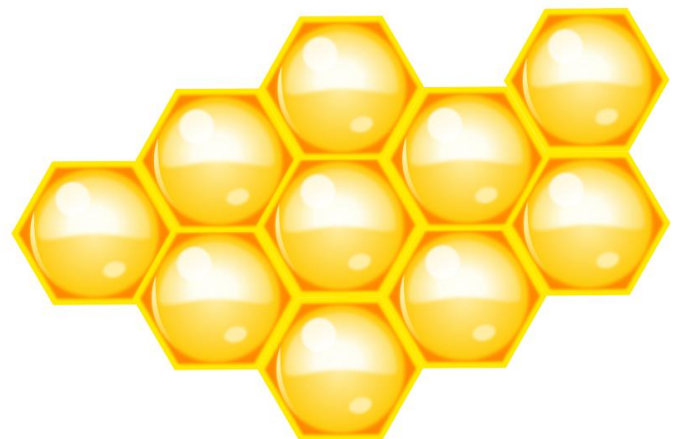
Monday 20th April

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.

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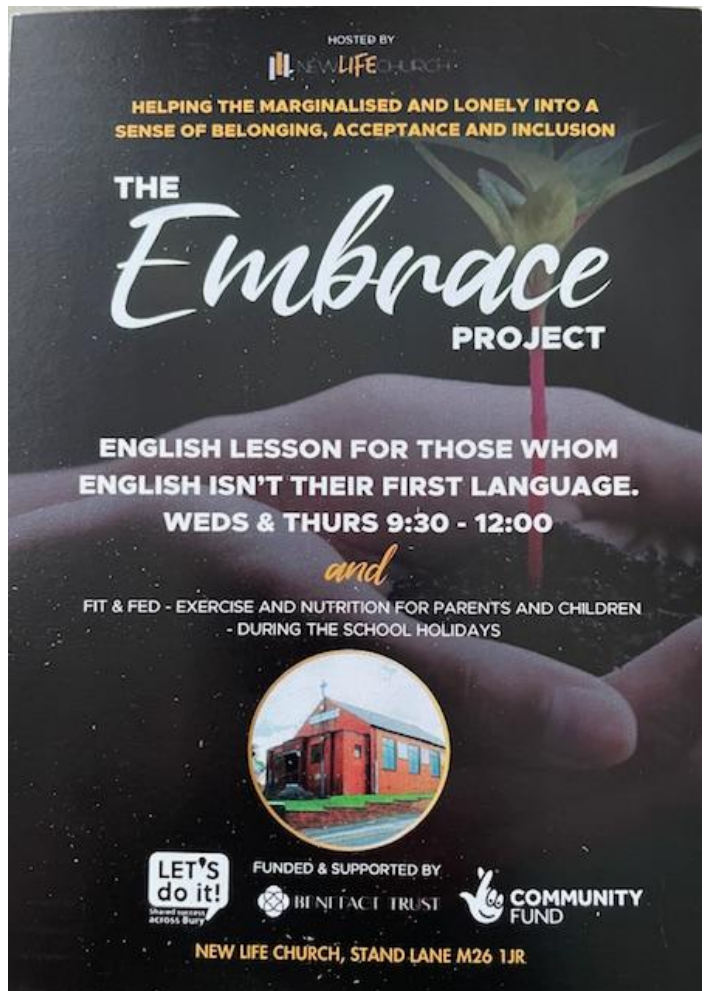
HELPING THE MARGINALISED AND LONELY INTO A
SENSE OF BELONGING, ACCEPTANCE AND INCLUSION

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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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/>



Revival Prayer Meeting

SATURDAY 25TH APRIL

ALL CHURCHES INVITED

9AM-10AM BREAKFAST

10AM-11AM PRAYER

New Life Church, Stand Lane M26 1JR

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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