

Welcome to the Diocese of Manchester a key player in the region



A local community

The Church has a presence in every community. Our buildings are community resources used by tens of thousands of people every year.

We have:

- 346 churches
- 36,000 adults listed as members
- 700+ ministers
- 195 church schools
- 55,000 pupils

Economic impact

- Faith-based social action generates regional economic activity valued at over £94 million per annum (£20 million in Greater Manchester).
- Faith communities' core budgets and charities with a faith foundation generate an even greater contribution.
- The massive network of faith buildings provides an essential resource for community and business use.
- 45,000 faith volunteers contribute over 8 million hours of social and health care and regeneration initiatives (equivalent to 4,815 FTE jobs).
- Nationally, the Church manages 45% of the country's Grade I listed buildings.
- Nationally, visitors to cathedrals generate £91 million and support 2,600 jobs

Bringing the community together

86% of the population visits a church every year. We are strongest where social need is highest. We work with a wide range of groups and issues:

- Families
- Elderly people
- Refugees and asylum seekers
- Homeless people
- Mental health service users
- Adult basic skills
- Fairtrade
- Youth clubs
- School clubs
- Uniformed organisations
- Local area regeneration

