



Christians as Confident Anti-Racists

With such a breadth of communities in The Diocese of Sheffield, people in South Yorkshire and the East Riding are more aware than many of the impact of discrimination, poverty and legacies of oppression. So, in a place proud of its record in standing up against injustices, we seek to empower Christians to have the confidence to sow seeds of Christ Jesus's radical love bringing gospel unity where loud voices have sought fear and division.

Gospel Imperative

1Corinthians 12: 25-27

...there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.

If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

Revelation 7:9

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.



We're all learning together, so here are some **terms** that you might find it helpful to know more about:

Racial justice is fair and equal treatment of everyone regardless of ethnicity or race.

Race is a social construct based on physical traits, created to enforce power. Though not biological, it shapes lives and identities.

Ethnicity is shared cultural heritage, including ancestry, language, religion, and traditions. **UK Minority/Minoritised Ethnic (UKME)** is preferred over BAME to better reflect UK diversity. **Global Majority Heritage (GMH)** highlights that these cultures represent most of the world, though they're minorities in the UK.

Racism is any discrimination based on race or ethnicity, including abuse, exclusion, or unequal systems. **Microaggressions** are everyday actions or comments that subtly demean people.

Anti-Racist means actively challenging racism by supporting those affected, listening, and speaking out against discrimination and microaggressions.

*Because God loves every person in His **beautifully diverse** human family, we celebrate each other's unique gifts to help build stronger, more vibrant communities where people find connection and enjoy learning from one another.*

We'd love to talk to you about the community you serve and where this work might support people to understand why this issue is relevant to them.

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