

# Radcliffe & Whitefield Mission Community News

June – July 2026

## Roving Reporter

### Bee Joyful

It was wonderful to see so many people at our Mission Community Spring Worship Event & to welcome Revd Phil Cansdale to speak; our theme was 'Joy' & our worship was certainly joyful! Hearing the inspiration behind each Church's choice of hymn was interesting & at times quite moving, and what a great line up of hymns we had. A huge thank you to Christ Church Ainsworth for hosting this event, to Jenny (Organist), members of CCA Choir who joined us on the evening, the 'home team' & all who helped with organising the event, and to everyone who came along & sang so enthusiastically on the night.

### Ascension Day Prayer Journey 2026

After some rather wild & wet weather in the days leading up to this event, Ascension Day dawned dry & bright, if a little fresh! Following Celtic Morning Prayer, walkers set off from either end of the Mission Community, stopping at each Church on route for a time of prayer & finally coming together to celebrate Communion at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe. Whilst it's definitely not a race – it's worth noting that, for the first time, the Northern walkers arrived at St. Thomas & St. John ahead of the Southern walkers! A big thank you to the team at St. Thomas & St. John for hosting us once again & to Revd Phil Cansdale for leading our Ascension Day Communion Service.

### Recycling Update

Many thanks to everyone who continues to support our recycling initiatives; the small number of items that we each donate might seem insignificant, but just to let you know ... in May, 131kg of unwanted wax products were collected from Churches across the diocese; throughout 2025 our Mission Community collected almost 1,500 pairs of unwanted prescription glasses, multiple bags of bras, & just over 5kg of used stamps. Throughout 2025 the Bone Cancer Research Trust was able to raise £10,335-56 from the collection of used stamps. Recycling means that these items are not only being kept out of landfill; they are helping people in the UK and abroad who are in the greatest need.

## Coming Soon ...

### Mission Community Litter Picking Event

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 11- 12 noon; we'll be meeting at St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe for an hour of litter picking in their locality. We have lots of litter picking equipment to share, so please come along, join us on the day & help us to make a difference.

### Mission Community Prayer Walk

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

### Confirmation Service

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 3pm @ St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe; please contact Revd Marie Pattison (Radcliffe Team) if your Church has Confirmation candidates. A number of Churches are holding Confirmation preparation sessions for both children & adults, so please reach out if anyone needs support with this.

## Eco Tips

**June** – Taste the benefits of seasonal and locally grown food. Produce grown locally is picked at the peak of its ripeness and will be full of flavour, tasting better than the produce that has been imported and travelled thousands of miles.

**July** – Help hedgehogs during long periods of dry weather; leaving out a juicy snack, such as mealworms or canned dog food, can help in sustained warm weather.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Thanksgiving Service For Toddler Group Leaders

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> June  
7-8pm  
St. Philip's, Chapel St, Salford M3 6FR  
[A Special Service of Thanksgiving Tickets, Tuesday, June 2 • 7 PM - 8 PM | Eventbrite](#)

### Archdeacon's Visitation Service

Weds 8<sup>th</sup> July  
7.30pm  
Christ Church Walshaw

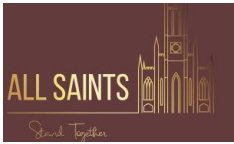
### Confirmation Service

Sun 12<sup>th</sup> July, 3pm  
St. Thomas & St. John, Radcliffe

### Farewell Service For Ven Dr Rachel Mann

Sun 5<sup>th</sup> July  
5.30pm  
Manchester Cathedral

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



**All Saints, Stand** [standchurch.com](http://standchurch.com)

**News** – As we continue with our 200 year celebrations we have a variety of events planned, including a Bicentennial Art Exhibition by All Saints School, which will be held in Church from 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> June, concluding with a concert on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June. More details can be found on our website.



**St. Andrew's, Hillock** [www.standrews-hillock.org.uk](http://www.standrews-hillock.org.uk)

**News** – Friday 05/06 – We are holding a Coffee Morning in aid of Mopane Tree, a charity that Hillock & Unsworth have supported for a number of years. Revd Michele is travelling out to Namibia at the end of July, to see at first hand, the work that this amazing charity does.

Monday 27/07 – Our summer holiday breakfast club starts.

**Regular Events** – Wednesday Bible Study; 6.30pm soup and bread if you wish, with Bible Study at 7pm.



**St. George's, Unsworth** [achurchnearyou.com/church/16088](http://achurchnearyou.com/church/16088)

**News** – Our next Book Club will be held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

**Regular Events** - Community Litter Picking – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month; 9 – 10am.

Morning Prayer in Church at 11am each Monday morning.

Our Cornerstone Café is open each Wednesday & Friday morning serving lunches.

**Christ Church Ainsworth** [www.ainsworthparish.org.uk](http://www.ainsworthparish.org.uk)

**News** – Saturday 11/07 @ 7pm – The Eden Singers 'Hits of the Decade' concert in Church; tickets £7 each, inc refreshments.

**Regular Events** – Coffee & Conversation – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month; 3.15 – 4pm



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

**News** – Sat 20/06 @ 11am Mission Community Litter Picking event starts at St. Thomas & St. John.

Sun 12/07 @ 3pm we'll be hosting the Mission Community Confirmation Service, led by Bishop Matthew Porter.

**Regular Events** – Saturday Café every Saturday 10.30am – 12.30pm, inc Vestry Hour 10.30 – 11.30am.

First Wednesday Friends with Rev Marie at St T & J Vicarage, Weds 03/06 & Weds 01/07, 7 – 9pm.

Fridays 10.30 – 11.30am; Friday friends study group.

Fridays 12.30pm; Intercessions, bring your own lunch if you wish for after prayers, drinks provided.



**Radcliffe Parish Church of St. Mary** [Radcliffe Parish Church of St. Mary](http://Radcliffe Parish Church of St. Mary)

**News** – Weds 10/06 @ 2pm, Mothers' Union celebration of 130 years at St Mary's.

Sat 04/07 @ 11.30am, we'll be hosting the Mission Community Prayer Walk followed by a short Communion service at St Mary's, led by Bishop Mark Davies.

Sun 05/07 - St Mary's WAG's group are taking part in Race for Life in Heaton Park.

**Regular Events** – Saturday Café – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month, 10am – 12noon.

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**St. Andrew's, Radcliffe** [St Andrews Radcliffe](http://St Andrews Radcliffe)

**News** – The Well @ Radcliffe is a new initiative held each Monday from 10 – 12noon @ St. Andrew's Vicarage - free hot drinks, toast & cake; a warm space with a warm welcome!

Sun 28/06 @ 4pm – 'Bangers & Bangers' – Songs of Praise Service followed by a BBQ in the Church grounds – everyone welcome.

**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](http://www.christchurch-walshaw.co.uk)

**News** – We'll be hosting the Archdeacon's Visitation Service on Weds 8<sup>th</sup> July @ 7.30pm

**Regular Events** – Monthly Prayer Meeting, 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month, 7.30 – 8.30pm.

Walshaw Community Choir - Wednesdays 7.15pm

'Cake & Chat' - 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month, 2 – 4pm.

Our super popular baby & toddler group meets in Church on Wednesdays from 10 – 11.15am (term time only).

If your Church has any news or dates to include in our August / Sept newsletter, email [alisonhartleyhorse@gmail.com](mailto:alisonhartleyhorse@gmail.com)