



The Radcliffe Team Ministry

Parish of St Mary

and

Parish of St Thomas and St John
with St Philip's Community Centre



Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

NOTICES THIS WEEK

Sunday 27 September 2026
Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday and the week ahead

Sun 27 th 17 th Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	Eucharist at St Mary's	Followed by refreshments
	11:00am	Eucharist at St Thomas and St John's - Harvest Lunch will be on 10 October. For tickets, please see the sign up sheet in church today. - Christmas Lunch sign up sheets out - Please see Carol Cain for Smartie tubes	
Mon 28 th	5:30pm	Welcome Service in the cathedral for Simon Cook as our new Archdeacon	
Wed 30 th	10:00am	Team mid-week Communion at St TJ's	With refreshments
Thu 1 st		NO Gardening Group at St TJ's	
Fri 2 nd	10:15am	Team Friday Friends meets at St Thomas and St John's church for Bible study	
	noon	Team Intercessions at St Thomas and St John's, followed by bring-your-own-lunch if you wish, drinks provided	
Sat 3 rd	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	Blessings and Brews at St Thomas and St John's. Fun events and pet blessing.	Until noon
	10:30am	Fairtrade EcoFest in Manchester Cathedral to mark Fairtrade Fortnight. Stalls and crafts – activities and refreshments – music and talks – family friendly – learn about the cathedral's bees	Until 1:30pm
	7:30pm	Ed Sheeran tribute concert at St Philip's	
Sun 4 th Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	Eucharist at St Mary's followed by graveyard cleanup	Followed by refreshments
	11:00am	Eucharist at St Thomas and St John's NO ingathering of food and toiletries for Porch Boxes (deferred to Harvest next week)	
	2:00pm	Harvest service at Rose Court	Please join us



Points for Prayer

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, Kathleen Hardman, Pauline Holt, Harry Melling, David and Jean Valentine, Ian Williams, Denis Wright, Janice Wright

	St TJ and elsewhere: Alan Cain, Jacob Dewar, Zohreh Galati, Lyn Hill, Louise Peart
Bereaved	Family and friends of baby Zaiden Simpson, Pulchier Akirizo and Irene Kearsley
Books of Remembrance	St Mary's: Barbara Roscoe Greaves (30 th); Marjorie Smith, Evelyn Bowker (1 st); Barbara Bethell (2 nd) St Thomas and St John's: Hilda Nuttall (29 th); Joseph Wilkes, Edith Galloway (30 th); Harold Smith, Ethel Jones, Dorothy Riley, Frederick Bowen (1 st); Marion Walker (2 nd); Alice Nicholson (3 rd)

Looking ahead

October	
Wed 7 th	First Wednesday Friends meet at the vicarage
Sat 10 th	Blessings and Brews at St Mary's. 10:30 – noon. Fun events and pet blessing.
Sat 10 th	St Mary's Hub Event for Bury Art Festival - for a day with Crows Art Collective – 10.30-4.30 – local artistes
Sat 10 th	Harvest Lunch at St Thomas and St John's. 12:30pm.
Sun 11 th	Harvest Thanksgiving throughout the Team at morning services
Sun 11 th	Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal launched
Wed 14 th	PCC of St Thomas and St John's
Wed 14 th	Greater Manchester Churches Together Annual Assembly at Salford Cathedral Centre, 6:30-9:00pm – all welcome. Bible Society will deliver this year's keynote presentation on The Quiet Revival.
Sun 18 th	Church Action on Poverty Sunday
November	
Sun 1 st	All Saints' Day: morning worship in each church will include Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (noting All Souls' Day is the next day when there will be no separate remembrance)
Sun 1 st	Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal ends
Wed 4 th	First Wednesday Friends meet at the vicarage
Sat 7 th	Abba-themed night at St Philip's Community Centre
Sun 8 th	Remembrance Sunday Civic Service at St Thomas and St John's after events at the Radcliffe War Memorial
Sun 8 th	Team Eucharist at 6pm at St TJ's. Theme: Peace and Justice
Wed 11 th	PCC of St Thomas and St John's
Tue 17 th	PCC of St Mary's
Fri 27 th	Team Advent Course (4 weeks) begins at St Thomas and St John's
Sat 28 th	St Mary's Fayre (11:00am)
December	
Wed 2 nd	First Wednesday Friends meet at the vicarage – Advent theme
Sat 5 th	St Thomas and St John's Christmas Fayre
Sat 5 th	St Mary's Christmas Wreath Making Workshop
Sun 6 th	Christmas Concert by Affetside Choir and Besses Boys Band in St Thomas and St John's
Thu 10 th	St TJ's Christmas Lunch at Italia Mia
Sat 12 th	Affetside Choir Carol Concert at St Mary's (2:00pm-3:00pm)
Tue 15 th	Christmas Service at St Mary's for KS2 of Radcliffe Hall School

To be in touch with the clergy, please contact Revd Marie Pattison, Team Rector (0161 989 5785 or 07795 805767 or revmariepattison@gmail.com), 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.

Today is the middle Sunday of Fairtrade Fortnight

We are a Fairtrade Church, diocese and town. This is the annual Fairtrade Fortnight ending on St Francis Day, appropriately coinciding with the second half of the Creationtide season.



As a Fairtrade Church we commit to using Fairtrade products in our church life, eg for refreshments, for Communion wine and in other ways when possible. We also commit to support Fairtrade Fortnight.

One of the suggested actions proposed on the back of our present service sheet is to recommit as individuals and families to choosing Fairtrade goods.

The Diocese of Manchester has an official commitment to Fairtrade and explicitly identifies as a Fairtrade Diocese. The diocese bases its position on a "Gospel-inspired commitment to justice for the poor," explicitly stating that its support helps farmers who are denied proper payment for their produce.

Why is Fairtrade important?

Fairtrade is a brilliant anti-poverty tool that treats people with dignity and brings justice and hope to those trapped by an unfair trading system. It promotes fair and just prices to enable farmers and workers in the world's poorest countries to feed their families and pay for schooling and healthcare

Fairtrade offers producers:

- a unique Fairtrade social premium to benefit the wider community through clean water, education, transport and more
- environmental protection to care for God's earth, farm sustainably and reduce the impacts of climate change
- health and safety and business training to give opportunities to people to reach their potential



Manchester Cathedral

FAIRTRADE ECOFEST

Saturday 3rd October 2026
10:30am – 1:30pm | Manchester Cathedral

FREE ENTRY!

Celebrate sustainability with music, stalls, crafts and refreshments

St Thomas and St John's Church,
with St Philip's Community Centre



Fund Raising Event



Harvest Lunch

Potato Pie - Peas and Pudding

On Saturday 10th October - Lunch will be served at 12.30

Tickets £8.00

Please add your name on the list at the back of church





The Small Projects group are looking to make some money. They will give you a **tube of Smarties**, all they ask is that you eat the Smarties and bring the tube back full of coins.

If you fill the tube full of 1p it will hold 80p.

If you fill the tube full of 5p it will hold £3-30p.

If you fill the tube full of 20p it will hold £11.

If you fill the tube full of £1 it will hold £34

You can have more than one tube and, when you have filled it, please return it to Carol Cain Thank you





BRING YOUR PET **BLESSINGS AND BREWS**

3rd Oct - St Thomas & St John
10th Oct - Parish Church of St. Mary
Anytime between 10:30am and 12 noon

Drop by
with your pet
for a quick blessing

Pick up a cuppa & cake
at our cafe

Also with
Art Event
on the 10th
at St Mary's

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



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

EXCITING NEWS..

*Saint Marys becomes an exciting creative hub for a day
with the new Crows Art Collective as part of the Bury Art Festival*

SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER 10.30-4.30

*A FREE art event for everyone of all ages to attend with local artists returning to the wonderful
surroundings of Grade I listed Parish Church of Saint Mary's .celebrating sketchbooks and sketching*

Quickfire Portraits*

Washing line gallery

quickfire pet Portraits*

**Make your own
recycled
sketchbooks***

**unique artists talks
and sketching tours***

Mini stalls with original work and prints

Refreshments* including homemade cakes

**All events and workshops are FREE
and drop in with no need to book!**

**CULTURE
BURY.**

 **Funded by
UK Government**

*Please note some of these are all day others have set times
And will be announced on the official Arts Festival Poster*

8 Church Grn, Radcliffe, Manchester M26 2QA



Saturday Cafe



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

Everyone Welcome

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



Could you help God's creation by...



turning the
heating down



Using a reusable bag



turning off
unused lights



recommitting
to choosing
Fairtrade goods



using eco
cleaning products



going on a litter pick



raising political
awareness



shopping more
efficiently to
reduce waste



avoiding
standby mode



switching to low
energy bulbs



changing to
recycled loo roll



plant bee
friendly flowers



saying no to plastic



eating less meat



sharing your car
by giving lifts



...?

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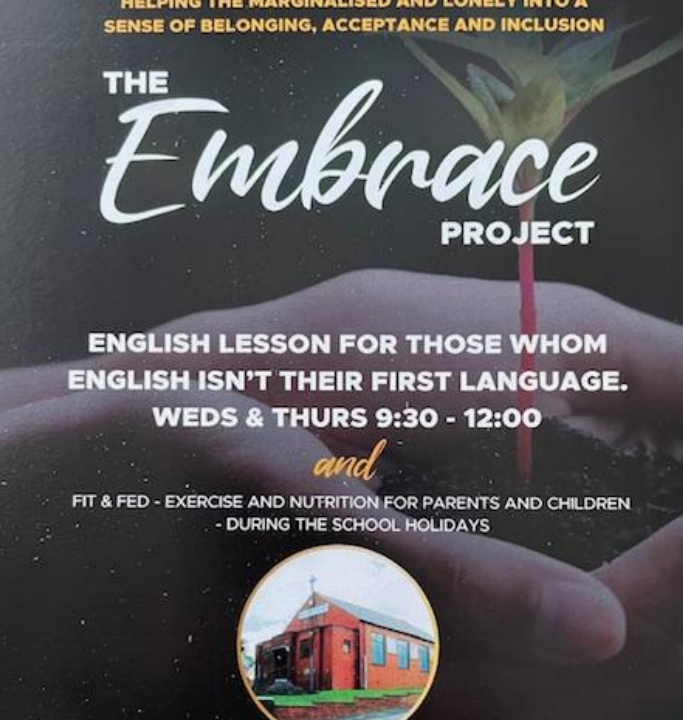
HELPING THE MARGINALISED AND LONELY INTO A
SENSE OF BELONGING, ACCEPTANCE AND INCLUSION

**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



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

The CHOSEN RADCLIFFE ENCOUNTER

20th September

4-5pm worship & food
at the bandstand

5.30-7pm Encounter
at The Bridge church

18th October

4-5pm worship & food
at the bandstand

5.30-7pm Encounter
at New Life church

13th December

4-5pm worship & food
at the bandstand

5.30-7pm movie night
at The Bridge church

15th November Venue TBC

"Encounter" is a months-long gently-building outreach campaign leading to a climax next Easter. It makes use of the streamed TV series: "The Chosen". It tells the story of the life and ministry of Jesus through the eyes of the people who interacted with him. Churches around the world are linking with the TV series, including some in Radcliffe.



LADIES Conference

GUEST SPEAKER DAWN ANDREWS

Saturday 24th of October
14:00-16:30
New life Church Radcliffe
M26 13R

Join us for a day of powerful messages, uplifting worship, and spiritual growth.

A light tea will be provided
£3 per person
please message John 07786 515527 to book.

 NEW LIFE CHURCH

General Synod

General Synod plays a vital role in the life and governance of the Church of England, helping to shape decisions on mission, ministry and the future direction of the Church.

On the Diocesan website at <https://www.manchester.anglican.org/our-diocese/about-us/governance/general-synod/stand-for-synod/general-synod-elections-2026-candidates-and-election-addresses/> you can find details of the candidates standing for election, together with links to their election addresses. Candidates are listed according to the House for which they are standing.

Our Team Rector, Revd Marie, has responded to an invitation to stand for election and she has provided the election address which follows to inform her electors (the clergy of the Diocese). It is included here for your interest.

Rev'd Marie Pattison Rector of Radcliffe

- **Inclusive and affirming**
- **Poverty and justice focused**
- **Prayerfully driven**
- **Ecumenical**



About me



I'm in my first incumbency as the very newly minted Rector of Radcliffe. I served my curacy in Walkden and Little Hulton in the Salford & Leigh Deanery.



I've been involved in prayer and spirituality work in the diocese for many years. Before ordination, I was Director of Katherine House, a prayer and spirituality centre owned by Roman Catholic Sisters and visited by a wide variety of people.



I'm a former Churchwarden and familiar with the responsibilities, pressures and delights faced by these amazing volunteers.



I worked for many years with the Jesuits, a Roman Catholic order, facilitating a gap year for young people who worked with various charities with marginalised people in Britain.



I've lived in the diocese since 2006. Yes, I'm from the Northeast and have a funny accent.



I've studied Theology all my adult life, I didn't stop when I graduated. I love a lecture and a chance to engage with new ideas.



In my downtime, I like to knit and crochet, go for walks (I'll borrow your dog), read real books & audiobooks and play board games with friends.

Proposed by:

Rev'd David Cooper
Rector of St Mary's,
Prestwich

Rev'd Tom Phipps
Rector of Christ
Church, West
Didsbury, and St
Christopher,
Withington

Issues in the church I care about



Climate Change



**Poverty and
Economic Justice**



**Inclusion and
Sexuality**



Safeguarding



**Clergy
Wellbeing**



I long for and pray for a church which celebrates and affirms every person.

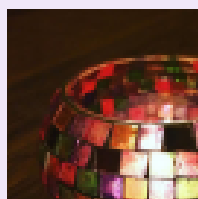
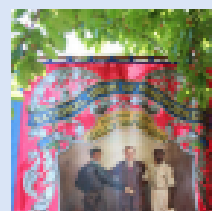
I have worshipped with Open Table and preached at their services. Open Table is a network of communities which genuinely welcome, affirm, include and empower people who are: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Queer or Questioning, Intersex, & Asexual (LGBTQIA)+ their families, friends & anyone who wants to belong in an accepting, loving community.

I will always continue to challenge the church where it fails to welcome based on grounds of disability, economic power, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, learning disability, mental health, neurodiversity, or sexuality. I believe this is an issue that hurts the heart of God and damages our integrity when we reach out to our communities.

I'm from a working-class background – I grew up in Durham coalfields during the miner's strike – and would love to see a church that reaches across class divides and sees more people from backgrounds like mine in ministry. I have some sense of the practical and cultural barriers to that from my own experience.

I'm a member of Church Action on Poverty's worship and theology collective and have written liturgy for their resources.

My parish is one with very high levels of poverty, and my vision of church is one that challenges issues of social and economic justice.

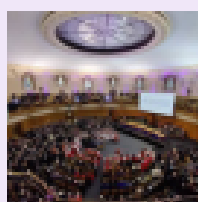
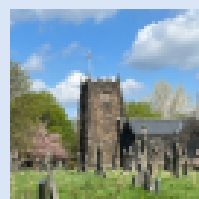


I have an interest in teaching Prayer and Spirituality and have led many courses on it, including training ALMs.

My own prayer life has been influenced by Ignatian Spirituality and its focus on contemplative prayer and discernment. My prayer life drives and fuels my ministry and decisions.

I'm Rector of two beautiful old churches, one Grade I listed with a massive graveyard, in an area where we are not blessed with a great deal of money. I would like for that for to be easier in terms of paperwork and funding.

I'm loving being a parish priest and I would love to see our clergy free to spend more time baptising babies, blessing schoolbags, litter-picking, visiting the grieving, administering the sacraments and being a blessing to our communities.



I am standing for General Synod for the first time. What I would lack in experience, I would make up for in enthusiasm and commitment. If you know me, you know I'm a person of integrity who takes her responsibilities seriously; and if you don't know me, you have to take my word for it!

I'm fairly clear about what I believe in and I stand by it; however I have a strong history of working well with those whose views I don't share.

Rev'd Marie Pattison

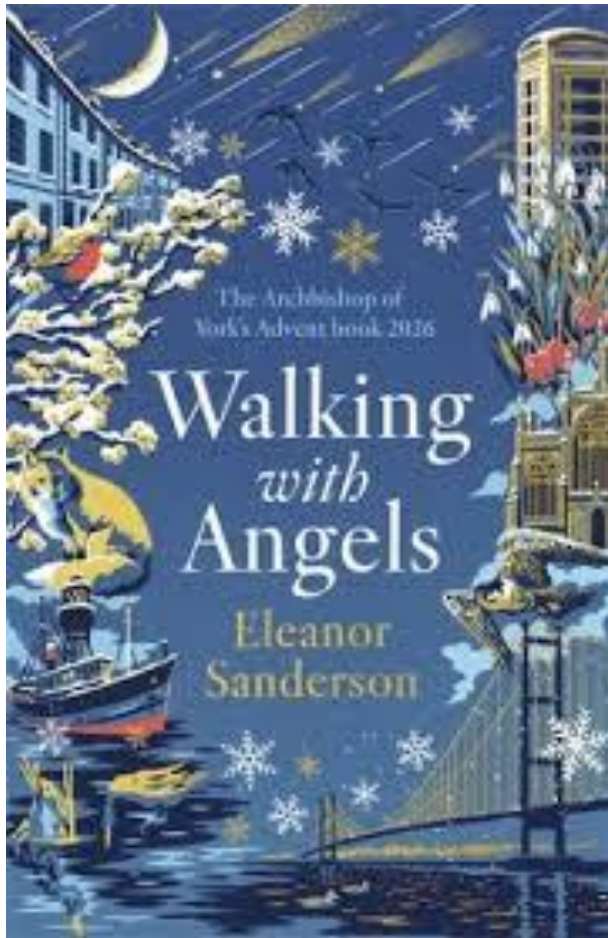
👤 Rector: St Mary's Radcliffe and St Thomas & St John Radcliffe

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Team Advent Course

As in previous years, the Team will be holding an Advent Course this year. It will be based on the Archbishop of York's Advent book. Below is a summary of it.



The four weeks of the course will be on
Friday 27 November
Friday 4 December
Friday 11 December
Friday 18 December

Each will be in St Thomas and St John's church meeting at 10:15am for a brew, with the discussion beginning at 10:30am for an hour.

A postscript will conclude the course after Christmas.

There is no need to buy the book although you can if you wish (it is available on Amazon and other booksellers). We will be led through the contents of the book and questions.

Walking with Angels: The Archbishop of York's Advent Book 2026 by Bishop Eleanor Sanderson is structured around the **four weeks of Advent**. The book blends **biblical reflection on angelic messages**, personal stories of encounters, and the physical discipline of **prayer walking** to guide readers through the following four seasonal stages:

Chapter / Week 1: Connecting with God

The opening section focuses on tuning your heart toward the divine reality. Dwell on the scriptural words of angels to establish an anchoring relationship with God, allowing you to slow down, step outside, and open your spirit to heaven's presence right at the start of the Advent season.

Chapter / Week 2: Loving Your Neighbour and Community

The second phase shifts the focus outward into the physical spaces you occupy. By physically prayer-walking through your local streets and neighbourhoods, this section encourages you to see your local community through God's eyes, cultivating a proactive, localized love for your neighbours.

Chapter / Week 3: Growing in Love for Self

The third week internalizes the messengers' words of comfort and good news. It explores the deep connection, embodiment, and healing power that the gospel offers to your own life, anchoring your personal prayer life in humility and an appreciation of your own place in God's story.

Chapter / Week 4: Preparing for the Coming of Christ

The final section unites earthly voices with the praises of heaven to anticipate the ultimate arrival of Jesus. It guides your final steps toward Christmas by grounding prayer in everyday life, using journalling prompts and group reflections to completely prepare the heart for the coming of Christ.