

Most people remember waking up on Sunday 31st August 1997 to the news "Diana, princess of Wales is dead."

On Tuesday morning, we woke up to the headline many will not forget

"This morning we go to Manchester where the news is grim. There are 22 dead and 59 injured in last night's bomb attack at the Manchester Arena."

As the day went on we realised just how deep that tragedy had cut into our own community.

Pupils from St. Augustine's and their families were at the concert.

Emily Morrell a year 7 pupil and her mother in hospital seriously injured.

And the saddest news of all, the death of Michelle Kiss the wife of Tony and the mother of Dylan, Elliott and Millie.

Our prayers and our hearts go out to those families and to all who suffered and died.

A comment was made on Tuesday "You cannot live your life in constant fear no matter how common it has become."

In recent years, we have witnessed terrorist attacks here and abroad.

We know that security and anti-terrorism must be part of our daily life.

As the old saying goes "The price of freedom is eternal vigilance."

But we must not let fear rule our lives.

We must still accept each other as fellow human beings worthy of our respect and friendship.

Terrorists want to divide our society.

They want us to hate each other and blame each other.

They want us to turn on each other and destroy each other.

If we walk down that road then we do exactly what they want us to do.

we destroy each other and the country we have built together.

Neither must we become prisoners in our own homes fearful of going out.

We live with fear but it does not destroy us.

The Bishop of Manchester at the end of the vigil in Albert Square on Tuesday said, "Love is stronger than hate."

We saw that love on Monday night with the goodness that came pouring out of people

Emergency Services, doctors, nurses, taxi drivers, hoteliers, ordinary people.

all giving heroic service to the injured and the bereaved.

That goodness - no terrorist attack could ever destroy.

Juliana of Norwich a medieval English Mystic said, "In God there is no Hate, only Love."

In our own lives, we have to make sure that there is only love.

Otherwise hate will tear us apart. It will destroy everything that is good within us.

There is one thing we have to hold onto

"For all its broken dreams this is still a beautiful world."

We have got to make sure that what we build is a beautiful world

But more importantly we must ensure that we are a beautiful people made in the image and likeness of God.