

## 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 26 April 2026  
The Fourth Sunday of Easter

## Sunday and the week ahead

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| Sun 26 <sup>th</sup><br>Fourth Sunday of Easter | 9:30am  | Eucharist at St Mary's <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The sign up sheet for the Spring Fayre (9 May) is on the table next to the refreshment table. If you want to run a stall or volunteer to help please put your name down. Any donations for these stall will be gratefully accepted.</li> </ul>   | Lessons for today:<br>Acts 2:42-end; 1 Peter 2:19-end; John 10:1-10 |
|   | 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If you are attending the annual meetings, please pick up minutes of last year's meetings if you wish or find them linked to the Notices e-distribution</li> <li><b>Small Projects Team are running short of Raffle prizes could you help please,we would like to have a raffle at the Christian Aid Quiz night. Please see Debs Heaven with any donations.</b></li> </ul> | Light refreshments after each service                               |
|   | 1:00pm  | Baptism at St Mary's of Willow Rose Bibby  |   |
| Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>                            | 10:00am | Team mid-week Communion at St TJ's   | With refreshments   |
| Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>                             | 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  |   |
| Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>                             | 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   |
|   | 11:00am | Rob Chilton, Diocesan Parish Support Officer, will be in church chatting with Treasurer Bob Birchmore and others who may care to attend to hear about the Pride in Place funding being made available by government to support deprived communities including Radcliffe.   |   |
| Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>Fifth Sunday of Easter   | 9:30am  | Eucharist at St Mary's followed by the Meeting of Parishioners (to elect Churchwardens), and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting; first Sunday graveyard cleanup   | Followed by refreshments  |
|   | 11:00am | Eucharist at St Thomas and St John's First Sunday ingathering of non-perishable food and toiletries for Porch Boxes food packs   |   |
|   | 12:30pm | Baptism at St TJ's of Cruz Cameron Downes  |   |
|   | 2:30pm  | Baptism at St TJ's of Nellie Tomlinson   |   |

# Points for Prayer

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| <b>Baptism</b>              | Willow Rose Bibby, her parents, godparents and supporters   |
| <b>For healing</b>          | <b>St Mary's:</b> Catherine, Andrew Berry, Revd Dougie Bird, Berenice Carey, Anna Cowsill, David Duckworth, Mick Dugdill, Colin Embrey, Margaret Embrey, Christine Firth, William Firth, Peter Gorman, Chris Hollis, Pauline Holt, Harry Melling, Margaret Ratcliffe, Joyce Uren, Ian Williams, Denis Wright, Janice Wright<br><b>St TJ and elsewhere:</b> Marilyn Alldred, Joyce Baker, Lawson Bant, Carol Cain, Stuart Cowpe, Reg Dee, Jacob Dewar, Zohreh Galati, Lyn Hill, Claire Jones, Louise Peart |
| <b>Bereaved</b>             | Family and friends of Kath Pollard, John Heuze and Elizabeth Allen  |
| <b>Books of Remembrance</b> | <b>St Mary's:</b> Adam Archibald (28 <sup>th</sup> )<br><b>St Thomas and St John's:</b> Alan Dagg (26 <sup>th</sup> ); Frederick John Moore, Patricia Ann Miller (29 <sup>th</sup> ); Fred Shaw, Barry Tait Dearden, Kenneth Ashton (1 <sup>st</sup> ); Stephen Taylor, Thomas Henry Adamson, Patrick Walsh (2 <sup>nd</sup> )  |

## Looking ahead

| May                                 |         |   |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---|
| Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>                 | 7:00pm  | (-9:00pm) First meeting of Team First Wednesday Friends in the vicarage. Eucharist followed by discussion. Please let Rev Marie know if you intend to be present.   |
|                                     | 7:30pm  | AGM of Churches Together in Radcliffe, in St Thomas and St John's church - refreshments from 7:15pm   |
| Thu 7 <sup>th</sup>                 | 10:00am | (- 11:00am) First Thursday of each month until October, St TJ Gardening Group meets   |
|                                     | 7:00pm  | St Mary's Parochial Church Council  |
| Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>                 | 11:00am | (- 2pm) Spring Fayre at St Mary's   |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup> |         | 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.<br><b>Can you volunteer a few hours please? See Philip Gooderson (0161 761 6136). These slots need volunteers please:</b><br><b>Tuesday 12 May, noon - 2pm @ Tesco Little Lever</b><br><b>Fri 15 May, 9am-noon, noon-2pm, 2-4pm all @ Tesco Little Lever</b><br><b>Fri 29 May, noon - 2pm @ Morrisons Whitefield</b> |
| Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>                | 7:00pm  | Deanery Mothers' Union Festival at St Mary's  |
| Thu 14 <sup>th</sup>                | 10:00am | ASCENSION DAY Mission Community Prayer Journey - two walks begin at 10:00am, one from Christ Church Walshaw and one from St George Unsworth. Both end at St Thomas and St John's with "bring your own lunch" and Holy Communion at 1:15pm led by Revd Phil Cansdale.  |
| Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>                | 6:00pm  | Mission Community Zoom Prayers (10 minutes) during the days of the "Thy Kingdom Come" prayer campaign Ascension until Pentecost.  |
| Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>                | 7:00pm  | Quiz at St Philip's Community Centre: fund-raiser for Christian Aid   |
| Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>                | 7:00pm  | PCC of St Thomas and St John meets  |
| Thu 21 <sup>st</sup>                | 7:00pm  | PCC Building Sub-committee of St Thomas and St John meets   |

*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](mailto: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:

- \* Giving thanks for all those who work with children and young people, both within our Churches and within our wider communities.
- \* Praying for and giving thanks for the many initiatives aimed at children and young people, which our churches already run or support.
- \* Praying that at least some of the seeds of faith which are sown through these initiatives, will take root and bear fruit.
- \* Praying for inspiration from the Holy Spirit as we look for new ways for our Churches to engage with children and young people.

## Radcliffe & Whitefield Mission Community Prayer Diary



**April 2026**

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| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 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 <sup>nd</sup>  | 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 <sup>rd</sup>  | We give thanks for & pray for our Church Officers, Lay Leaders & Volunteers.   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | 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 <sup>th</sup>  | 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 <sup>th</sup>  | We pray for those who will be taking part in Spring Harvest; that they would find spiritual refreshment, inspiration & renewal.  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | We give thanks for & pray for all Clergy members within our Mission Community.   |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 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 <sup>th</sup>  | We pray for mission & ministry at All Saints Stand.  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | We pray for mission & ministry at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe.  |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> | We give thanks for all who are involved with funeral ministry, praying also for the families they serve  |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | We pray for mission & ministry at Christ Church Ainsworth.   |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> | 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 <sup>th</sup> | We pray for the Radcliffe Team, their volunteers & helpers, and give thanks for all that they do.  |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | 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 <sup>th</sup> | 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 <sup>th</sup> | 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 <sup>th</sup> | 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 <sup>th</sup> | We pray for mission & ministry at St. Andrew's, Hillock.   |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | 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 <sup>st</sup> | We pray for mission & ministry at St. George's, Unsworth.  |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> | We pray for mission & ministry at St. Andrew's, Radcliffe.   |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> | 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 <sup>th</sup> | We pray for mission & ministry at Christ Church Walshaw.   |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> | 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 <sup>th</sup> | 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 <sup>th</sup> | We give thanks for the work of Mothers' Union within our parishes & beyond. We pray for Mothers' Union members throughout our Mission Community.   |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> | 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 <sup>th</sup> | 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 <sup>th</sup> | We pray for mission & ministry at Emmanuel Community Church, Radcliffe.  |

# Radcliffe & Whitefield Mission Community

## Prayer Diary



May 2026

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| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | We give thanks and pray for all those at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe, who volunteered or agreed to carry on with roles, at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | We pray for all who are involved with ministry to children, families & schools; praying that the seeds of faith would be sown & nurtured in young hearts.  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | We pray for many people to respond to Christ Church Walshaw's community survey, to help the team there to discern the best way to develop their mission.   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | We pray for mission & ministry at All Saints, Stand.   |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | On African World Heritage Day, we give thanks for the continent's unique cultural and natural heritage.  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | We pray for The Well @ Radcliffe, the new welcome space for the community of St. Andrew's, Radcliffe - for people to come, and for guidance to develop what we offer.  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | We give thanks for & pray for all who will be part of the Prayer & Spirituality Group meeting this evening; praying that this would be a time of inspiration, sharing & support.   |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | We pray for members of Christ Church Walshaw's Community Choir, as they prepare for their summer concert.  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | We pray for all who will be running or attending the Bazaar at St. George's, Unsworth today; that this might be a well attended & successful event.  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | At the start of Christian Aid Week, we give thanks for the work that is done by this charity. We give thanks for our local volunteers & pray for the individuals & communities which are in need of aid.   |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> | We pray for members of Christ Church Ainsworth PCC, as they explore new opportunities for mission & outreach.  |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | During Mental Health Awareness Week, we pray for all who suffer from mental health issues; praying also for greater awareness of the importance of good mental health.   |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> | We pray for mission & ministry at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe.  |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | We pray for all those who will be part of our Mission Community Prayer Journey today. Praying also for those who will lead or attend Ascension Day Communion at St. Andrew's, Hillock this evening.  |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | We pray for the youth group at St. Andrew's, Radcliffe as they begin Youth Alpha.  |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> | We pray for all who will be running or attending the Spring Fair at Christ Church Ainsworth today; that this might be a well supported & successful event.   |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | 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 <sup>th</sup> | We pray for mission & ministry at Christ Church Ainsworth.   |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> | We pray for mission & ministry at St. Andrew's, Hillock.   |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | On World Bee Day, we pray for greater awareness of the importance of pollinators, the threats they face and their contribution to sustainable development.   |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> | We pray for mission & ministry at St. George's, Unsworth.  |
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| 24 <sup>th</sup> | We pray for mission & ministry at Christ Church Walshaw.   |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> | During the coming days of Eid ul-Adha, we pray for our Muslim communities.   |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> | 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.  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> | 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.  |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> | We pray for those throughout our Mission Community who will be preparing for Baptism in the coming weeks & months.   |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> | 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 <sup>th</sup> | We pray for mission & ministry at Emmanuel Community Church, Radcliffe.  |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> | We pray for those throughout our Mission Community who will be preparing for Confirmation in the coming weeks, praying that they would be guided by & filled with the Holy Spirit.   |

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

# 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



Together, we can  
beat extreme poverty.

# Quiz



**Pasty and Peas**  
**Drinks for sale**  
**at the bar**

## **Fundraising Quiz Night**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

7pm doors for 7:30pm start

**£7.50 for tickets**

St Philips Community Centre

Higher Dean St, Radcliffe, M26 3TE



**Buy tickets online for £8**  
**on Eventbrite**

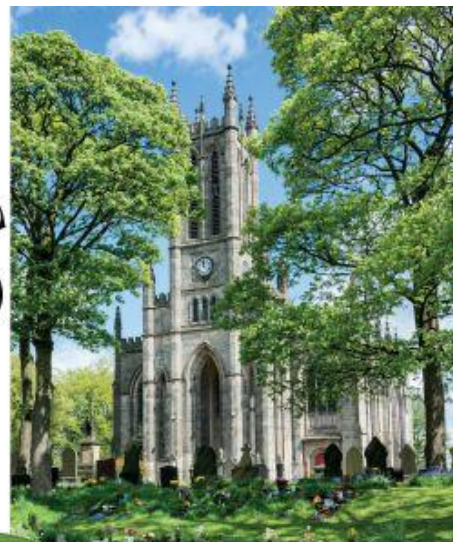




# ALL SAINTS 1826-2026 STAND

BICENTENARY

**200 Years  
Heritage Exhibition**



## Opening Hours

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 10-2pm  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 10-2pm  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2-6pm  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2-6pm  
Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 11-3pm (Talk 1.30pm)  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.standchurch.com)**

# Saturday Cafe



Every Saturday  
10:30am - 12:30pm

Everyone Welcome

ST THOMAS & ST JOHN CHURCH  
NEW CHURCH STREET, RADCLIFFE



**St George, Unsworth**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May**



**SPRING  
BAZAAR**

**11.30am - 2pm**

**Sale of**

**New & Nearly New Clothing,  
Shoes, Handbags, Jewellery  
Gifts, Crafts, Books, Toys  
Household (Practical & Decorative)  
Cakes, Golf, also Refreshments  
with Double Hotdogs  
Free Admission**



# **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](http://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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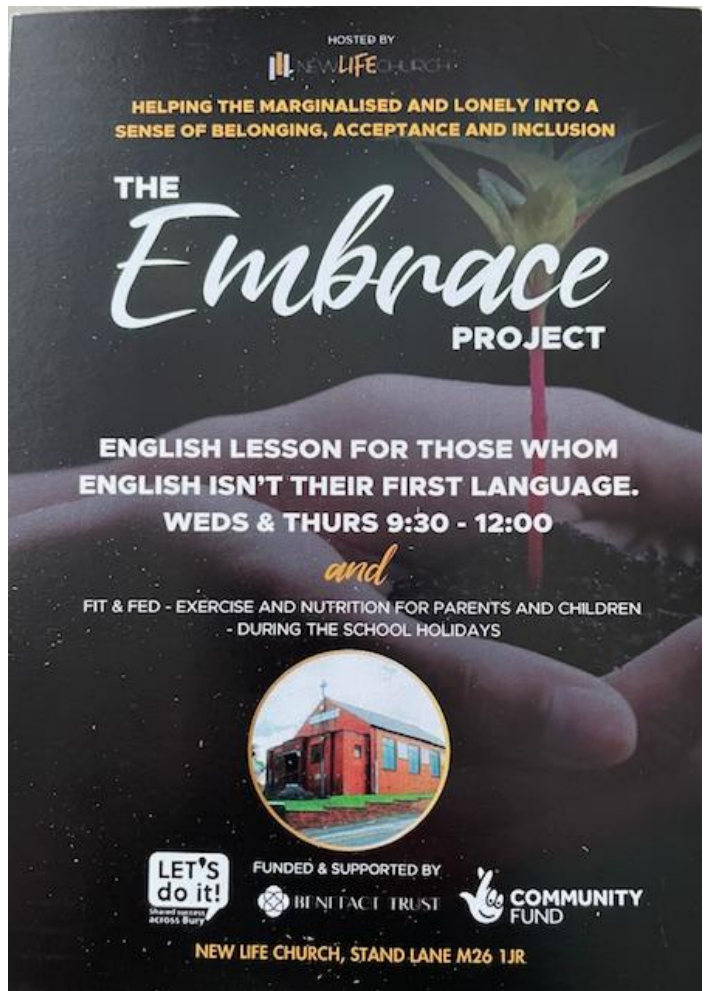
HELPING THE MARGINALISED AND LONELY INTO A  
SENSE OF BELONGING, ACCEPTANCE AND INCLUSION

# 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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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 5<sup>th</sup> 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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