

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 9 August 2026</i> <i>Tenth Sunday after Trinity</i>

Sunday and the week ahead

Sun 9 th Tenth Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	Eucharist at St Mary's.	Followed by refreshments
	11:00am	Eucharist at St Thomas and St John's • We welcome Jim playing the organ	
	12:30pm	Baptism at St Thomas and St John's of Esme Louise Parkinson	
	1:30pm	Baptism at St Thomas and St John's of Jacob Daniel Carter-Aspinall	
	3:30pm	Mary Summer Day service in the cathedral	
Mon 10 th	09:00am	St Mary's Building Committee meets	At the vicarage
Wed 12 th	10:00am	Team mid-week Communion at St TJ's	With refreshments
Fri 14 th	10:15am	During August, Team Friday Friends Study Group will not meet	
	noon	Team Intercessions at St Thomas and St John's, followed by bring-your-own-lunch if you wish, drinks provided	
Sat 15 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 12:30pm
	10:30am	(- noon) St Mary's hosts a team from Rossendale bell ringers	
Sun 16 th Eleventh Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	Eucharist at St Mary's.	Followed by refreshments
	11:00am	Eucharist at St Thomas and St John's • This day is deadline to notify non-availability for normally rostered duties in September. Please see Kathleen.	
	12:30pm	Baptism and St Thomas and St John's of Jory Tyldesley and Reggie Tyldesley-Hunt	
		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

Baptism	Esme Louise Parkinson and Jacob Daniel Carter-Aspinall, their families and godparents
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, Jacob Dewar, Zohreh Galati, Lyn Hill, Louise Peart
Bereaved	Family and friends of Jeffrey Higham and Helen Taylor
Books of Remembrance	St Mary's: Kenneth John Vernon (9 th) St Thomas and St John's: Hilda Schofield (10 th); Henry Wood, Henry Clarke (14 th); Alice Atherton (15 th)

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.

Mothers' Union 150th Anniversary

Today, Sunday 9 August, marks Mary Sumner Day, a date that carries momentous significance this year as the global movement celebrates its historic 150th anniversary. Founded in 1876 by a vicar's wife, Mary Sumner, the Mothers' Union has transformed from a local support group into an international powerhouse of faith and action, boasting over 4 million members across 84 countries. On this special Sunday, churches are marking the occasion – see the display in St TJ's.

The story began after the birth of Mary Sumner's first grandchild. Remembering her own overwhelming fears when she first became a mother, Mary wanted to bring women of all social classes together to support each other and raise children in the Christian faith. Her belief that strong families build a better society struck a chord. By the turn of the 20th century, the movement had grown into the largest voluntary women's organisation in Britain, later gaining royal patronage and expanding globally. Our Team branches were founded in 1896 (St Mary's) and 1934 (St Thomas and St John's).

Today, the Mothers' Union is much more than a fellowship group; it is a global lifeline tackling some of the world's most difficult social injustices. Members are famously described by Church leaders as the "salt and light" of their communities for their willingness to roll up their sleeves and make a tangible difference. Modern initiatives include: Combating Gender-Based Violence; Leading major grassroots advocacy and literacy programmes in countries like South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of the Congo; Family Support & Prison Ministry: Providing "Away From It All" holiday schemes for struggling UK families and maintaining vital family connections in prisons; Grassroots Community Care; Crafting dementia knee rugs, providing emergency clothes for hospitals; and aiding local disaster relief.

While the organisation remains rooted in its original purpose to support marriage and family life, its doors are open to everyone. Modern membership includes men and women, parents and single people alike, all united in prayer and service. As the Mothers' Union reflects on its 150-year legacy—recently marked by a grand anniversary service at St Paul's Cathedral—its focus remains firmly on lighting the way for future generations.

Mary Sumner's Personal Prayer

"All this day, O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for thee; and every life I touch, do thou by thy spirit quicken, whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe, or the life I live. Amen."

150th Anniversary at Manchester Cathedral

As part of the global 150th-anniversary celebrations, Manchester Cathedral serves as a prominent focal point for the region's commemorations, owing to a deep ancestral connection. The movement's pioneering founder, Mary Sumner, was born locally in Swinton, Greater Manchester. There will be a Mary Sumner Day Service in the Cathedral at 3:30pm, Bishop Mark preaching – all welcome.

Report from St Philip's Community Centre

Bob Birchmore serves as a link between the volunteer group who run St Philip's and our wider Church. He writes:

Just a mention about the event we held on the 11th July in aid of Bury Hospice. We managed to raise £882 which has been sent to the Hospice. We sold around 80 tickets but only 60ish people actually turned up. It was a very hot night and England were playing as well. We couldn't help the weather, but we put the football on in the lounge and the diehards eventually left at around 1:30 am.

One interesting story, It was darkish in the hall, I was counting the takings with Des Duncalfe for the raffle etc. when a chap came over and asked Des if he was taking donations Des said yes and the man (who none of us knew) put what Des thought was a single note in Des' hand and promptly vanished into the dark. Des opened his hand and it turned out it was actually a £100 donation! All we can think is it must have been somebody who had been helped or had a relative helped by the Hospice but wanted to be anonymous.

There are very few volunteers keeping the Centre going at present. Anyone interested in helping out is invited to make themselves known via the email address:

bookings.stphilipsc@gmail.com



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Small Projects Event

1st Prize

*Voucher for Afternoon Tea for Two
At Slatterys, Whitefield*

Value over £40.00

2nd Prize

*Cream Tea at Home for Two
Scone, Butter, Clotted Cream, Jam*

3rd Prize

*Bottle of Wine
and 6 Wine Glasses*

*The Raffle will be drawn on 29th August 2026
Beryl & Jackie are ready and happy to sell you some
raffle tickets throughout August*

*Please note: as an alternative
the voucher can be used in Slatteries Shop
or towards your choice of the Restaurant's Menu*

Grab your friends and join us for a

QUIZ

NIGHT!



FUN • FRIENDS • GREAT PRIZES!

SATURDAY

29TH

AUGUST

**7PM
START**

★ RAFFLE

*Great Prizes
TO BE WON!*



**STAND UP
BINGO!**

*Fun, Fast &
Lots of Laughs!*

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BRING YOUR TEAM!

MAX 6 PEOPLE PER TEAM

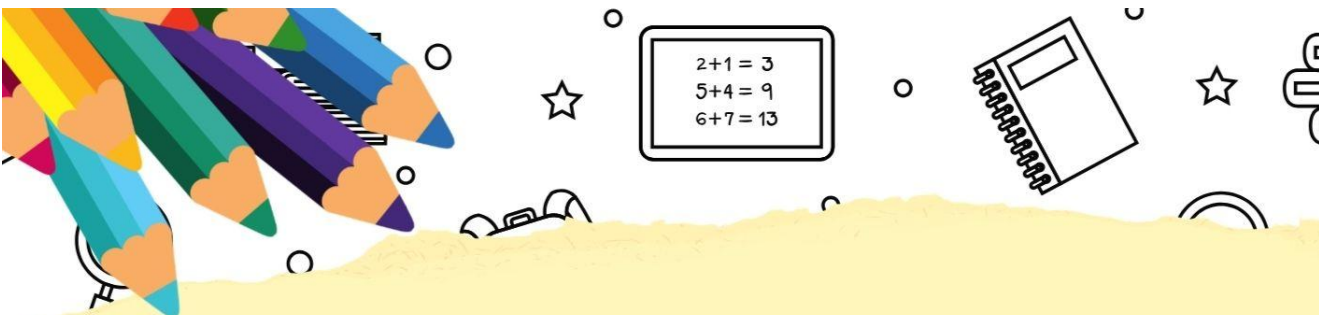
Everyone Welcome!



ST PHILIPS COMMUNITY CENTRE

A great night out in your community!

★ *Come along, have fun and support your community!* ★



Schoolbag Blessing Sunday

Sunday 30th August 2026

Parish Church of St. Mary, 9:30am

St Thomas and St John's Church, 11am

A family-friendly Communion Service

Bring your schoolbag for the new school year
we will bless them and pray for the year ahead



St Mary's (by Close Park) M26 2QA
St Thomas & St John (Blackburn St/New Church Street) M26 2UD

Saturday Cafe



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

Everyone Welcome

**ST THOMAS & ST JOHN CHURCH
NEW CHURCH STREET, RADCLIFFE**



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

**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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NEW LIFE CHURCH

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!**
Shared success
across Bury

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 **COMMUNITY
FUND**

NEW LIFE CHURCH, STAND LANE M26 1JR

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 TJ's

Right: St Mary's



Foundations for Ministry



Applications for this year's Foundations for Ministry (FFM) course are now open! FFM aims to provide you with a sound biblical foundation for exploring and developing your call to Christian ministry and commitment to lifelong discipleship.

The course runs over three terms from October to May, and includes an induction evening, 20 core sessions and three additional Saturday course days. Sessions include a mixture of interactive talks, group work, and personal reflection, all designed to help you:

- Identify your spiritual gifts and the shape of your specific ministry.
- Understand the Church.
- Discover your call to mission, discern where God is calling you to serve, and learn how to remain fruitful in ministry.

For more information, contact Adesola Akala, Lay Ministry Officer, at: adesolaakala@manchester.anglican.org

CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE FUND

We treasure our church, its grounds, & everyone who visits from near and far. We work hard to keep the churchyard a welcoming, peaceful place for all – but we can't do it without your help.



To help us maintain the grounds, we've launched a dedicated **Churchyard Maintenance Fund**. A full professional grass cut costs **£1,200** each time



Each time the fund reaches £1,000, we will top it up from church funds so a gardener can complete a full cut.



If you're able to support this work, please donate via the QR code or the link to our Give a Little page on our homepage:
radcliffeparishchurch.com



If donating isn't possible right now, you can still make a big difference. Join our friendly volunteer team for the churchyard clean-up on the **first Sunday of each month** around 10:30. Tools are provided, and there are tasks for all abilities – everyone is welcome



Thank you

*for helping us care for this special place
for today's community and future generations*



THE PCC OF RADCLIFFE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY

CAMPFIRE Church

16TH
AUGUST
2026
— 3PM —

AT CHRIST CHURCH
WALSHAW

SERVICES
EVERY 3RD
SUNDAY
FROM SEPTEMBER
TOO!



JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF...



FUN &
GAMES



S'MORES



BIBLE
STORIES



SONGS



FELLOWSHIP