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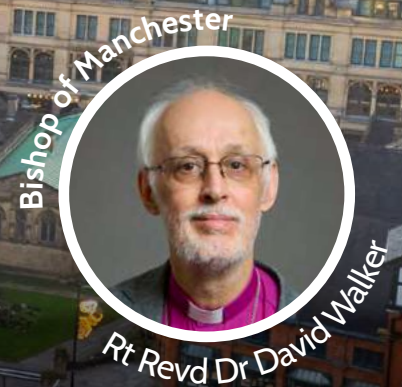
>Welcome to Manchester

It's great to have you here in the Greater Manchester area, which is such a good place to study and to live. There are lots of Anglican churches in Manchester of all sorts of shapes and sizes, so where-ever you live, there'll be a local church nearby. That's why we've produced this Church Search Booklet, to help you find a church where you can settle and thrive.

The churches named in this booklet will help you grow in faith and meet new people. They're the kind of churches where you should be able to invite friends to come with you, and where curiosity is encouraged. Most of all, they should be churches that help you follow Jesus.

Our churches are also active in serving their local communities and beyond, for example supporting refugees or tackling food poverty. Many are engaged in campaigns for justice, or working towards our net zero carbon commitment. Even if you don't have much time to spare from your studies, you may wish to be part of a church that shares your wider outlook on life.

So, don't just read this booklet. Use it to help you find a church – a faith-community where you can both receive and give. You never know, finding a church might be the most important thing you do whilst you're a student.



Rt Revd Dr David Walker, Bishop of Manchester

Finding a Church

Finding the right church may take some time and effort but I promise you that it will be well worth it. If you are not sure where to begin, here are some top tips to get you started:

Prayerfully make a list of your key search priorities

For example, is there a particular style of worship you are more drawn to? Are there any theological deal breakers for you in terms of theology and doctrine? Are there certain activities or key elements of church life that you would want to be part of? Practically, what time do the services start and how far would you be willing to travel?

Do some research using your priorities list

Go online and do a deep dive of some of the local churches on offer. This isn't a substitute for going along in person but websites and social media should help you to create a small short-list of churches that you would be willing to visit. As and when you come across other Christian students it's also well worth asking for their recommendations.

Plan to visit each church on your short-list

Many churches will run specific student welcome events but if you can't see anything be proactive and email the church. Sometimes people know instantly which church is for them but more often it becomes clearer within 2-3 visits.

Signs to look out for are feeling at peace, enjoying the service, feeling genuinely welcomed and looking forward to going back.

Be realistic with your expectations.

It's not helpful to endlessly be searching for the perfect church. If you get the feeling after a few visits that a church could be the one for you, then commit, get involved and give it a really good go. Joining a small group, mid-week Bible study or community outreach activity will help you to get a real sense of the community far quicker than just attending the Sunday service.

I really hope and pray that you find a safe, loving and welcoming church family. However, if you find yourself struggling at any point then please get in touch so that we can help and support you.

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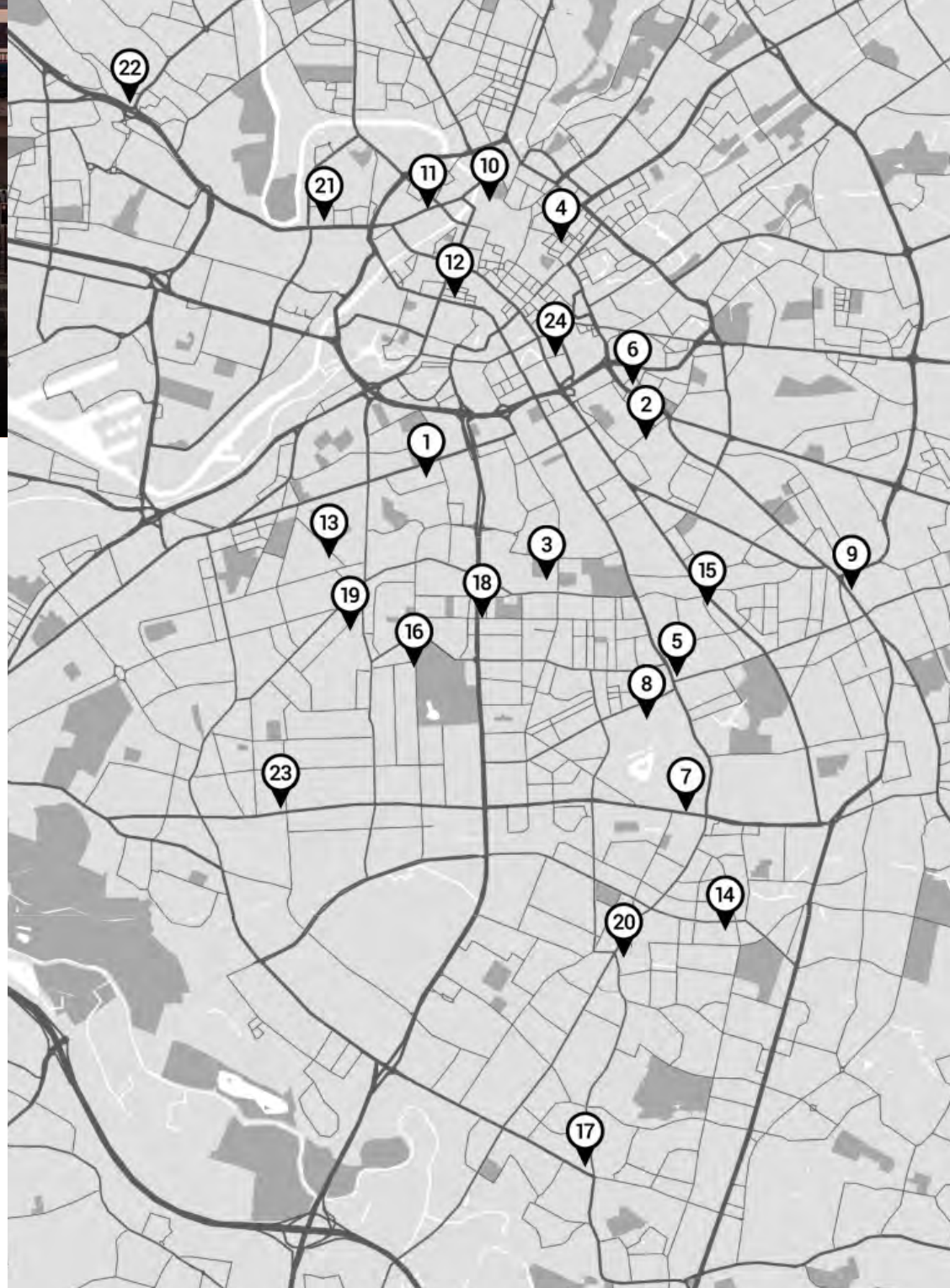




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Ascension Church, Hulme

Ascension Church Hulme is an inclusive, compassionate and creative Church of England community, rooted in the Liberal Catholic tradition. Students can expect thoughtful worship, a warm welcome and space for honest questions, whether faith is familiar, uncertain or completely new.

Our legacy includes offering sanctuary to Sri Lankan student Viraj Mendis for two years in the 1980s, placing the church at the heart of Britain's sanctuary movement and the struggle for migrant justice. Today, Ascension is also home to the In-Solidarity Network, bringing together creatives, scholars and local change makers through community events, social action and shared learning.

Location & Service Times:

282 Stretford Road, Hulme, Manchester, M15 5TQ
11.30am Sunday & 12.00pm Thursday

Website:

www.ascensionchurchhulme.co.uk

Social media:

Facebook: @AscensionChurchHulme
Instagram: @ascensionchurchhulme

Key contact:

Fr Azariah France-Williams (Rector)
admin@ascensionchurchhulme.co.uk



Brunswick Parish Church

This is Brunswick Church – a friendly, inclusive inner-city church where you'll find informal worship, prayer, good conversation, shared food and a whole mix of people following Jesus together no matter the background. If you're away from home, we'd love Brunswick to feel like a family in Manchester for you – somewhere you can belong, feel seen, and get stuck in serving!

We have small groups during the week and a big community lunch once a month – we're a diverse church, as is our food! Whether you're in Manchester for one year or several, there's a place for you here, and we'd be thrilled to welcome you into the family and help you grow in faith at your own pace.

Location & Service Times:

Brunswick Parish Church, Brunswick Street, Manchester, M13 9SX
10.45am Sunday

Website:

www.brunswickchurch.org.uk

Social media:

Facebook: @brunswickchurchmcr

Key contact:

Jonathan Ainscough
jonathanainscough@gmail.com



Christ Church, Moss Side

We are a friendly and welcoming Society parish in a diverse community, with members from all over the world. We stand in the Catholic tradition, so our Church life is centered on the Eucharist (or Holy Communion) and we worship with traditional music and ceremonial. Our main service is Sunday at 11am, with refreshments afterwards in the Church Hall.

Location & Service Times:

Monton Street, Moss Side, Manchester, M14 4GP

11.00am Sunday

11.00am Wednesday (Mass)

6.00pm Thursday (Adoration and Benediction)

Website:

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/15847/

Social media:

Facebook: @ChristChurchMossSide

Key contact:

Fr Richard Hulme (Rector)
enchamade32@hotmail.com



The Way Church, Manchester

As part of the [Antioch church planting network](https://antiochnetwork.org.uk/city-life-church-manchester) we are a church planted in the heart of Manchester, bringing together people from different nations, cultures and backgrounds as one family in Christ. Our vision is simple: Jesus is the Way! Whether you join us for one of our services, meet us during the week, or simply come along for a cup of tea and a chat, we would love to meet you and personally welcome you to The Way Church.

Location & Service Times:

Methodist Central Hall, Oldham Street, Manchester, M1 1JQ

2.45pm Saturday and 6pm Tuesday (Bible study)

Website:

<https://antiochnetwork.org.uk/city-life-church-manchester>

Key contact:

Kathryn Dunwell
kathd.antiochnetworknet@gmail.com



Encounter Church, Rusholme

Fabric Church

Encounter Church is one of several diverse church plants that are part of the [Antioch Network Manchester](https://antiochnetwork.org.uk/). Meeting above a fantastic multicultural bookshop on Manchester's Curry Mile, we celebrate that we come from many different ethnic and faith backgrounds and this is reflected in how we do things. We seek God in a variety of ways, and most often this has a personal and informal feel to it. Come, taste and see!

Location & Service Times:

Alexandria Library, 247 Wilmslow Road, Manchester, M14 5LW

6.00pm Sunday

6.30pm Wednesday (Bible Study)

Website:

<https://antiochnetwork.org.uk/encounter-church>

Key contact:

Isa Curran

isacurran91@gmail.com

We are Fabric Church, a vibrant [Holy Trinity Brompton \(HTB\) Network church](https://fabric.church) plant situated in Ardwick and centred around prayer and worship. Our vision is to see every student in Manchester experience the depths of God's love, being filled with His spirit and sent out as His disciples. We'd love you to join the adventure! We currently have 3 Sunday services (most students attend the 11.30am one!) We also meet weekly on Thursdays for Student Nights, where we hang out, share a meal, worship together and look at how to follow Jesus at Uni. Wherever you're at in faith, you're so welcome here!

Location & Service Times:

Fabric Church, Ardwick Green North, M12 6HD

9.30am, 11.30am & 6.30pm Sunday

7.00pm Thursday (Fabric Students)

Website:

<https://fabric.church>

Social media:

Instagram: [@fabric.church](https://www.instagram.com/fabric.church)

Key contact:

Pippa Bull (Student Pastor)

pippa@fabric-church.org



Holy Innocents, Fallowfield

Holy Innocents is of the modern catholic tradition and has a strong call to social justice. We are an inclusive church that values difference and resists injustice. We are interested in others and our congregation is a varied mix of every description. Our services are a balance between traditional, heartfelt ritual and an open space for contemplation.

Location & Service Times:

2 Wilbraham Road, Fallowfield, Manchester, M14 6JZ

10.00am Sunday

7.30pm Monday and Thursday

Website:

<https://www.holyinnocentsff.org/>

Social media:

Facebook: @holynnocentsff

Key contact:

Richard Young (Rector)

Richardyoung09@gmail.com



Holy Trinity Platt

We are a friendly, growing and diverse evangelical church located just south of the city centre. Together we are seeking to be an intercultural and intergenerational community for anyone working, living or studying in Manchester. Our services are for all ages, and you would be welcome to join any of them. On Thursdays we run a student bible study. It's a brilliant time to get to know other students and to learn from the Bible. We share a meal, study the Bible together, and listen to a talk on how to live for Jesus in Manchester. Whoever you are and whatever your previous Christian experience, we'd love you to join us.

Location & Service Times:

Holy Trinity Platt Church, Platt Lane, Manchester, M14 5NF

9.15am, 11.00am and 6.00pm Sunday

7.00pm Thursday (Student Bible Study)

Website:

<https://plattchurch.org>

Social media:

Instagram: @plattstudents

Facebook: @plattstudents

Key contact:

Revd Tim Wickham

office@plattchurch.org



Hope Community, Longsight

As part of the [Antioch Network](#) church planting network, Hope Community Church is a diverse church with people from many different continents. Our vision is simple: it's to know the love of God in Jesus and to share it with others. We want to know God better, to love our neighbours and to love each other. We want to see the message of God's love in Jesus come to our neighbourhood.

Location & Service Times:

St Agnes School, Hamilton Road, Longsight, M13 0PE

10.30am Sunday

Website:

<https://hopemanchester.org/>

<https://www.antiochnetwork.org.uk/hope-church-longsight>

Key contact:

Peter Askew

antiochnetworkmcr@gmail.com



Manchester Cathedral

Mother church of the Diocese of Manchester and the city's parish church. Our vision is to grow and build a community that makes a difference in our society and the wider world through the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ. We seek to live out our faith in God in practical ways and to be an inclusive Cathedral as we see the grace of God at work around us.

Location and Service Times:

Manchester Cathedral, Victoria Street, M3 1SX

8.45am, 10.30am and 5.30pm	Sunday
9.00am and 4.30pm	Saturday
9.00am, 1:10pm and 5.30pm	Monday-Thursday
9.00am, 1:10pm and 4.30pm	Friday

Website:

www.manchestercathedral.org

Social media:

Instagram: @mancathedral

Facebook: @manchestercathedral

Key contact:

Canon Grace Thomas (Canon Missioner)

canon.missioner@manchestercathedral.org



Sacred Trinity, Salford

Sacred Trinity is a vibrant, inclusive, and diverse community meeting in one of Salford's oldest and most beautiful buildings in the Salford part of Manchester City Centre. We serve those living in our parish and people from a wider area. Our worship is a mix of fairly traditional Anglican with an emphasis on participation and more creative services. We host regular gigs and a monthly church night of music and poetry. There are various community activities throughout the week. New members and visitors are always welcome whatever your background.

Location & Service Times:

Chapel Street, Salford, M3 5DW

11.15am and 7.00pm Sunday

6.00pm Wednesdays (Quiet meditation and prayer)

Website:

www.sacredtrinity.org.uk

Social media:

Facebook: @SacredSalford
Instagram: @SacredSalford
YouTube: @SacredSalford

Key contact:

Revd Andy Salmon

info@sacredtrinity.org.uk



St Ann's Church, Manchester

St Ann's Church, Manchester is a welcoming and inclusive place of faith in the centre of our great city. Everyone is welcome here, whatever your background, story, or journey of faith. This is a place to belong, to find friendship, and to grow as followers of Jesus. We seek to see God's Kingdom widen and deepen in the city centre as we share His love, build a community of care and compassion, and live out our faith in ways that bring hope, renewal, and transformation to our city.

Location & Service Times:

St Ann Street, Manchester, M2 7LF

9.00am, 10.45am and 15.00pm Sunday

12.15pm Tuesday and Thursday

8.00pm Wednesday

5.30 Last Friday of the month (Taize)

Website:

www.stannsmanchester.com

Social media:

Facebook: @StAnnsChurchMcr
Instagram: @st.anns.church.mcr

Key contact:

Revd Adam Robertson (Rector)

manager@stannsmanchester.com



St Bride's Church, Old Trafford

St Bride's is a welcoming and diverse Anglican church in Old Trafford, where people from many different cultures and backgrounds come together to worship God and grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. Our desire is to help people discover God's love, deepen their faith, and find a community in which they can belong and serve. We have separate English-speaking and Farsi-speaking Sunday services, and we warmly welcome students, newcomers to Manchester, and anyone exploring the Christian faith. Whatever your background or wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are very welcome at St Bride's.

Location & Service Times:

St Brides Way, Old Trafford, Manchester, M16 9NW

10.30am Sunday

Website:

<https://www.stbrides.uk>

Social media:

Instagram: @stbridesoldtrafford

Key contact:

Revd Katrin Alldavoodi
katrin@stbrides.uk



St Chads, Ladybarn

We are a diverse parish set in the edge of the student district of South Manchester, worshipping within the Liberal Catholic tradition. Our congregation spans all ages, is multi-ethnic and multi-cultural, and is committed to being an Inclusive Church for all. We especially enjoy exploring how we can practically care for creation, work for justice, and intelligently apply our faith to everyday life.

Location & Service Times:

St Chad's Road, Ladybarn, Manchester, M20 4WH

9.30am Sunday

Website:

<https://www.stchadladybarn.org.uk>

Social media:

Facebook: @stchadsladybarn

Key contact:

Revd Mark Hewardine
markhewardine@gmail.com



St Chrysostoms, Victoria Park

We are an inclusive church: St Chrysostom's welcomes all people regardless of ethnicity, sexual orientation, age, relationship status or disability. We are a vibrant Anglican church, of the Anglo-Catholic tradition, serving the Church of England Parish of Victoria Park. We aim to be a strong catholic presence in our community, spreading the word of God and reaching out to those in need that we may serve others as Christ serves us. All are most welcome!

Location & Service Times:

4a Anson Road, Victoria Park

11am Sunday

1.00pm Wednesday and Thursday

Website:

<https://stchrysostoms.weebly.com>

Social media:

Instagram: @stchrys

Facebook: @stchrysostoms

Key contact:

Wayne Darbyshire

office@stchrysostoms.co.uk



St Edmunds, Whalley Range

St Edmund's Church is a multi-ethnic and all age worshiping Anglican community where everyone is welcomed and included in the life of our church. Our style of worship is broadly evangelical, based around Common Worship, blending traditional hymns, contemporary songs, creative expression, and space to encounter God. We love welcoming new people, and we hope you will feel right at home. We have an Urdu congregation called Grace Community who meet every Sunday.

Location & Service Times:

16 Alexandra Road South, Whalley Range, Manchester, M16 8EZ

9.30am and 10.30am Sunday

4.00pm Sunday (Grace Community Urdu Service)

Website:

<https://stedsandstjames.org.uk>

Social media:

Facebook: @StEdmundsChurchAlexandraRoadSouthManchester

Instagram: @stedsandstjames

Key contact:

Revd Tom Studman

stedsandstjames@gmail.com



St James & Emmanuel, Didsbury

St James and Emmanuel are a large family-friendly and inclusive Anglican church in the suburbs of Manchester. We are a united parish of two churches, St James and Emmanuel, together offering a diverse spectrum of worshipping styles. Our vision is to help people on the exciting journey of Belonging, Believing and Becoming all that God has for them. We are lively, and we are also thoughtful. St James and Emmanuel are fully inclusive of the LGBTQI+ community.

Location & Service Times:

St James, Stenner Lane, Didsbury, M20 2RQ

9.00am and 11.00am Sunday

Emmanuel, 6 Barlow Moor Road, Didsbury, M20 6TR

10.30am and 6.15pm Sunday

Website:

<https://stjamesandemmanuel.org/>

Social media:

Instagram: @stjamesemmanuel

Facebook: @StJamesandEmmanuel

Key contact:

Revd Cate Allison

office@stjamesandemmanuel.org



St James, Moss Side

St. James is a welcoming and worshipping Anglican community. Our style of worship is broadly evangelical, based around Common Worship, with Bible-based teaching to encourage us to show the love of God in our community. We draw members from the Moss Side community and beyond. We have a Marathi speaking Anglican congregation worshipping as part of St James on Sunday's once a month. We also have a New Worshipping Community called Dwell at the Well

Location & Service Times:

95a Princess Road, Moss Side, M14 4TH

10.30am Sunday

1.00pm every third Sunday (Dwell at the Well)

Website:

<https://stedsandstjames.org.uk/>

Social media:

Facebook: @stjamesmosside

Instagram: @stedsandstjames

Key contact:

Revd Tom Studman

stedsandstjames@gmail.com

A photograph of St Margaret's Church in Whalley Range, Manchester. The church is a stone building with a prominent square tower and a smaller spire. It is surrounded by trees and greenery.

St Margaret's, Whalley Range

St Margaret's Church is inspiring, dynamic, creative and inclusive of a wide variety of viewpoints. We are a people of global concern, striving through education to develop alternatives to conflict and injustice. To do this, we build local networks that make a difference. We value religious and cultural diversity, working with other faith communities as equal partners. We seek to be touched by the Divine through the transforming power of worship, experiencing how ordinary things are extraordinary.

Location & Service Times:

Corner of Rufford/Whalley Road, Manchester, M16 8AE

10.30am Sunday

Website:

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/15852/>

Social media:

Facebook: @SaintWhalley

Key contact:

Revd Tom Studman

revdtomstudman@gmail.com

A photograph of St Paul's Church in Withington, Manchester. The church is a large brick building with a prominent square tower and a smaller spire. It is surrounded by trees and greenery.

St Paul, Withington

St Paul's church is a friendly, inclusive worshipping community where you can explore our faith, experience God's love and find a sense of belonging. The congregation includes people of all ages, and from a range of backgrounds and we seek to welcome all people into our Church family without exception. Music is an important part of our main service, and we are fortunate to have an accomplished choir. Students looking for a friendly intergenerational church are extremely welcome!

Location & Service Times:

491 Wilmslow Road, Withington, M20 4AW

11.00am Sunday

5.00pm every fourth Sunday (Family friendly and disability inclusive service with

[L'Arche Manchester](#))

Website:

<https://www.stpaulswithington.org.uk/>

Social media:

Facebook: @StPaulsWithington

Key contact:

Revd Cate Allison

stpaulschurchwithington@gmail.com



St Philips Chapel Street

Saint Philips Chapel Street is a lively evangelical Church of England church in Salford, a short walk from Manchester city centre. We love welcoming students and young adults into our church family and seeing them grow in faith, friendship and confidence in following Jesus. Our worship is relaxed and contemporary, committed to biblical teaching, with space to pray and encounter God. Students are warmly invited into the full breadth of church life: joining teams, building friendships across generations, and finding a home from home whilst studying. Whether you've been part of church before or are simply exploring faith, we'd love to meet you.

Location & Service Times:

Saint Philips Chapel Street St Philip's Place, Manchester, M3 6FR

10.45am and 6.30pm Sunday

Website:

<https://www.saintphilips.org.uk>

Social media:

Instagram: @spchapelstreet

Key contact:

James Brown
james.b@saintphilips.org.uk



St Thomas, Pendleton

St Thomas offers a welcoming, open, and diverse community that provides a peaceful space for reflection and connection. Worship at St Thomas involves Anglican liturgy within the liberal catholic tradition. St Thomas is a committed member of Inclusive church, a bronze Eco church, and welcomes all. Whether you are looking for a regular spiritual home, a place to explore faith or just a quiet sanctuary, you are very welcome here.

Location & Service Times:

Ford Lane, Pendleton, Salford, M6 6PE

10.00am Sunday

12.30pm Wednesday (Lunch provided afterwards)

Website:

<https://www.salfordallsaintsteamministry.org.uk/>

Social media:

Facebook: @StThomasPendleton

Key contact:

Rev'd Peter Bennett
revpeterbennett@gmail.com



St Werburgh's Church, Chorlton

Village Church Manchester

St Werburghs is vibrant and welcoming New Wine church plant situated in the heart of the community in Chorlton, South Manchester. We're a diverse mix of all ages and backgrounds, from those who've been part of church for years to those just beginning to explore questions about life and faith. We're seeking to see people, communities and churches come alive in Jesus. Whether you're looking for friendship, community, a 'village' to be part of, or simply somewhere to ask questions and belong, you're very welcome here.

Location & Service Times:

St Werburgh's Church, 386 Wilbraham Road, Chorlton, M21 0UH

10.45am Sunday

Website:

<https://www.stwchorlton.org>

Social media:

Instagram: @stwchorlton

Facebook: @stwchorlton

Key contact:

Amy Hawkins

hello@stwchorlton.org

Village Church is an inclusive, affirming and safe space for LGBTQ+ people and allies. We meet on the second and fourth Sunday of every month, at the LGBT Foundation in the heart of Manchester's Gay Village. We celebrate and affirm God's radical inclusive love for all. Everyone is welcome, no questions asked! Our services are usually around 45mins, with space for conversation and socialising after the service. In addition to worship, Village Church is also a place for fellowship, friendship and fun!

Location & Service Times:

The LGBT Foundation, 2nd Floor Fairbank House, 72 Sackville St, M1 3NJ

3.30pm Sunday (second and fourth of every month)

Social media:

Facebook: @villagechurchmcr

Key contact:

Fr Paul Pritchard

fatherpaul@sctchurch.org



This booklet has been produced by the Diocese of Manchester, and includes a selection of Anglican churches. For details of other Anglican churches not listed please visit A Church Near You (achurchnearyou.com).

There are also loads of other great churches in Manchester from various denominations and backgrounds. You may find the following useful to explore these:

- Find a Church:** findachurch.co.uk
- Methodist:** methodist.org.uk/findachurch
- Baptist:** baptist.org.uk
- United Reform Church:** urc.org.uk/church-finder/
- Quakers:** quaker.org.uk/meetings
- Orthodox:** britishislesocf.com
- Catholic:** catholicdirectory.org
- Inclusive Churches:** inclusive-church.org
- Evangelical Churches:** eauk.org/churches

Our vision is for Manchester Diocese to be a worshipping, growing, transforming Christian presence at the heart of every community.

Much of what we are doing in Manchester Diocese is already contributing to a culture of hope and an expectation of growth, working with our parishes, schools and chaplaincies. This includes many forms of inherited, as well as fresh, expressions of church.

We serve in an area that has a rich history of culture and innovation, shaped by diverse and vibrant communities and a longstanding commitment to social justice. It is a wonderful place to engage in Gospel Ministry.

To find out more about the Diocese of Manchester and our evolving vision, please visit: manchester.anglican.org/our-vision





Music for the Soul: Stillness and Reflection

University life can be busy and demanding. Whether you're looking for a quiet pause in the week, would love to hear live choral music, or are curious for a place to explore your faith, these services offer a space to pause, breathe and simply be. Come and enjoy the music, take some time for yourself, and discover a warm welcome.

Find out more about the events at a church near you on the Diocese of Manchester website at:

www.manchester.anglican.org/sing-my-soul

The Manchester 'Transforming Prayer Community' is a community that seeks to connect and reconnect us with this simple vocation to pray.

The prayer community is an invitation to simplicity, to growth and change, and to an adventure in which we will discover more about God's priorities and equip us to be his Body in a world of need.



Sign up using
the QR Code



Find a Church Near You

achurchnearyou.com

Wherever you live, there is a Church of England church that is always there for you through life's biggest moments - and at other times too.