

# For What it's Worth...



**Manchester City Mission Project**  
DATE: 2026-2027

## INVOICE

Cost

£ 5,000

£72,000

£30,000

£ 2,000

£12,000

£12,500

£ 5,000

Description	Cost	Payment Method
Insight		
On the Wing		
Nourish		
Operation Joy		
Next Stage Housing		
Seven-Nine		
Threshold		

**2 Corinthians 9:8**  
And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency, in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

# Clear Call



The Newsletter of  
Manchester City Mission

**ISSUE 42**  
Summer 2026

# Director's Bit

As I drive through the city centre on the way to the office, I am often struck by the size and scale of the new buildings that have gone up over the last 20 years or so. Monuments to the architect's and builder's skills that will remain long after those who worked on them.

Contrast that with the work of the humble City Missionary. Few, if any, have monuments erected in their honour; if anything history often overlooks their work which is considered by some as insignificant - a relic of a bygone age.

Like so many before, one day, the massive edifices that fill Manchester's skyline will crumble and fall. As the hymn writer put it change and decay in all around I see..."

And yet, just one sinner who is truly saved is a work that will stand forever!

How wonderful to think that Almighty God might use people like us to spread the Gospel for the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.

However, the Gospel also has massive implications for the here and now as Jesus' followers act as salt and light in the communities they serve.

**Who could put a value on eternities that are being transformed?**



## Manchester City Mission

**For what it's worth, this edition of Clear Call will highlight the collateral benefits of MCM's Gospel work in Greater Manchester. We hope you will be encouraged.**

# “A powerful force, transcending cultural boundaries and uniting people”

This is the way one expert describes Gospel Music, and at MCM we are keen to access that powerful force for the sake of the Good News.

For several months recording artist Rachel McFarlane has been meeting with Director Terry Durose to dream dreams about using Rachel's songwriting skills to engage with primary school age children.

Terry said, “It's early days yet, but exploring possibilities with Rachel has been one of the most exciting and satisfying coaching experiences of recent years.”

Together, Terry, Rachel and Assistant Director Louise McCabe have been working through a process known as ‘Appreciative Inquiry’. Originally a technique used in organisational development, ‘Appreciative Inquiry’ also works very well in coaching, especially when undergirded with prayer for biblical wisdom.

Terry describes how the process is centred around ‘5 Ds’:

“Having carefully **Defined** the issue under consideration, we are able to **Discover** and appreciate ‘what is’ in relation to our goal. This in turn frees us to **Dream** of ‘what could be’ if all our prayers were answered. The next stage is to **Design** ‘what should be’ so that we can **Deliver** ‘what will be’”.

## Threshold Coaching



Rachel said, “It has been an exceptionally informative and engaging coaching experience, the first of its kind for me. It has been a genuine pleasure to explore and envision something that carries meaningful potential to impact the lives of young people in Greater Manchester and beyond.”

# For What it's Worth



MCM's 7:9 project exists to create opportunities for Churches and individual Christians to engage with their Muslim neighbours in a meaningful, Christ centred way.

As well as providing training, cross faith dialogue and opportunities for targeted prayer, Sarah provides some grass roots support where it is needed most.

Her English classes are enthusiastically attended by up to 15 women, mainly of Bangladeshi origin.

The benefits of this free service might at first seem obvious; but the social impact goes much deeper as English language instruction can serve as a vital instrument for social unity and personal growth among non-native speakers.

Terry Durose said  
"Research shows that language proficiency is foundational for inclusive, safe and economically stable communities. All these are served within the threefold context of Incarnation, Compassion and Proclamation."



## Advantages can include:

- Empowering people to independently navigate public services
- Improving mental well-being
- Reducing social isolation
- Increased participation in children's academic success
- Increased opportunities for employment

# For What it's Worth



The Narrowgate  
Next Stage Housing

## Another example of social impact through Gospel ministry!

The Bible is clear that we need to show compassion to the outcast poor and, given our modern social context, one way to do this is to help prevent people becoming homeless.

A key goal in Cath Stirling's ministry is to support people who are vulnerably housed. In 2025 Cath clocked up 133 sessions where valuable support was offered to people experiencing instability in their housing situation.

**Because of this, tenancies were maintained that otherwise may have failed.**

According to homeless charity Crisis, preventing a single household from becoming homeless can save local

authorities significant sums of money with effective early interventions typically saving between £3,000 and £18,000 per person.

Assistant Director Louise McCabe said:

**"As with all MCM projects, the core purpose is the proclamation of the Gospel and every week we have opportunity to serve those who are traumatised and distressed because of insecure housing. Many people require several repeat appointments before stability is achieved. Nevertheless, it doesn't take a rocket scientist to appreciate the valuable contribution this project makes to the local community."**



# Nourish

\* The £4 charge gives our members a certain number of 'points' with which to make purchases. MCM makes purchases of basic items to increase choice

\*\* A shopping basket is a regular size wire basket found in many supermarkets

The photograph opposite has an AI generated background

Nourish reduces the far-reaching impact of Food Poverty through the provision of local food clubs. Members join for £5.00 per year and pay a small sum per 'shop'. The following is an impact analysis based on a 4-month period in 2025:

In 2025, one weekly shopping basket was worth around £20 but Members paid just £4\* per 'shop'. This meant that each shop put £16 back into the family budget, (£1,664 per year based on 2 shops per week).

During March to June 2025, our Salford based food club filled 1,330 baskets\*\*

THE TOTAL VALUE OF THE BASKETS WAS £26,600.

THE TOTAL CHARGE MADE TO MEMBERS WAS £5,320.

This means that the amount of money put back into Salford family budgets over this period was £21,280.

During the same period, MCM had facilitated 3 other food clubs around the Greater Manchester area. These clubs filled 1,504 baskets.

Throughout Greater Manchester, MCM was associated with 2,834 filled food baskets.

THIS RESULTED IN **£45,344** BEING PUT BACK INTO GREATER MANCHESTER FAMILY BUDGETS.

***** MCM IMPACT REPORT EST. MAY 2025 *****	
-----	
IMPACT ANALYSIS (*)	
-----	
WEEKLY BASKET VALUE	£20.00
MEMBER PRICE	£4.00*
-----	
SAVINGS PER SHOP	£16.00
ANNUAL SAVINGS (2/WK)	£1,664.00
-----	
SALFORD FOOD CLUB SUMMARY (MARCH - JUNE 2025)	
-----	
TOTAL BASKETS FILLED	1,330**
GROSS BASKET VALUE	£26,600.00
TOTAL MEMBER CHARGES	£5,320.00
-----	
SALFORD FAMILY BUDGET SAVINGS:	£21,280.00
-----	
GREATER MANCHESTER SUMMARY	
-----	
OTHER MCM CLUBS (3)	1,504
TOTAL REGIONAL BASKETS	2,834
-----	
TOTAL GM FAMILY BUDGET SAVINGS:	£45,344.00
-----	
***** THANK YOU FOR SHOPPING WITH MCM! *****	

# For What it's Worth



**Nourish**

Assistant Director, Louise McCabe visited the food club recently to assess the current value of a 'shop'. This 'shop' was valued at approximately £35.

We remain ever grateful to local stores

like Lidl who provide bakery and other items and to the 'Hygiene Bank' who provide toiletries and cleaning products. All these products are passed on to our club members with minimal effect on the 'points' purchasing power each week.

**The Ripple Effect of Nourish:**

**Children are not going to school hungry;**

**...which means that they have a better chance of learning;**

**...which means that they are more likely to leave school with decent qualifications;**

**...which increases their job prospects;**

**...which improves the local economy;**

**...which means...**

**During 2025, Nourish Project Lead, Barry Matley, informed us that 16 people had said that they had become Christians or had recommitted their lives to Christ through the work of Nourish.**



# For What it's Worth



Operation Joy

## How Much Is A Smile Worth?

Operation Joy Missionaries, Paul Winter and Daryl Irwin, engage with people who are experiencing homelessness or find themselves on the margins of society.

While Paul visits with the street population of Manchester City Centre and Bolton, Daryl offers support as he works alongside Ashton Under-Lyne Church of the Nazarene in their weekly Drop-in sessions.

We know that "we are not redeemed with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ," (1 Peter 1:18-19 ESV).

**Nevertheless, the social impact of spiritual transformation can be quantified.**

The social exclusion experienced by homeless people has a devastating impact on their well-being.

Against this backdrop, the value of a smile, a conversation, a birthday card or help with lost documents, makes a big difference.



The devastating impact of social exclusion on homeless people includes:

**Mental and Physical Health Issues:** As well as being more vulnerable to stress and anxiety, homeless individuals face higher rates of severe illness, premature mortality, and disability.

**Systemic Barriers:** Lack of a permanent address can make it difficult to access banking, secure employment or claim benefits; trapping individuals in a cycle of poverty and homelessness.

**Marginalisation and Stigma:** Society often treats homeless people as 'second class' citizens, leading to feelings of worthlessness and reduced agency.

**Broken Social Connections:** Social isolation and loneliness (SIL) are common, being driven by the loss of family support networks and a fear of judgment.

**Resignation Syndrome:** Chronic exclusion often leads to a state of resignation, where individuals stop trying to change their circumstances.

According to homeless charity Crisis, homelessness costs the UK public purse an estimated £24,000 to £30,000 per person per year. They also suggest that the total cost of youth homelessness alone is estimated at £8.5 billion per year, including lost economic output.

# For What it's Worth



On The Wing

The prison chaplaincy service is a much respected and highly valued part of the Prison Service providing much needed support for inmates, especially those in crisis.

This is one reason why we are delighted that Nick Stirling serves three of our local prisons as Manchester City Mission's Chaplain.

Nick reported that 26 people came to faith through this ministry in the previous year.

We genuinely hope that all 26 people who told us that they have accepted Jesus as Saviour go on to live a God honouring, crime free life. However, for the sake of cynical argument let's imagine that only one prisoner of the 26 managed to keep on the straight and narrow.

According to the Ministry of Justice, the average cost of keeping a person in prison in England and Wales was over £60,000 for the 2024/25 financial year.

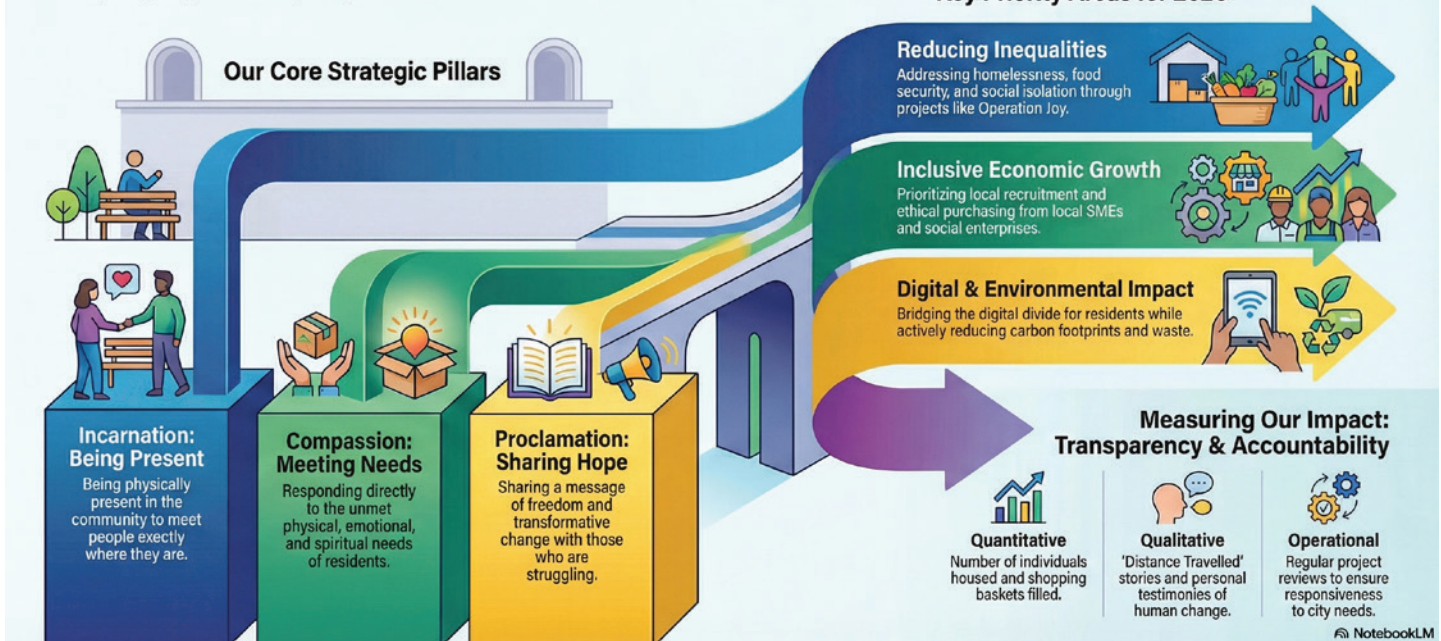
So, over a 5-year period, that one reformed prisoner saved the UK £300,000, not including inflation!

If just half of those who professed Jesus avoided re-offending it would result in a saving of £780,000 per year or something approaching £4,000,000 over the same 5-year period.

It doesn't stop there: consider the marriages that might be restored, giving children more stable backgrounds and better role models. Think of the impact on crime figures and related costs to society. To quote the strapline of the City Mission Movement UK - "Social Impact, Gospel Transformation."

# Manchester City Mission: Faith in Action through Social Value

Since 1837, MCM has generated economic, social, and environmental benefits. This policy aligns biblical principles with the Manchester Social Value Framework.



There is nothing new about MCM’s strategy of combining Gospel transformation with social impact. Nowadays, such impact is referred to as Social Value. This edition of Clear Call has endeavoured to underline the spiritual value of our work while highlighting some of the practical difference our Gospel partnership makes.



# Manchester City Mission

**Manchester City Mission** (CIO 1170263)

Salford Innovation Forum,  
51 Frederick Road, Salford M6 6FP

**Tel:** 0161 743 3511

**Email:** [info@manchestercitymission.org.uk](mailto:info@manchestercitymission.org.uk)

**Website:** [www.citymission.org.uk](http://www.citymission.org.uk)

 Manchester City Mission

**Bank Details:** Manchester City Mission

Account number: **19311191**

Sort code: **83-04-25**

**Trustees:** Richard Haworth (Chair),  
Chris Bailey (Vice Chair), Rev. Martin Kavanagh,  
Rev. Alan Saunders, David Wolstenholme,  
Maggie Woodman



**Manchester  
City Mission**