



LEADERS HANDBOOK

2023-24

More Than Sunday



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The Goals of #MoreThanSunday

We live in a time of great challenge but also in a time of great opportunity. **#MoreThanSunday** supports our missions goals of growing, nurturing and serving as we seek together to achieve our diocesan vision; 'to be a worshipping, growing and transforming Christian presence at the heart of every community.'

As part of achieving this, the goals of **#MoreThanSunday** are to provide seven simple shifts that will:

1. Inspire church congregations to make stronger connections between what happens at their Sunday / main worship services and how they live out their faith during the week.
2. Enhance existing discipleship programs as part of enabling everyone to deepen their faith together.
3. Increase the confidence of everyone in our churches by encouraging them to talk more openly about faith with each other.
4. Equip everyone to share their faith more effectively with others outside the church in their everyday places, settings and communities.

None of the shifts are instant fixes; none will change the culture of our church communities overnight, but each one could become a realistic and achievable starting point for achieving the goals above.

Leadership teams from parishes are invited to meet together within their mission community between January and July to explore these shifts together.



Getting started with #MoreThanSunday

All mission communities are encouraged to participate in #MoreThanSunday and engage with the programme material. The key starting point is for conversations to happen between the #MoreThanSunday team, mission community leader and lay and ordained leaders from each parish to confirm their commitment to be involved. Sharing information early about the #MoreThanSunday aims and structure in PCC meetings, and with the wider church congregation, will encourage greater interest and buy-in.

Selecting the team

From the pilot groups we learnt that #MoreThanSunday works best when a small leadership group from each parish is selected and commits to undertake the #MoreThanSunday learning journey together, and to take the lead on implementing the learning back within their local parish.

We strongly encourage this leadership group to have both ordained and lay members. This could include churchwardens, readers, ALMs, focal leaders and PCC members. It is important that these leaders know about the life of the parish and have a heart for their local community.

The commitment involved

Each #MoreThanSunday leadership team will be expected to meet together with the other leadership teams from their mission community seven times between January and July, to engage with each of the Seven Shifts. The first and last sessions will be delivered by the central #MoreThanSunday Team with the remaining five sessions

to be organised and facilitated by the mission community leader, with support from the #MoreThanSunday team. Following this, our hope is that parish teams continue to meet to implement and embed the learning in their context.

Timeline and key dates 2023-24

Here is a timeline of key dates for the delivery of #MoreThanSunday in 2024:

Saturday 20th January 2024: #MoreThanSunday launch event at St John's House. Everyone is encouraged to attend the launch, which will also cover Shift one.

February– end of June 2024: Shifts 2-6 covered by five sessions, organised by the mission community/group leader.

Saturday 6th July 2024: #MoreThanSunday final session at St John's House. Everyone is encouraged to attend the final session, which will also cover Shift seven.



The Seven Shifts

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Each session will focus on one of the Seven Shifts. These are small changes that can be made to parts of church life in order to encourage Everyday Faith. The shifts are:

- 1: This Time Tomorrow (TTT)
- 2: Prayers and Intercessions
- 3: Faith at home
- 4: Small groups
- 5: Commissioning and collaboration
- 6: Communication and information
- 7: Worship, preaching and teaching

Shift one and seven will be covered by the first and last sessions all together, delivered by the **#MoreThanSunday** Team. Course materials are available for the remaining five Shifts.

The resources for each session include:

- An icebreaker question
- An introduction to the shift
- A video
- Questions to discuss in small breakout groups
- Suggested resources for further information.
- An opportunity to reflect on what has been discovered, what needs to be nurtured and any actions to take forward (DNA questions).

Example session outline

We suggest the following timetable for each session. Each session has a suggested outline.

Time	Session
10 mins	Intro & Welcome TTT
5	Feedback on previous session
10	Intro to shift/ setting the scene and Icebreaker question
10	Video
20	Breakout group and feedback
10	Break
10	Video/activity
15	Breakout
5	Feedback
10	Resources Reflections using DNA Questions
5	Closing prayer MTS prayer

Practical guidelines

Content and delivery:

- **Plan** the dates for sessions between February and the end of June. Whilst all delivery material is provided, also give some time to plan the sessions that you will be delivering.
- **Publicise #MoreThanSunday in a variety of places**, including parish and mission community newsletters, websites, social media groups, notices given in the service and at church meetings.
- **Resources and materials** for each session are available from the #MoreThanSunday Team and on the Diocesan website. This includes the main #MoreThanSunday booklet and a Participant's Handbook is also available, which includes all Breakout Group questions. Hard copies can be provided on request.

Venue:

- **Hold sessions in a suitable location**, ideally somewhere that is near public transport links, has parking, toilets, and able to provide refreshments. Please note, there is a budget available to cover light refreshments. Hire costs for venues can also be claimed from the #MoreThanSunday Team.

- **Wifi and connectivity.** As videos are included in the session material please ensure that your chosen venue has the means to show these, including a screen, projector and sound system.

Communication:

- **Communicate dates, times and locations of meetings.** Make sure that everyone knows when and where you are meeting, keeping in mind that people use a variety of communication methods (email, call, message etc).
- **Maintain communication with all participants.** If you haven't seen someone for a while, send a message or give them a call to check in with them.





More Than Sunday



A photo from our Foundations For Ministry (FFM) celebration service at the Church of the Resurrection and St Barnabas, Eastland's

Further information & support

GET IN TOUCH

For more information about **#MoreThanSunday** and how we can support you on your journey, please contact:



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You can also find more about **#MoreThanSunday** at **www.manchester.anglican.org** and our Facebook page, **#MoreThanSunday** Discipleship group.

Everyday Faith is a Church of England discipleship campaign arising from Setting God's People Free, which aims to enable the whole people of God to live out the Good News of Jesus confidently in all of life, Sunday to Saturday. In the Diocese of Manchester we call this **#MoreThanSunday**.

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