



THE CHURCH
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Diocese of Manchester

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Share Your Story

Every Story Matters

Storytelling is at the heart of our Christian faith.

It begins with the gospel: the great story of God's creating, redeeming and renewing love, revealed in Jesus Christ. The stories we share from our churches, schools, chaplaincies and communities are part of that continuing story, bearing witness to the ways God is at work among us.

Our diocesan vision is to be a **worshipping, growing and transforming Christian presence at the heart of every community.**

Sharing our stories matters. Our stories help others see the good news of Jesus lived out in local communities and show how God is changing lives in Greater Manchester and Rossendale.

They also encourage us as a diocesan family, building hope, celebrating signs of growth, and reminding us that we are part of something bigger than ourselves. As we share stories, we inspire one another as we work towards our four key themes of **Parish Renewal, Growing Younger, Church Planting and Revitalisation, and Developing Missional Leaders.**



How to submit your story

We want to hear your stories and make sharing them as easy as possible. Choose whichever route works best for you:

Option A: Email us

Send an outline to comms@manchester.anglican.org. Include 100–200 words (bullet points are fine), any photos/video, a quote, and confirmation of consent.

Option B: Send a WhatsApp Message

If you spot a great story, simply snap a photo or record a short video and send it to **Gemma Gardiner** on **07836 224 444** via **WhatsApp**. You do not need to write a polished article. A few notes, a quick message or a voice note is enough. We can work with you to turn it into a story.

Option C: Fill out our Share Your Story Form

Fill out our 'Share your Story' form using the **QR code** below or by visiting: manchester.anglican.org/share-your-story/

Get in Touch

Please scan the QR code to head to our **Share Your Story** page.





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Story Checklist

A clear, impactful story usually contains:

Who it's about: A name or their context or role

What happened: The specific moment or initiative

Why it matters: The impact on the people, church or community

A quote: One authentic, direct sentence from someone involved

Visuals: A high-resolution photo or short video clip

A next step / call to action: What someone reading this can do next (visit, pray, get in touch, take part)

How we use your stories

We may share your story:

- across our website
- on social media
- in our newsletters
- at conferences, training, or events
- in press releases
- in meetings
- in printed materials or resources
- with the wider Church of England

If you have any questions or for more information, please get in touch with the Communications Team:

comms@manchester.anglican.org

Story Examples

Great stories are simple, everyday moments showing faith, hope, and community in action.

Examples of what we love to share:

Supporting Your Local Community: School uniform swaps, community cafés, food projects, or free events tackling homelessness and social isolation.

Caring for the Environment: Eco Church awards, wildlife-friendly spaces, Net Zero initiatives, or churchyard and community litter-picks.

Living Out Your Faith: New Bible study groups, prayer walks, creative worship, or personal stories of how faith has transformed someone's life.

Engaging with Families & Schools: Toddler groups, holiday activities, youth provision, or building relationships with local schools.

Informed Consent

When we share stories, we are honouring real people. Informed consent means the individual fully understands what is being shared and agrees to it freely.

Before submitting, ensure the person knows:

- Exactly what is being shared (their words, name, photo, or video)
- Where it will appear (website, social platforms, email, print)
- That they can decline or withdraw consent at any point.