

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 11 October 2026

Harvest Thanksgiving

Sunday and the week ahead

At the Harvest services there will be an ingathering of non-perishable food and toiletries to support the work of Porch Boxes. Gifts will be presented at the altar during the first hymn and then given to Porch Boxes. Packs will be provided to local people in crisis need. Goods may be brought to both our Team churches at any time.

Sun 11 th Harvest Thanksgiving 19 th 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 today - Christmas Lunch sign up sheets out - Please see Carol Cain for Smartie tubes - Christmas Fair: please sign up to help - Shoebox Appeal is launched today	The annual Income Survey continues throughout the Diocese
Tue 13 th	11:00	Radcliffe Hall KS2 at St Mary's for their Harvest service.	
Wed 14 th	10:00am	Team mid-week Communion at St TJ's	With refreshments
	6:30pm	Greater Manchester Churches Together Annual Assembly at Salford Cathedral Centre – all welcome. Bible Society will deliver this year's keynote presentation on The Quiet Revival.	Until 9:00pm
Thu 15 th	7:00pm	PCC of St TJ meets at St Philip's	
	6:30pm	Service at Radcliffe Crematorium for those who have lost babies and their families	
Fri 16 th	7:00pm	Building Sub-Committee of St TJ's	At the vicarage
	10:15am	Team Friday Friends Bible Study.	At St TJ's
Sat 17 th	noon	Team Intercessions at St TJ's	
	10:30am	Saturday Café at St TJ's	Until 12:30pm
Sun 18 th Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity	This day will be kept as Church Action on Poverty Sunday when Churches across the UK come together to give, act, and pray to help end poverty and support a more just society. This year's theme is Food, Faith and Fellowship. A retiring collection will be made to support the work. In both churches, the Ministry of Healing will be offered. As we approach the remembrance season in November, signup sheets will be available today to receive names of loved ones that you would wish to be commemorated in our service on All saints Day, 1 November, which will include an All Souls' Day element.		
	9:30am	Eucharist at St Mary's	Followed by refreshments
	11:00am	Eucharist at St Thomas and St John's Deadline for notice of non-availability for November rotas	
	12:30pm	Baptism of Raya Newton-Green at St TJ	
	2:30pm	Saying Goodbye: A special service of remembrance and support for anyone affected by baby loss will take place at Manchester Cathedral. Family members, friends, children, and those grieving not having had children are also warmly welcome.	The service is for anyone who has experienced the loss of a baby during pregnancy, at birth or in infancy, however recent or long ago



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 Gary Clarke and Cindy Farnell
Books of Remembrance	St Mary's: David Richard Charles Robinson (11 th); Barry Greaves (13 th); Ella Rose Eckersley (16 th); Florence Crossley (17 th) St Thomas and St John's: Hannah Jane Todd (11 th); Lillian Draycott, Donald Davenport Good, Don Robinson (12 th); Harold Jones, Harold Slater (13 th); Harold Harrison (14 th)

Looking ahead

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)

Shoebox Appeal Today, and for the following three Sundays, there will be an opportunity to give to Operation Christmas Child. Please place your monetary donations in the box provided. As in recent years, we shall not be making up shoeboxes, but instead giving money. Your donation will enable a gift to be given to a, often hard to reach, child in need through one of over 75,000 local Churches world-wide sharing the good news of life and hope in Jesus in a child-friendly way.



INCOME SURVEY: each October, throughout the Diocese, we are invited to complete a simple survey form and place it in the box at the back of church. Please completely fill the box containing the letter that matches your personal income only — do not include income earned by other members of your family. Please complete this form if you are over 16 and have attended this church at least twelve times in the past twelve months. You do not put your name on it and it is completely confidential. The information is used when the Diocese sets the amount our Church is invited to contribute ("Parish Share") towards clergy stipends and housing, and towards training and other central support to parishes. Even if you have no or little income, please complete a form so that there is a proper reflection of parishioners' income.

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.

Please supply future information to lesandkathleen@btinternet.com or to 0161 724 5696.

BABY LOSS *Awareness Week*

♥ BECAUSE EVERY BABY IS ALWAYS LOVED ♥

Join us for a
**Service of Remembrance,
Reflection and Support**
as we come together to
honour and remember
precious babies gone too soon.



**Thursday 15th
October 2026
at 6:30pm**



East Lancashire Crematorium

♥ *We will be joined by* ♥

Celebrant Gemma Rooke,
Reverend Irene Thirkell
and Celebrant Andrew Dougherty
who will lead the service and
bless our baby loss tree.



Blue and Pink ribbons
will be provided for you
to write your babies name on
and tie them to the tree.



There will be candles
and tea lights
available for you to light.



Tea and refreshments
will be available
after the service.



*All are
welcome*

TOGETHER, WE REMEMBER. TOGETHER, WE HEAL.

♥ *You are not alone* ♥



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



Saturday Cafe



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

Everyone Welcome

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



Saying Goodbye

When a baby is lost, whether during pregnancy, at birth or in infancy, it is a devastating experience for the parents and the extended family.

Sadly for people that lose prior to 24-weeks gestation, services to commemorate the life that has been lost are seldom held, while for parents who lose later in pregnancy, at birth or in early years, the parents are usually in the depths of grief when a service is held.

The Saying Goodbye services are the first international set of remembrance services, for people who have suffered the loss of a baby at any stage, and whether that be recently or decades ago. **They provide a time and place to acknowledge and remember your baby, whilst collectively 'saying goodbye'.**

The services also welcome anyone grieving the fact that they have been unable to have children.

The services are for people of any faith or no faith, are free to attend, no tickets need to be booked, and people are invited to bring family, friends and children with them. Held at cathedrals and similar venues across the globe, chosen for their beauty and grandeur; a wonderful tribute is created for all lost babies.

Together we will stand and say, "our children may have only been on this earth for days, weeks, months or years, but they were truly loved, and will always be missed!"



Manchester Cathedral, Sunday, the 18th of October, 2.30pm

For up to date service details, please see www.sayinggoodbye.org

Saying Goodbye is a division of the bereavement support charity, Mariposa International, and is supported by a wonderful set of Ambassadors including Kym Marsh, Kate Ferdinand, Jools Oliver, Sally Phillips, Professor Lord Winston, Kate Beckinsale, Baroness Floella Benjamin, Nigella Lawson & more.





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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 **NEW LIFE CHURCH**

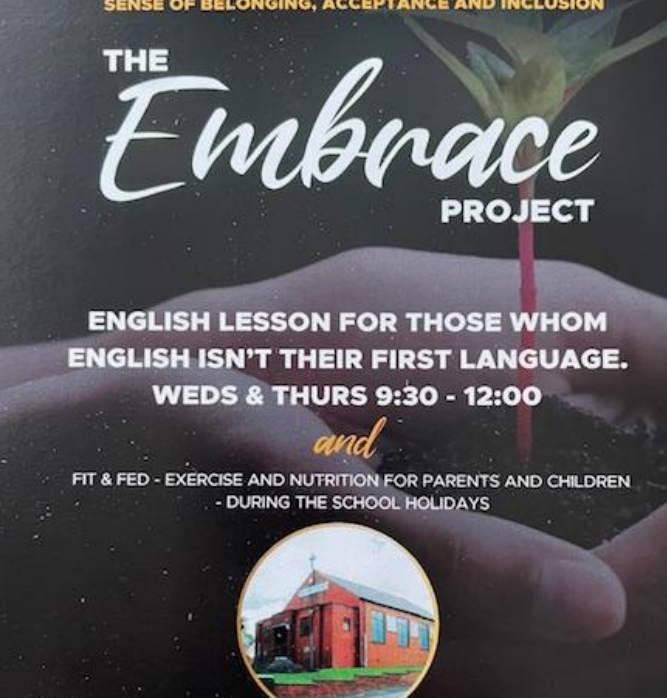
**HELPING THE MARGINALISED AND LONELY INTO A
SENSE OF BELONGING, ACCEPTANCE AND INCLUSION**

**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



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 07788 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.

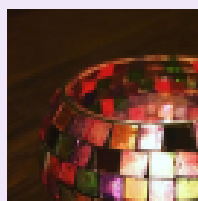
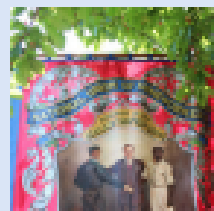
I have worshipped with Open Table and preached at their services. Open Table is a network of communities which genuinely welcome, affirm, include and empower people who are: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Queer or Questioning, Intersex, & Asexual (LGBTQIA)+ their families, friends & anyone who wants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

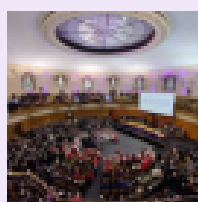
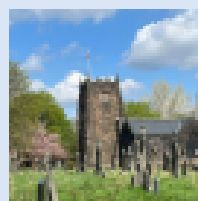


I have an interest in teaching Prayer and Spirituality and have led many courses on it, including training ALMs.

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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Questions have been put to all candidates. The Diocese has published replies.

Marie Pattison

Question 1. a) Please could you describe your views in relation to the use of the Prayers of Love and Faith liturgy for blessing couples in a same-sex relationship and whether, if elected to synod, you would support or not the marriage of clergy in same sex relationships. It would be helpful if you could outline the reasons for whatever position you take on these issues.

While I welcome the Prayers of Love and Faith, I was ready to welcome them ten years ago. I think most folks want to get married, and we are in the business of facilitating that. For years, people had a right to marry in their parish churches. Yet there is a proportion of my parish who have the right to marry under law, from whom I must withhold marriage before God in their parish, against my will. It is easier for members of other faiths to marry in church than for faithful Christians in committed relationships. I am not sure how long we can withhold marriage from LGBT+ people with integrity. We need to decide if we are the church for everyone or if we are for a select few, I would like to serve my whole parish. If some of my colleagues wish to opt out, as they are free to do with divorced persons, I am happy to leave that to them. This conversation we are having is harmful to Christian LGBT+ youth who are statistically more likely to attempt suicide than their non-Christian peers. A situation which I am sure grieves the heart of God. As someone who has recently been to theological college, ordinands are in desperate need of a sexual ethic grounded in scripture, ethics and today's reality. Issues in Human Sexuality has been withdrawn and needs to be replaced. Preferably with something that would check the entitlement of straight men. We say that Guidelines for the Professional Conduct of the Clergy states that 'sexual intercourse, as an expression of faithful intimacy, properly belongs within marriage exclusively' but then we withhold marriage from people, creating a cruel limbo for my LGBT colleagues.

b) I would like to know if you support women exercising ministry in the church - whether as clergy, bishops, etc and whether women clergy are accepted within the church in which you worship.

I am, myself, a woman. And my church is thrilled to have three of us.

c) Please could you explain your views on the climate crisis and the diocesan commitment to reach Net Zero by 2030. How does your faith support the views you hold about this?

My faith tells me that harm cannot be passed down to the most vulnerable, that we must order our society to prevent this. Our lifestyle has cost the poorest people on the planet and other species we are charged to protect. This needs a change in how we

think of our buildings, our worship and our lifestyle. We need to go beyond targets and rejuvenate how we deal with our property, investments and liturgy. We have a responsibility to speak prophetically to those in power and hold them to accountable for making big changes that will benefit future generations.

Question 2. Do you support and rejoice in the ministry of women in all roles in the church, including ordination as priests, consecration as bishops and ministry as diocesan bishops and Archbishop?

Very happy to have women at all levels as long as none of the Bishops and Archbishops have to be me.

Question 3. What is your response to the appearance of those who claim to be both Christian and Nationalist? Is it the Christian vocation to seek the conversion of Jews and Moslems?

I firmly believe that Christian Nationalism is an oxymoron. If you desire a faith that stops at the water's edge, then we must be aware that such a faith never reaches our shores. Yet Jesus looked at a sick child and a clever mother and understood that grace cannot be contained. If you are a citizen of the Kingdom of God then that is your primary allegiance. When I have engaged in interfaith work, both with Jews and with Muslims, it is clear to me that we worship the same God. I have been part of an interfaith women's group of Jewish and Christian women. I have worshiped with both Jews and Muslims, in Synagogue and at Masjid. Some of the prayers I did not understand, but I know what prayer feels like.

The notion that Christianity has superseded Judaism is harmful to our theology, it teaches us to believe in a god who is not faithful and I do not believe that the God of Abraham & Sarah, Isaac & Rebekah, Jacob, Daniel, Amos and Ruth breaks faith with anyone. In this, I share the view of both the World Council of Churches and the Roman Catholic Church.

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.