

A Service to mark the beginning of the Legal Year



Sunday 9 October 2022
10.30 am

Welcome to Manchester Cathedral

Welcome to the Cathedral and Collegiate Church of St Mary, St Denys and St George in the heart of the City of Manchester. The building is the old mediaeval parish Church of Manchester. King Henry V first granted it Collegiate status in 1421 and it became Manchester's Cathedral on the creation of the Diocese of Manchester in 1847. It is believed that there has been a church on or near this site for over a thousand years.



Hearing-loop

The Cathedral has a hearing-loop.
Please set your hearing aid to setting T.

Safeguarding

Manchester Cathedral works hard to create safe environments where children and young people are protected and where all people, especially those who may be vulnerable for any reason, are able to worship and pursue their faith journey with encouragement and in safety. We follow the policies and procedures detailed within the Cathedral Safeguarding Handbook. We act promptly on any complaints made, and work in partnership with Manchester Diocese, the police and social care services whenever appropriate to do so. Details of our policy and how to voice a concern can be found on a dedicated page of our website and on the noticeboard at the south porch.

Gift Aid

During the service there will be a collection. If you would like the Cathedral to reclaim the tax that you have paid on the donation, at no cost to yourself, please use the Gift Aid envelope that is with this order of service.

Have you turned off your mobile phone?

Please make sure that you have turned off your mobile phone and any other electronic equipment that might interrupt the service.

Photography

Please do not use cameras, photo-imaging devices or recording equipment during the service.

Visiting Manchester Cathedral

For your personal safety, the Dean and Chapter strongly encourage you to continue to use the hand sanitisers provided when visiting the Cathedral.

Musicians

The Cathedral Choir is conducted by Christopher Stokes,
Organist and Master of the Choristers.
The organ is played by Geoffrey Woollatt, Sub-Organist.
The fanfares are played by the Trumpeters of the
Greater Manchester Police Band,
conducted by Philip Boardman,
Conductor of the Greater Manchester Police Band.
The Encore Fire Youth Choir is conducted by Katie Geelan.

A Service to mark the beginning of the Legal Year

There is a long tradition of church services for the judiciary.

Religious services to mark the opening of the legal year, seeking God's blessing on the administration of justice for the coming year, follow from a centuries' old tradition. They are said to have originated on the continent, the first recorded instance being a service held in Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris, in 1245. Although the Assize system on which such services were based has been swept away, they remain of relevance and importance in our modern and inclusive society.

Her Majesty The Late Queen, at her Coronation, promised to serve the people and to ensure justice was delivered in the Kingdom.

Following her example, once a year, for one hour, her Majesty's Judges and others have attended the Cathedral and by doing so acknowledge a higher authority than themselves, one recognised by all faiths as a merciful judge.

Although the Cathedral service is essentially a Christian one, those of other faiths and none are very warmly welcomed.

The service is sponsored by the High Sheriff of Greater Manchester and hosted by the Dean of the Cathedral.

His Majesty the King is represented by the Lord Lieutenant of Greater Manchester.

In attendance and processing are the judiciary from the High Court, Crown and County Courts, Tribunals and Magistrates Courts together with the Lord Mayor and the Mayors of the Boroughs, High Sheriffs of Adjacent counties, The Chief Constable and senior academic and administrative members of the legal profession.

The service is open to all, but most especially all of those associated with the law.

Music before the service

Tranquilly

C Hubert H Parry (1848-1918)

Processions

The fanfares are played by the trumpeters of the Greater Manchester Police.

The congregation is asked to stand as the Processions enter the Nave.

Cathedral Steward

The Chief Constable of Greater Manchester
Mr Stephen Watson QPM

Director of Legal Services, Oldham The Mayor of Oldham
Mr Paul Entwistle Councillor Elaine Garry

Deputy Chief Legal Officer, Rochdale The Mayor of Rochdale
Mr Zulficar Ali Councillor Ali Ahmed

Strategic Head of Legal and Democratic The Mayor of Stockport
Governance, Stockport Councillor David Wilson
Ms Vicki Bates

Head of Legal Services, Tameside The Civic Mayor of Tameside
Ms Suzanne Antrobus Councillor Michael Glover

Director of Legal & Governance, The Mayor of Trafford
Trafford Councillor Chris Boyes
Ms Dominique Sykes

Assistant Director – Legal Solicitor The Mayor of Wigan
Wigan Councillor Marie Morgan
Mr Brendan Whitworth

Borough Solicitor, Bury The Mayor of Bury
Ms Jacqui Dennis Councillor Shaheena Haroon

City Solicitor, Salford The Ceremonial Mayor of Salford
Ms Iolanda Puzio Councillor Ann Marie Humphreys

City Solicitor, Manchester The Lord Mayor of Manchester
Ms Fiona Ledden Councillor Donna Ludford

Cathedral Steward

Paul Johnson, President of the Manchester Law Society
Holly Menary, Junior of the Northern Circuit
Lisa Roberts KC, Leader of the Northern Circuit
District Judge (Magistrates Court) John McGarva
District Judge Ivan Ranson
District Judge Bernadette Stonier
His Honour Judge Mark Haigh
Her Honour Judge Elizabeth Nicholls
Her Honour Judge Suzanne Goddard KC
His Honour Judge Richard Pearce
Her Honour Judge Tina Landale
Her Honour Judge Sarah Singleton KC
His Honour Judge John Potter
His Honour Judge Stephen Davies
His Honour Judge Mark Cawson KC
His Honour Judge David Hodge KC
His Honour Judge Nicholas Dean KC, The Honorary Recorder of Manchester

Cathedral Steward

David Cam DL, Under Sheriff
Lesley Martin-Wright JP DL, The High Sheriff of Merseyside
Jeannie France-Hayhurst, The High Sheriff of Cheshire
Martin Ainscough DL, The High Sheriff of Lancaster
The High Sheriff's Chaplains, Elizabeth Whimpany
and The Revd Michael Roberts -
Chaplain to the Railway Industry and
British Transport Police for North West England.
Cadet Eoin Duffy - High Sheriff's Cadet
Cadet Gracie Acton - High Sheriff's Sword bearer
Mrs Lorraine Worsley-Carter MBE DL, High Sheriff of Greater Manchester
The Honourable Mr Justice Goose
Natasha Jennings, Clerk to the Honourable Mr. Justice Goose
The Honourable Mr. Justice Fancourt, The Vice Chancellor of the County
Palatine of Lancaster
Air Cadet, Flight Sergeant Evelyn Larder, Lord Lieutenant's Cadet
Mrs Diane Hawkins JP, Lord Lieutenant of Greater Manchester

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Greater Chapter
Diocesan Registrar
The Chancellor of the Diocese
The Cathedral Chapter of Manchester
Canon Nigel Ashworth
The Very Revd Simon Cowling - Dean of Wakefield

Order of Service

The Gathering

All stand

Hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise him still the same for ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him;
Dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Praise, My Soul NEH 436
John Goss (1800-80)

H F Lyte (1793-1847)

Welcome

Canon Nigel Ashworth

We have gathered together with The High Sheriff of Greater Manchester, His Majesty's Judges, the Heads of the Civic Authorities, and those associated with the administration of justice in Greater Manchester, and we meet in God's name. We are here to worship God, to hear God's word, and to pray for the world, especially for our nation, that those in authority under our Sovereign, The King, may serve truly, to the well-being of all his people, and that all people may live in obedience to our laws and in charity, one with another.

As we stand before the Judge of all, let us acknowledge our failure to live according to his ways.

Prayers of Penitence

President The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart he will not despise.
Our sin is always before us:
we acknowledge our transgressions
in penitence and faith saying:

All **Lord God, we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy upon us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing
and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.**

President God, who is both power and love,
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by His Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ, our Lord.
All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

President As we bring our prayers and offer them to Almighty God in our own particular traditions, I invite those who wish to join me in saying together the prayer that unites all Christian people in the words of the Lord's Prayer.

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy Kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
and lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

All sit

The Word of God

Psalm 121

sung by the Choir

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills:
from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh even from the Lord:
who hath made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
Behold, he that keepeth Israel:
shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself is thy keeper:
the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand:
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day:
neither the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil:
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in:
from this time forth for evermore.

All stand

Glory be to the Father:
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

Chant by Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

All sit

A Reading from Isaiah

Isaiah 50. 4-10
read by Lisa Roberts KC

The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backwards.
I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?
All of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.

Who among you fears the Lord
and obeys the voice of his servant,
who walks in darkness
and has no light,
yet trusts in the name of the Lord
and relies upon his God?

At the end

All This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Hymn

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love:
the love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,
that lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
the love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
the love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country I've heard of long ago,
most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
we may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
and soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
and her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.

Thaxted CP 355
Adapted from The Planets
Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

Cecil Spring-Rice (1859-1918)

Please sit

A Reading from Luke

Luke 13. 22-30

read by Mrs Lorraine Christine Worsley-Carter MBE DL
High Sheriff of Greater Manchester

Jesus went through one town and village after another, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, 'Lord, will only a few be saved?' He said to them, 'Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able. When once the owner of the house has got up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, "Lord, open to us", then in reply he will say to you, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will begin to say, "We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets." But he will say, "I do not know where you come from; go away from me, all you evildoers!" There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrown out. Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God. Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.'

At the end

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Jubilate Deo

sung by the Choir

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and
not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts
with praise: be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting: and his truth
endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father:
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

Jubilate Deo in C
Benjamin Britten (1913-76)

Psalm 100

Please sit

Sermon

The Very Revd Simon Cowling
Dean of Wakefield

After the sermon silence is kept for reflection

Anthem

sung by the Choir

God is our refuge and our strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;
though nations turn in fear towards darkening skies,
though quick words catch thoughtless as breath.
Three rivers make glad this city of God,
Angel-watched through changing fields of time.
God is in the midst of his city, it shall not be moved;
Sky-lined stone declares his dwelling place.
God will help us rise on grey damp dawns
and lift us up through days of trembling clouds.
The Lord of hosts is with us,
the God of Jacob is our refuge.
Behold the works of the Lord,
see his kingdom break through as the sunrise.
Who shatters the yoke and splits the spear,
who sings of life in sad still rooms,
who whispers of freedom
through cotton-misted mills.
Like the song of distant bees we hear his promise
hum down clust'ring streets;
Be still and know that I am God,
Take shelter under the shadow of my wings.

Philip Wilby (b 1949)

*Caitlin Carmichael-Davis
after Psalm 46*

The Prayers

led by The Revd Mike Roberts,
Chaplain to the High Sheriff of Greater Manchester
and to the Railway Industry and British Transport Police
for North West England

- Reader With confidence and trust in the Lord Almighty, let us pray:
Heavenly Father,
From who every good and perfect thing has come,
We gather in prayer to bring our praise, our confession and the
cries of our heart to you.
We bring before you our world and its nations, our city and
diocese and our families
and those close to us, asking that we may know your grace and be
assured of your presence.
Lord, in your mercy,
- All **hear our prayer.**
- Reader We pray for our King, that you might strengthen and sustain him,
in these first months of his reign.
We pray for those in his government, in Parliament and in roles of
leadership across our nation. We lift before you our Prime
Minister and those who serve in these early weeks of a new
administration.
May you grant to them the gift of wisdom, a spirit of justice and a
desire for peace in our nation.
Lord, in your mercy,
- All **hear our prayer.**
- Reader We give thanks for those called, appointed and serving in the
name and cause of justice in our nation, our region and city.
We pray for the Lord Chancellor, Lord Chief Justice
and High Court Judges. We also pray for the Honorary Recorder,
for our Circuit Judges, Recorders, District Judges, and for our
Coroners and Magistrates.
For those who work in our courts and judicial system, grant to
them your strength in their service and the knowledge of the
everlasting love of God.
Lord, in your mercy,
- All **hear our prayer.**

Reader We lift before you those who advocate for others, and speak for truth and justice, including solicitors, barristers, legal executives and those who support them. Stir up their hearts that they may be confident in the good that they do, and true to the law of our land and our God.

We pray for our Lord Mayor, Mayors, councillors and officers across Greater Manchester. For those we ask you grant a vision that our region may flourish, and lives changed for good through the work in our boroughs.

Lord, in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Reader We celebrate the history and heritage of our city and surroundings and for all those who have served and continue to serve in many ways.

We pray particularly for Greater Manchester Police and British Transport Police as they serve and protect us. May you bless those who serve as officers and staff, and grant to those in leadership the full measure of your provision.

We pray for those work in prisons and in the management of offenders. We pray for those who have been victims of crime and those convicted of crime.

May you grant your peace and restoration to both that we may all learn to live in harmony together.

Lord, in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Reader In the midst of her shrieval year, we lift before you Lorraine, our High Sheriff. We thank you for Bob, her consort and those whom she meets as she discharges the duty of office. We give you thanks for those of our region with inspiring stories of love, compassion and care for their communities and neighbours. In the role she fulfils may she bring joy and hope to all she meets.

We ask, reminded of her pledge as she was installed, for her to speak up for the bullied, oppressed and voiceless.

Lord, in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Reader And, before you our God and Saviour, we lift our city and surroundings to you.
 We give you thanks for six hundred years of witness of your Cathedral Church here in Manchester and for the churches and places of worship that serve their communities here. Would you grant your blessing to the Bishop, Dean and Cathedral Chapter, and to all those who minister in the name of God in our city and boroughs.

All Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Reader And, with faith, we ask that you may fill each of us with your Spirit, and sustain us with life eternal, that we might love you and our neighbour, and rest in the loving arms of God, this day and forevermore.

All Merciful Father,
Accept these prayers, for the sake of your son, our saviour, Jesus Christ, Amen.

Why we sing

Gaudeamus Hodie

sung by The Encore Youth Fire Choir

*The Collection will be taken during the following hymn by children from St John Henry Newman Catholic College, Oldham.
 Donations will support the work of the Cathedral and the High Sheriff's Charity.*

Please stand

Hymn

Take my life, and let it be
 consecrated, Lord, to thee;
 take my moments and my days;
 let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
 at the impulse of thy love;
 take my feet, and let them be
 swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine:
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart: it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Nottingham CP 581
Wenzel Müller (1747-1835)

Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-79)

The Blessing

Canon Nigel Ashworth

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage
hold fast to that which is good;
render to no-one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted; honour all people;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit,
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you now and always.

All

Amen.

The National Anthem

God save our gracious King,
long live our noble King,
God save the King!
Send him victorious,
happy and glorious,
long to reign over us;
God save the King.

Thy choicest gifts in store
on him be pleased to pour,
long may he reign:
May he defend our laws,
and ever give us cause
to sing with heart and voice,
God save the King!

Thomas Augustine Arne (1710-78)
arr Gordon Jacob (1895-1984)

Anonymous

Music after the service

Fantasia and Fugue in G

C Hubert H Parry

The congregation is asked to remain standing while the Processions leave the Cathedral

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The Honourable Mr. Justice Fancourt, The Vice Chancellor of the County
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The Honourable Mr. Justice Goose
Natasha Jennings, Clerk to the Honourable Mr. Justice Goose
Cadet Eoin Duffy - High Sheriff's Cadet
Cadet Gracie Acton - High Sheriff's Sword bearer
Mrs Lorraine Worsley-Carter MBE DL, High Sheriff of Greater Manchester
The High Sheriff's Chaplains, Elizabeth Whimpany,
Revd Mike Roberts
Lesley Martin-Wright JP DL, The High Sheriff of Merseyside
Jeannie France-Hayhurst, The High Sheriff of Cheshire
Martin Ainscough DL, The High Sheriff of Lancashire
David Cam DL - Under Sheriff

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His Honour Judge David Hodge KC
His Honour Judge Mark Cawson KC
His Honour Judge Stephen Davies
His Honour Judge John Potter
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The Chief Constable of Greater Manchester
Mr Stephen Watson QPM

The Mayor of Bury Borough Solicitor, Bury
Councillor Shaheena Haroon Ms Jacqui Dennis

The Mayor of Wigan Assistant Director – Legal Solicitor
Councillor Marie Morgan Wigan
Mr Brendan Whitworth

The Mayor of Trafford Director of Legal & Governance,
Councillor Chris Boyes Trafford
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The Civic Mayor of Tameside Head of Legal Services, Tameside
Councillor Michael Glover Ms Suzanne Antrobus

The Mayor of Stockport Strategic Head of Legal and
Councillor David Wilson Democratic Governance, Stockport
Ms Vicki Bates

The Mayor of Rochdale Deputy Chief Legal Officer,
Councillor Ali Ahmed Rochdale
Mr Zulficar Ali

The Mayor of Oldham Director of Legal Services, Oldham
Councillor Elaine Garry Mr Paul Entwistle

*Refreshments are served in the Regiment Chapel and North Aisle after the service;
Everyone is invited to stay.*

Please take this order of service away with you to reflect upon the readings, music and prayers, and as a reminder of your visit today.

Lorraine Worsley-Carter MBE DL
High Sheriff of Greater Manchester



Lorraine is a former freelance broadcaster, mainly with the BBC, as well as film editor with Granada Television.

In 1998, Lorraine was awarded the M.B.E. for “outstanding service to broadcasting and the community”, and became a Deputy Lieutenant of Greater Manchester in 2008. In addition to this role, she is part of the Greater Manchester Lieutenancy Honours committee, which exists to encourage the people of Greater Manchester to nominate outstanding individuals from the community for an honour.

Lorraine's care for and involvement with the communities of Greater Manchester, and further afield, have seen her undertake the role of CSV's Regional Manager, line managing social action desks across the ten BBC radio stations of Northern England.

She has also been Chair of the Prince's Trust for Greater Manchester, is a former Manchester Magistrate, and a NED on both the Stockport and Greater Manchester Strategic Health Authorities and for DCMS Ministerial Appointments.

In 2020 she was chosen as one of the top 100 female entrepreneurs in the 'Entrepreneur # also100 campaign' a celebration of inspirational businesses led by women in the UK. She is currently Trustee of F.A.B. Family and Babies Charity and Ambassador of The Pankhurst Trust, Proud & Loud Arts and Kidscape Charity.

She is the owner of Countess Publicists www.countesspublicists.co.uk, as well as a theatre reviewer and travel writer.

In April she was Installed as High Sheriff of Greater Manchester 2022-2023.

The Encore Youth Fire Choir

Encore Youth Fire Choir formed 5 years ago following the Manchester Arena Attack. We have over 40 dedicated choir members, all ranging from 9 to 18 years old, rehearsing each Tuesday at The Bury Fire Service Training and Safety Centre. We are extremely proud of our achievements and have made some wonderful memories along the way, including performing on BBC Breakfast, BBC Northwest news and performing at Manchester Day, as well as other events throughout the year which have included a concert in solidarity with the Ukraine.

We believe singing brings people together through one common interest and goal whilst building children's confidence and skills. We are incredibly



fortunate to be supported by Liv's Trust and the GMFRS.



Kidscape Charity

Founded in 1985, Kidscape is a bullying prevention charity (registered charity no. 326864) working throughout England and Wales that wants to see all children grow up in supportive communities safe from bullying and harm. We provide practical support, training, and advice to challenge bullying and protect young lives.

Anxiety, mental health problems and low self-confidence are common among children who have experienced bullying, and the negative, long-term effects can be felt into their adult lives. But the good news is that we can challenge bullying behaviour through creating inclusive, kind and empathic communities where children feel safe and supported.

We recently helped and supported children and young people across Greater Manchester through the free distribution of our guides to healthy friendships, and with advice on how to successfully and happily transition from primary school to secondary school. We look forward to continuing and growing our work and presence in Greater Manchester and reaching the children and families that need us most.

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