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 1 November 2026
All Saints' Day

Sunday and the week ahead

This weekend, first Sunday of the month, there will be at St Thomas and St John's the usual ingathering of non-perishable food and toiletries to support the work of Porch Boxes. Packs are provided to local people in crisis need. Goods may be brought to both our Team churches at any time. Please support this effort if you can.

Julia at Porch Boxes tells us: we definitely need the basics at this time of year: we are shopping for tins every week. Please: hot dogs, beans and sausage, sweetcorn, tomatoes, ravioli, meatballs, fruit, tins of spaghetti, tuna, instant noodles, savoury/micro rice, packets of pasta and sauces, bottles of squash. For Christmas bags we need cans of pop, individual small puds, packets of custard, chocolate oranges, small pots of sauces, drink sachets, single pots of fruit/jelly, crisps, juice cartons or other treats – but no mince pies or Christmas puddings. Thank you.

Sun 1st All Saints' Day		**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)	
	9:30am	Eucharist at St Mary's • Please see Vicky or Deb if you can offer assistance to the Christmas Fayre	Followed by refreshments
	11:00am	Eucharist at St Thomas and St John's • **Christmas Lunch** sign up sheets out • Please see Carol Cain for **Smartie** tubes • **Shoebox Appeal** ends today • **Christmas Fair**: please sign up to help • We **congratulate** Tracey and Phil on the birth of their granddaughter, Esther Joy; a daughter for Lottie and Lewis. We send our prayerful good wishes to the whole family. Tracey expresses gratitude for prayers. • Our annual Toy Collection is coming up on 29 November; please bring from now on your new unwrapped **toys** or Christmas presents and leave on the plinth next to the font. They will be given to needy families.	**Poppies** are on sale in church for the Royal British Legion annual appeal. 
Tue 3rd	11:00am	Funeral at St Mary's of Marina Jones	
Wed 4th	10:00am	Team mid-week Communion at St Mary's	With refreshments
	7:00pm	**First Wednesday Friends** meet	At the vicarage
Fri 6th	10:15am	Team Friday Friends meet at St Thomas and St John's church for Bible Study.	
	noon	Team Intercessions at St TJ's	BYO lunch after
Sat 7th	10:30am	Saturday Café at St TJ's. October BONUS BALL was won by Nichola Johnson (# 11).	Until 12:30pm
Sun 8th Remembrance Sunday Third Sunday before Advent	9:30am	Eucharist at St Mary's	With refreshments
	11:15am	**Remembrance Sunday** Civic Service at St Thomas and St John's after events at the Radcliffe War Memorial	
	6:00pm	**Team Eucharist** at St Thomas and St John's. Theme: Peace and Justice	

Points for Prayer

For healing	**St Mary's:** Catherine, Andrew Berry, Ken Brooks, Berenice Carey, Anna Cowsill, David Duckworth, Mick Dugdill, Colin Embrey, Margaret Embrey, Christine Firth, William Firth, Peter Gorman, 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 Robert Dick, Tony Farmer, and Marina Jones
Books of Remembrance	**St Mary's**: Veronica Alice Ashworth (4th); Wilfred Robert Finnans (6th) **St Thomas and St John's**: James Alan Watts, Hannah Plews (2nd); Ethel Shields, Irene Greenhalgh (3rd); Emma Dagg (4th); Nora Richards, Keith Higham (6th); Jean Le Clere, Joseph John Fitzmaurice, Audrey Joan Downes (7th)

Looking ahead

November	
Fri 27th	**Team Advent Course** (4 weeks) begins at St Thomas and St John's
Sat 28th	**St Mary's Christmas Fayre** (11:00am)
December	
Wed 2nd	**First Wednesday Friends** meet at the vicarage – Advent theme
Sat 5th	**St Thomas and St John's Christmas Fayre**
Sat 5th	**St Mary's Christmas Wreath Making Workshop**
Sun 6th	**Christmas Concert** by Affetside Choir and Besses Boys Band in St TJ's. £8. Under-16 free. Maryse requests help with serving refreshments.
Thu 10th	**St TJ's Christmas Lunch** at Italia Mia
Sat 12th	**Affetside Choir Carol Concert** at St Mary's (2:00pm-3:00pm) £7
Tue 15th	**Christmas Service** at St Mary's for KS2 of Radcliffe Hall School

Situations vacant

The need for a Secretary for each PCC of our Team Churches has been flagged here before and was emphasised by Revd Marie at the recent meeting of St TJ's PCC. Matters are beginning to fall between the cracks as the duties are covered by a number of people. A description of duties is available. It begins:

> The main responsibilities of the PCC Secretary are to support the Chair of the PCC in the preparation and organisation of meetings and to handle all correspondence on behalf of the PCC. The Diocesan team at St John's House will also need to contact you from time to time to request specific information.

If you might be interested, please speak to members of the PCC, and make any interest known to Revd Marie.

The congregation's feedback is invited

The PCC of St Thomas and St John is considering joining Inclusive Church and invites your feedback. St Mary's congregation has already followed this route and its PCC has agreed to join. We would publicly display a poster with the following words:

"We believe in inclusive church – a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate.

"We will continue to challenge the church where it continues to discriminate against people on grounds of disability, economic power, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, learning disability, mental health, neurodiversity, or sexuality.

"We believe in a Church which welcomes and serves all people in the name of Jesus Christ; which is scripturally faithful; which seeks to proclaim the Gospel afresh for each generation; and which, in the power of the Holy Spirit, allows all people to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Jesus Christ."

Please speak to Revd Marie or any member of the PCC to discuss and give your opinion on this proposal. Thank you

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.



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BRITAIN IN BLOOM
NORTH WEST

RHS

The Royal Horticultural Society
and North West in Bloom are proud to present

St Mary's Parish Church Yard

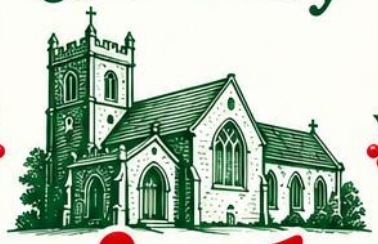
With a 2026 It's Your Neighbourhood Award of

Thriving - Level 4

Keith Weed CBE
President, Royal Horticultural Society

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Radcliffe Parish Church of St Mary



Christmas Fayre

Saturday 28th November
11am - 2pm

All your favourite stalls including:



BOTTLE TOMBOLA



CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA



TOMBOLA



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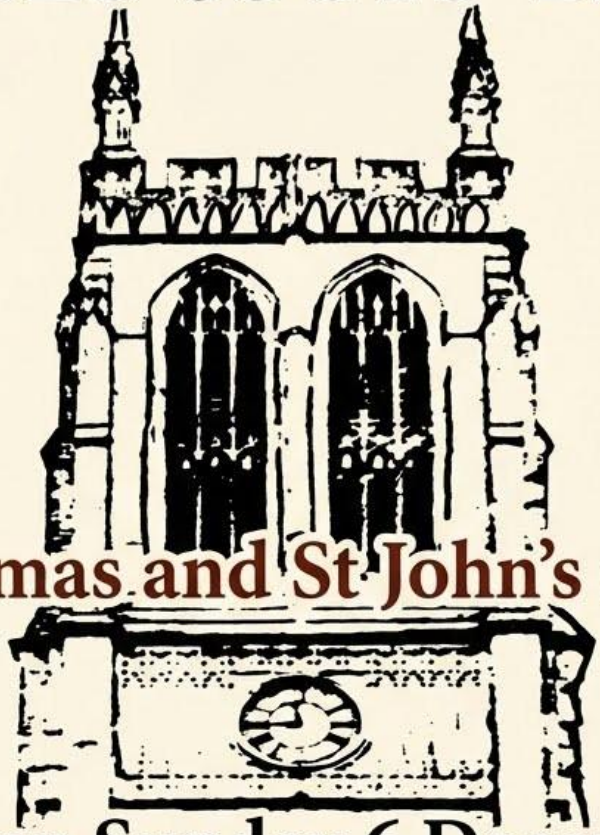


CAKES & REFRESHMENTS



RAFFLE
with fabulous prizes

CONCERT
by
AFFETSIDE CHOIR
and
BESSES' BOYS' BAND



St Thomas and St John's church

2pm on Sunday 6 December

£8 including light refreshments

under-16s free

Carol Concert

with the

Affetside Choir



Saturday 12th December at 2pm

at **Radcliffe Parish Church of St Mary**

Tickets £7
and includes light refreshments.

Join us for your favourite carols, Christmas readings & a very warm welcome.

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

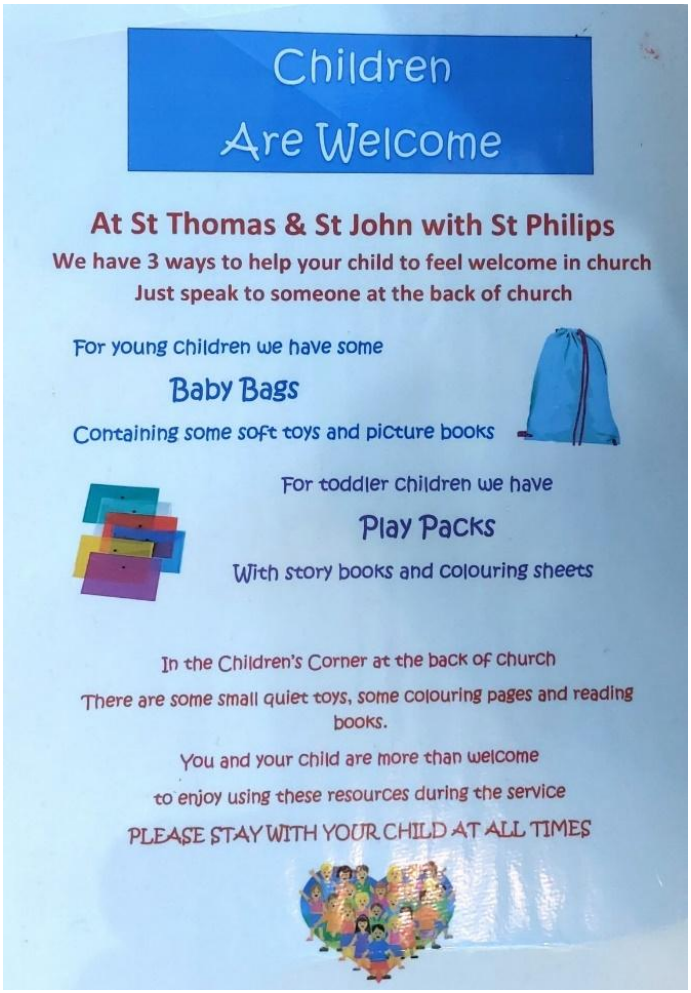
Everyone Welcome

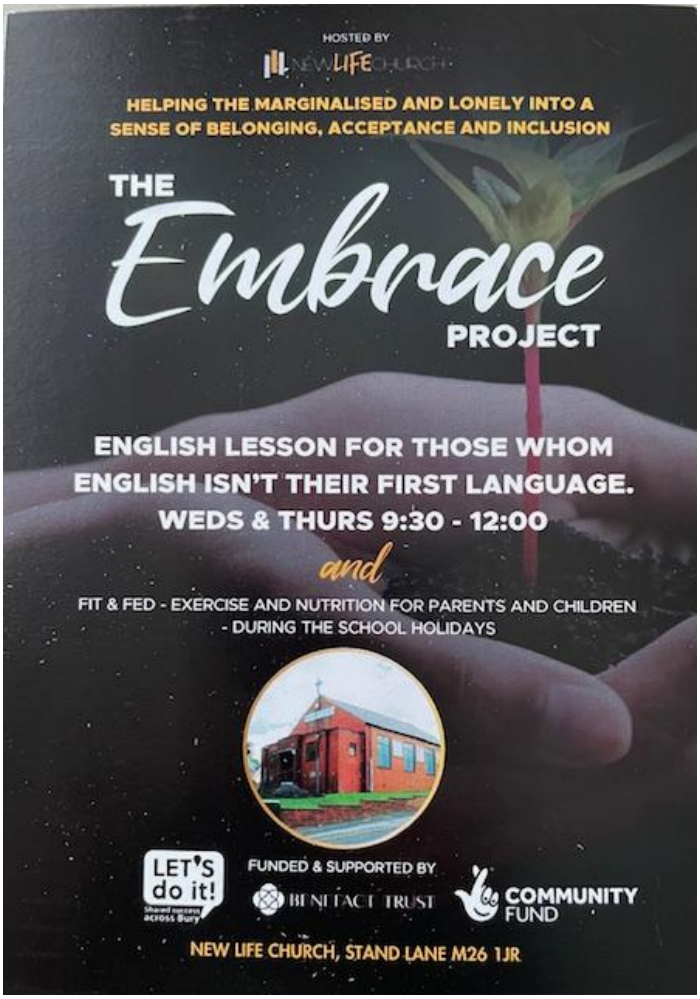
ST THOMAS & ST JOHN CHURCH

NEW CHURCH STREET, RADCLIFFE

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 ♻🌎😊







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

SCAN ME

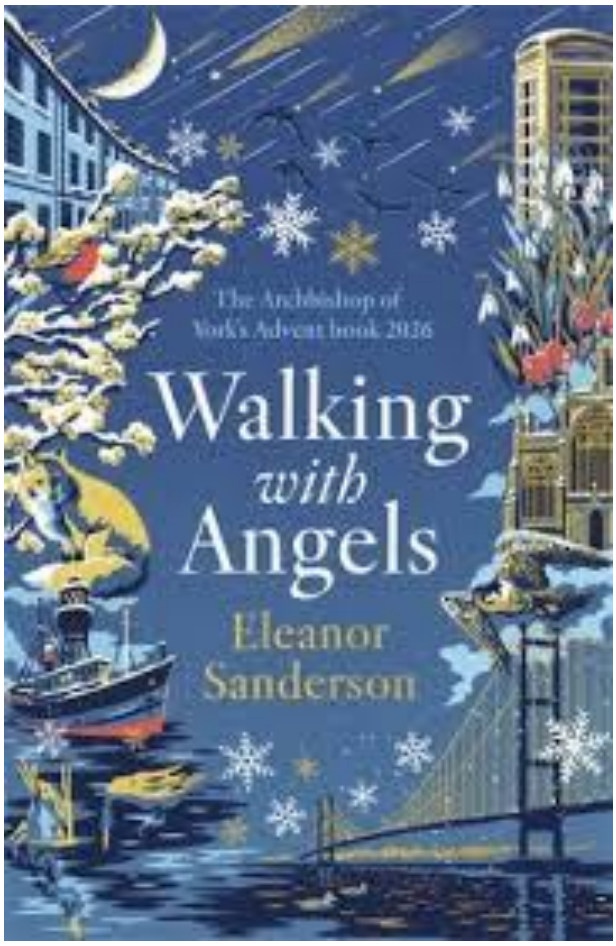
If donating isn't possible right now, you can still make a big difference. Join our friendly volunteer team for the churchyard clean-up on the **first Sunday of each month** around 10:30. Tools are provided, and there are tasks for all abilities — everyone is welcome

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

Team Advent Course

As in previous years, the Team will be holding an Advent Couse 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.