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 15 November 2026

Second Sunday before Advent

Sunday and the week ahead

Sun 15th Second Sunday before Advent	9:30am	Eucharist at St Mary's	With refreshments
	11:15am	Eucharist at St Thomas and St John's • We welcome Jim playing today • Deadline to notify non-availability for December rotas (07759595140) • **Christmas Lunch** sign up sheets are in church. Remaining deposits are urgently required by Sue please • Please see Carol Cain for **Smartie** tubes • **Christmas Fair**: please sign up to help • Our annual **Toy Collection** is coming up on 29 November; please bring from now on your new unwrapped toys and leave on the plinth next to the font. They will be given to needy families. • The church collection last Sunday raised £240.60 for the Royal British Legion	
		The Ministry of Healing will be offered during morning service in each church: laying on of hands with anointing and prayer for yourself or a loved one	
Tue 17th	7:00pm	St Mary's PCC meets at the vicarage	
Wed 18th	10:00am	Team mid-week Communion at St Mary's	With refreshments
Fri 20th	10:15am	Team Friday Friends meet at St TJ's	For Bible Study
	noon	Team Intercessions at St TJ's	BYO lunch to follow
Sat 21st	10:30am	Saturday Café at St TJ's, including Vestry Hour (10:30-11:30am)	Until 12:30pm
Sun 22nd Christ the King	9:30am	Eucharist at St Mary's	With refreshments
	11:00am	Eucharist at St Thomas and St John's	

Points for Prayer

For healing	**St Mary's:** Catherine, Wendy and Alan, Andrew Berry, Ken Brooks, Berenice Carey, Anna Cowsill, David Duckworth, Mick Dugdill, Colin Embrey, Margaret Embrey, Christine Firth, William Firth, Jacqui Garvey, Betty Golding, Peter Gorman, Colin Harrison, Pauline Holt, Christine Martin, Harry Melling, David and Jean Valentine, Ian Williams, Janice Wright **St Thomas and St John's:** Alan Cain, Jacob Dewar, Zohreh Galati, Lyn Hill, Louise Peart
Bereaved	Family and friends of Margaret Dinen, Graham Sutherland & Andrew
Books of Remembrance	**St Mary's**: Robin Francis Porter (16th); Doris Lowther (18th) **St Thomas and St John's**: Leonard Victor Hyde, Bernard Clarke (15th); Ethel Pollard, Ernest Battersby (16th); Sarah Paynter, John Edward Entwistle, Lily Bentley, Irene Richards (17th); Roy Barkess, Edith Elsie Sandiford (18th); John Joseph Donald Last (19th); Marion Smethurst, Arnold Hulme Porter, Terry Nortley (20th); John Lockett (21st)

Looking ahead

November	
Fri 27th	**Team Advent Course** (4 weeks) begins at St Thomas and St John's
Sat 28th	**St Mary's 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** (11:00am)
Sat 5th	**St Mary's Christmas Wreath Making Workshop** (1:00pm)
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 (12:30pm for 1:00pm)
Fri 11th	**Carol singing at Rose Court** (2:00pm)
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 (11am)
Thu 17th	**St John's School Christmas Service** at St TJ's (10:00am)
Thu 17th	**Carol singing at Holly Bank** (2:00pm)
20th – 25th	**Christmas services** – see fliers, posters and the electronic notices

Bible Reading Fellowship This Christian charity inspires, equips and supports people of all ages to grow in faith. One way it does this is through Bible reading notes. They take a short portion of scripture for each day and provide thoughts to encourage understanding and reflection. A popular series is "New Daylight", available once a quarter for £5.99. At St TJ's, Sue Aspinall offers to put a combined order in each quarter. Anyone interested should have a word with her by Sunday 6 December.

Lectio Divina Revd Marie has provided a summary of this ancient practice rooted in the monastic tradition.. It combines the reading of Scripture with meditation on it and prayer. The scheme is found on the back of Sunday service sheets and is included in the pages of the electronic Notices.

Eco Church See the white recycling crates in church, and the posters and other information in the porch at St TJ's. St Mary's has lots of help, too, to do the right thing. The Churches of our Mission Community are on a recycling drive; prescription glasses, hearing aids, stamps, foreign currency, bras, candles / wax products and printer cartridges can all be used to support various local & national initiatives. And just in case you wonder whether this really makes a difference, in the past 12 months we have collected almost 2,000 pairs of spectacles for the Rotary Club, over 6kg of stamps for the Bone Marrow Research Trust & Bible Reading Fellowship, multiple bags of bras for African communities & the last drop of printer cartridges raised £122-10 for Oxfam! Our churches also collect non-perishable goods and toiletries for Porch Boxes. St TJ has a box to receive warm winter clothing for those needing it.

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).

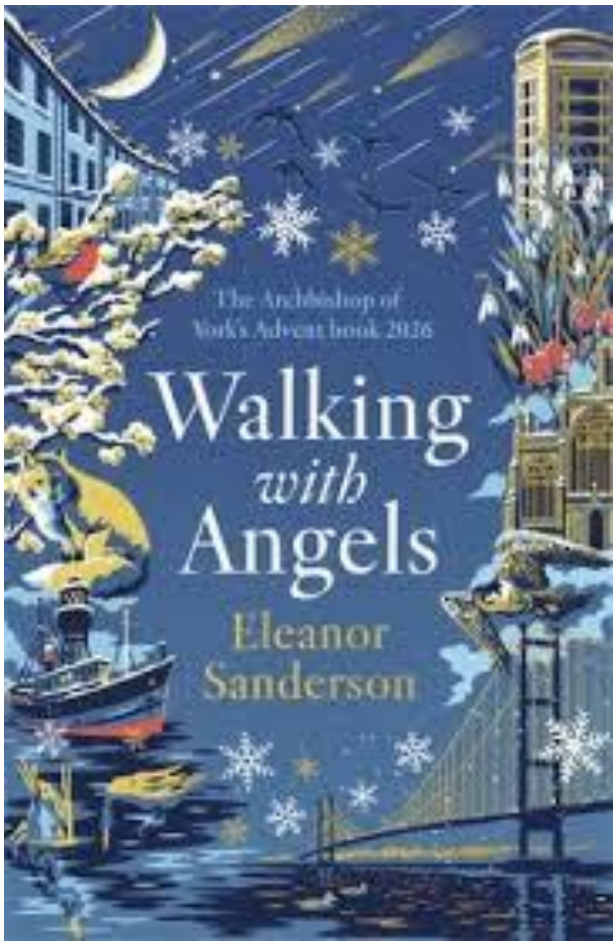
To discuss baptisms or weddings, please go to Vestry Hour from 10:30 on Saturdays at St Thomas and St John's, or from 10:45 on Sundays at St Mary's.

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

Please follow us and "like" us on our Facebook pages: Radcliffe Parish Church of St. Mary; The Parish Church of St Thomas & St John, Radcliffe; St Philips Community Centre.

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.

Mission Community News – Advent Zoom Prayers

Once again, the churches of our Mission Community will be coming together for 'Advent Zoom Prayers'.

As previously, the prayer sessions will be held each evening at 6pm on Zoom, for approximately 10 minutes, with each of the churches within our Mission Community contributing. The sessions are generally led by a different person each evening, which ensures a wide variety of prayer themes and approaches to prayer are included.

The Zoom prayer sessions are not only a powerful way of easily praying together but are also a great way to begin to get to know people from other churches; if you haven't already joined in, why not give it a go.

Advent Zoom Prayers begin on Monday 30th November and will be held at 6pm each weeknight throughout Advent. Simply click the link below to take part:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88510585974?pwd=QUdYYjN6bDFoakxpZnBoY2ZDMUFoZz09

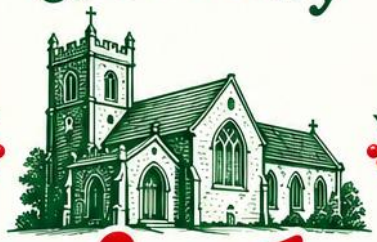
St John's School

St John's School operates a local hub of The Bread and Butter Thing (TBBT)—a low-cost weekly food club that provides families with affordable surplus groceries every Monday afternoon. It offers three mixed bags of food for about £8.50, helping support households facing rising food costs and food insecurity.

Volunteers are sought to assist in running this service to families for a few hours on Monday afternoons. A weekly commitment is not needed as a rota is in operation. If you can help, please speak to Tracey in church or to Revd Adele at any time.



Radcliffe Parish Church of St Mary



Christmas Fayre

Saturday 28th November
11am - 2pm

All your favourite stalls including:



BOTTLE TOMBOLA



CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA



TOMBOLA



JIGSAWS



CAKES & REFRESHMENTS



RAFFLE *with fabulous prizes*


Affetside
Choir
& Besses Boys Band
Brass & Voices
CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Sunday 6th
December 2026
2:00pm
St. Thomas and St. John's Church,
New Church Street, Radcliffe, M26 2UD
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE
Adults: £8
16 & Under: Free
Tickets available from the Choir
Or Pay On The Door

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.

Christmas Services

Carol Services

20th Dec 2026, Sunday

Carol Service

4pm, **St Thomas and St John**

Carols by Candlelight

7pm, **St Mary**

Christmas Eve

24th Dec 2026, Thursday

Crib Service

4pm, **St Thomas and St John**

for families, children & everyone

Bethlehem Mass

9pm, **St Thomas and St John**

All the beauty of midnight
but early

Midnight Mass

11:30pm, **St Mary**

Traditional and beautiful service

Christmas Day

25th Dec 2026, Friday

Holy Communion

10am, **St Thomas and St John**



All welcome

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Saturday Cafe











Every Saturday

10:30am - 12:30pm

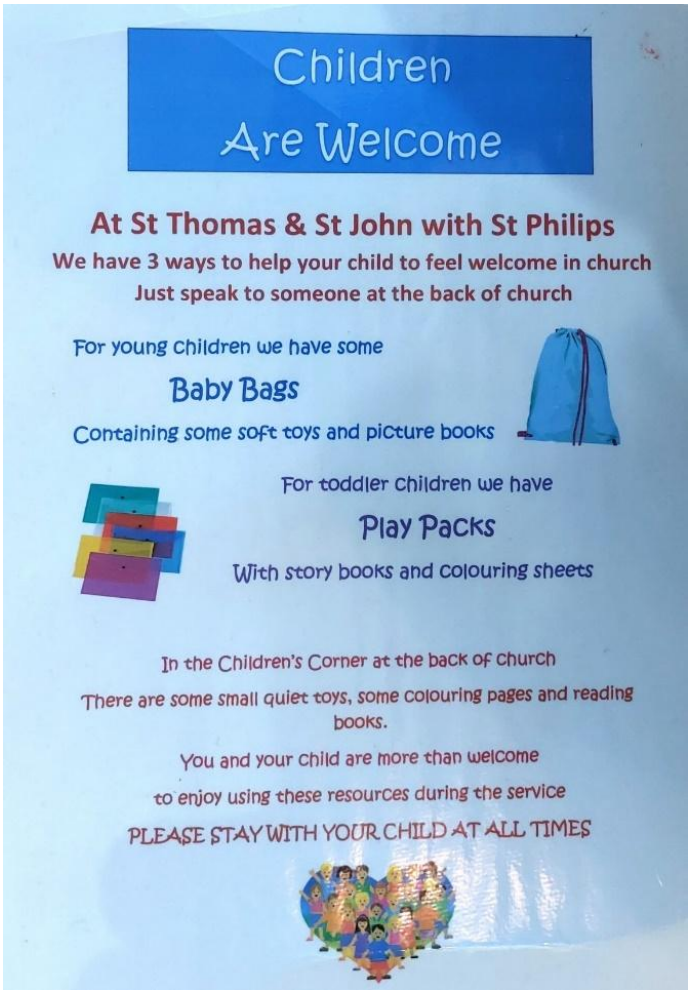
Everyone Welcome

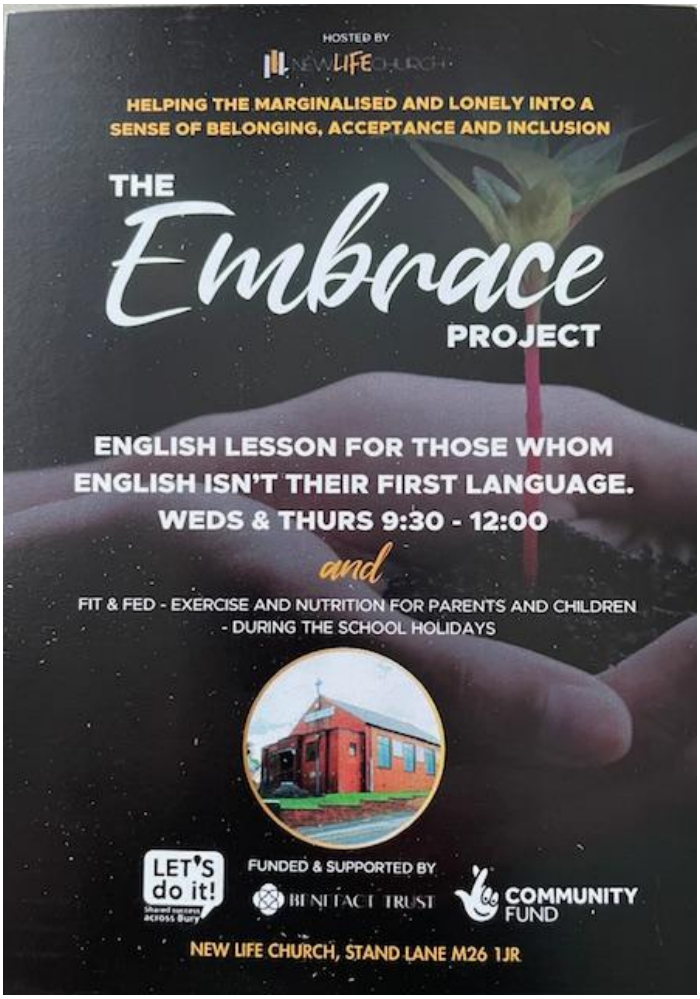
ST THOMAS & ST JOHN CHURCH

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

LECTIO DIVINA

READ



Read a short scripture passage slowly and deliberately, maybe aloud. Listen for a specific word, phrase, or detail that catches your attention.

MEDITATE



Re-read the passage and "chew" on the word or phrase that stood out. Reflect on how it connects to your current life without over-analysing. Receive it as a love letter from God to you in this moment.

PRAY



Respond to God from the heart. Talk to God as one friend speaks to another. Pour out your thanksgiving, confession, or needs.

CONTEMPLATE

Let go of active thoughts, words, and mental images. Rest quietly in God's presence.



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PULILS FOOD

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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