

Archbishop of Canterbury

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## **Condolences for your loss**

Dear Archbishop Justin,

I greet you in the name of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

It is with great shock and tremendous sadness that I learn of the terrorist attack in Manchester yesterday. Lots of innocent people, mostly youth enjoying a music concert, get their lives taken away suddenly.

On behalf of the Church of Norway I would like to extend our deepest sympathy. Our thoughts and prayers are especially with all those who now suffer from having lost a child, a sibling, a friend. We pray that God in his mercy will comfort you all and give you strength to live through these difficult times, and that the Church may become a witness of love and life from triune God in your community.

Yours in Christ,

+Helga Haugland Byfuglien Presiding bishop

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