

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	<i>Sunday 12 July 2026</i> <i>Sixth Sunday after Trinity</i>

Sunday and the week ahead



We are watching with concern the situation developing in Venezuela following the dual earthquakes on 24 June. The suffering is enormous and set to increase. The UK Disasters Emergency Committee, of which Christian Aid is a part, has launched an appeal for humanitarian assistance. This Sunday and next you have the opportunity to respond in church through Christian Aid. **Envelopes will be in church for the next two Sundays, 12th and 19th.**



Sun 12 th Sixth Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	Eucharist at St Mary's.	Followed by refreshments
	11:00am	Eucharist at St Thomas and St John's	
	3:00pm	Confirmation Service at St Thomas and St John's • Please come along to this service for the Mission Community to support the candidates from our Team	Followed by refreshments
Tue 14 th	7:00pm	St Mary's PCC meets	In the vicarage
Wed 15 th	10:00am	Team mid-week Communion at St Mary's	With refreshments
	7:00pm	St TJ's Parochial Church Council (PCC)	At St Philip's CC
Thu 16 th	7:00pm	Building Sub-Committee of St TJ's PCC	In the vicarage
Fri 17 th	10:00am	St John's School Year 6 and their grown ups Leavers' Service	In St Thomas and St John's church
	10:15am	(- 11:30) Following coffee, Team Friday Friends Study Group, in the vicarage.	Note change of venue
	noon	Team Intercessions at St Thomas and St John's, followed by bring-your-own-lunch if you wish, drinks provided	NB: in church
Sat 18 th	10:30am	Saturday Café at St Thomas and St John's, including Vestry Hour (10:30-11:30am) for baptism and wedding enquirers.	Until 12:30
Sun 19 th Seventh Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	Eucharist at St Mary's.	Followed by refreshments
	11:00am	Eucharist at St Thomas and St John's • Deadline for August rota availability info to Kathleen please by phone or email (contact details at foot of page 2)	
		The Ministry of Healing will be offered at both morning services: prayer for yourself or a loved one, with anointing and laying on of hands	

Points for Prayer

Confirmation	Irene Anyaegbu, Deb and Stu Heaven, Amy MacDonald, Jenny Stobart, Andrew Warren, Corey White
For healing	St Mary's: Catherine, Andrew Berry, Revd Dougie Bird, Berenice Carey, Anna Cowsill, David Duckworth, Mick Dugdill, Colin Embrey, Margaret Embrey, Christine Firth, William Firth, Peter Gorman, Pauline Holt, Harry Melling, Sue Richardson, David and Jean Valentine, Ian Williams, Denis Wright, Janice Wright

	St TJ and elsewhere: Marilyn Alldred, Joyce Baker, Lawson Bant, Reg Dee, Jacob Dewar, Zohreh Galati, Lyn Hill, Claire Jones, Louise Peart
Bereaved	Family and friends of Rozz Gee, Betty Boardman, Joyce Uren and Chris Hollis
Books of Remembrance	St Mary's: Harry Pickles, Darren John Follis (16 th) St Thomas and St John's: John Vose, Annie Burton (12 th); William Urmston, Joseph Eric Hill (13 th); Norman Brown, Edna Urmston (14 th); Clarice Crawshaw (15 th); Sarah Elizabeth Olive (16 th); Ellen Simmons, Alice Burgess (17 th)

MISSION SUPPORT



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SOCIETY**

The inspiration for missionary work is Jesus's commission, set out in St Matthew's Gospel to "go and make disciples of all nations", coupled with the great command to "Love your neighbour as yourself".

As well as a number of national Church and local charities, and as well as Christian Aid – the relief and development arm of the British Churches, St Thomas and St John's also supports two charities working internationally in mission and outreach, and has done so for many years.

One of these is the Church Mission Society (known as CMS). Formerly known by other names, and uniting with other missionary societies in recent years, it was founded in 1799 as an agency within the Church of England. William Wilberforce was an early Vice-President and the leaders of the society have included a number of eminent theologians and future Bishops. Independent Church Mission Societies have been spun off in a number of Commonwealth countries.

Today CMS says of itself that it aims to work at the edges. "When we look at the life of Jesus, we see that he spent time with people at the edges, often to the astonishment of the establishment. Sick people, poor people, tax collectors, those who were often avoided due to their "sinner" status – Jesus welcomes them. He offers grace, healing, restoration, love – and he invites them to be part of his story. Church Mission Society is likewise called to connect with people at the edges: the edges of church, the edges of society, the edges of our comfort zones. And we're always looking for others who will join us at edges near and far, to help share God's love in creative ways, knowing that person-by-person, community-by-community, this is how we will see our world made new."

CMS is made up of disciples of Jesus from various countries, cultural backgrounds and walks of life – a vibrant mix of people in mission from the UK, Africa, Latin America, Europe, the Middle East and Asia – all following Jesus to the edges together. The CMS community exists to make disciples of Jesus at the edges, but says: "Crucially, we are also disciples ourselves. As we seek transformation for those who might have presumed Jesus wasn't for them, we – and those who accompany us through prayer, giving and taking action – are also being continuously transformed."



We also support the Valerie Taylor Trust which funds the work of Valerie Taylor and the Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed (CRP) which she founded, having seen the need during VSO experience at a Christian hospital in Bangladesh. Val, now 82, is a British-Bangladeshi physiotherapist, social worker and philanthropist, who had Manchester connections and was known to some members of the congregation. Dubbed the *Mother Teresa of Bangladesh*, she has been given awards by the Government of Bangladesh for her public service, including the grant of Bangladeshi citizenship and the UK

OBE. At the start of her career, appalled at the desperate plight of people paralysed by spinal injury or disease and the fact that they were often left to beg or to die, Valerie committed herself to bringing about a change in the situation she saw. It took ten years of persistence but finally in 1979 she opened CRP. Originally 4 patients in a disused cement warehouse, the centre now has over 100 in-patient beds. It has a mother and child unit; a hostel and integrated schooling for children with cerebral palsy. In addition to the in-patient services offered by the centre, over 55,000 out-patients are seen every year. There is also an independent living centre for disabled women, which has recently attracted funding from Marks & Spencer.

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.

On 12th and 19th July, envelopes will be in church for us to respond to the Disasters Emergency Committee Appeal through Christian Aid.



What's happening in Venezuela?

A devastating 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck northern Venezuela on the evening of Wednesday 24 June. A second, more powerful 7.5 magnitude quake hit less than a minute later – the strongest to hit Venezuela since 1900.

There were more than 30 aftershocks to the quakes which struck some of Venezuela's most biggest and most densely populated cities.

Rescuers and recovery teams are working in collapsed buildings in the capital, Caracas, and the state of La Guaira.

A minimum of 4000 people have lost their lives, thousands more have been injured and many are being reported missing. With teams still working through the wreckage, the full scale of the disaster is still emerging.

Venezuela is still hurting. The pain keeps building, growing even deeper with two powerful earthquakes that have torn through populated areas, leaving widespread damage to homes, buildings, businesses and social services, damage whose full extent is still unknown, but clearly immense.

- Carlos E. Mejia, Head of Impact, Latin America and Caribbean, Christian Aid.

How Christian Aid is responding to the Venezuela earthquake

We're releasing emergency funds to our network of trusted local partners active in the epicentre of Caracas and Carabobo.

Our partners are on the ground, providing life-saving assistance and emergency support to children and families affected by the earthquakes. They're well-placed to deliver life-saving water, food, health kits to treat basic injuries and shelter to some of the worst-hit communities in some of the poorest neighbourhoods.

Solidarity rises in the face of human suffering. Christian Aid, in partnership with faith-based networks directly present in Venezuela, is working to bring a tangible solidarity – one that nourishes hope as an act of resistance against a tragedy powerful enough to break it.



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Prayer for the people of Venezuela

Loving God,

When the earth trembles and homes
fall to dust, hold our hearts, God.

When grief shakes families to the
core, hold our hearts, God.

Send our hands and feet to help
however we can.

Our sisters and brothers in Venezuela
live this now.

God of love and mercy, may we
match your love in the way we
respond - now. 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



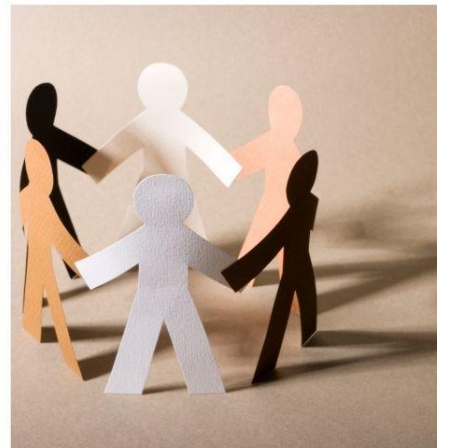
Saturday Cafe



**Every Saturday
10:30am - 12:30pm**

Everyone Welcome

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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

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



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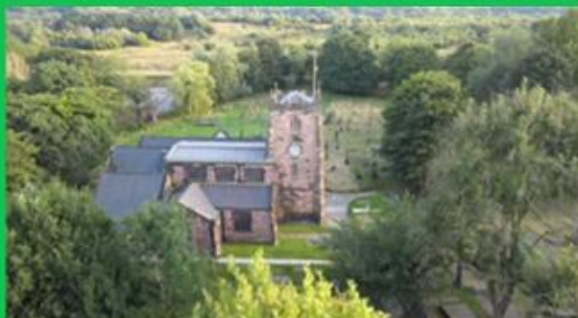
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Thank you



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Radcliffe Manor Heritage



A Medieval Re-enactment Event

DEMONSTRATING LIVING HISTORY

To be held on 25th/26th/27th July 2026 in

Radcliffe Tower Grounds

Near Close Park / St Mary's Church

Church Green, Radcliffe, Manchester M26 2QA

Wheelchair friendly / pedestrian only entrance via the
heritage trail from the park and through the churchyard.

Car parking at Close Park

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CRAFT DISPLAYS ⦿ WORKSHOPS ⦿ GAMES

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 **The Red Wyverns**

Sat 25th — 10:30 am — 4:30 pm

Sun 26th — 10:30 am — 4:30 pm

Mon 27th — 10:30 am — 4:30 pm

FREE ADMISSION

