

PROVENANCE  
PLANT BASED  
SUSTAINABLE  
PASSION  
EXPERIENCE

INTRODUCING  
FOOD AT  
MANCHESTER  
CENTRAL



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# A passionate kitchen creating unforgettable experiences.



Here at Manchester Central, I am immensely proud to lead one of the most creative and dedicated kitchen teams I've had the pleasure of working with. We share a passion for quality, local ingredients, and that, coupled with our Northern pride, drives us to create exceptional culinary experiences for everyone who comes to visit. From the best homemade biscuit to have with a brew, to the most decadent fine dining menu, we treat everything with the same love, care and attention to detail. I hope you enjoy tasting our menus as much as we enjoyed creating them.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

**Matt Hagan**  
Executive Chef

Our in-house team of chefs take  
inspiration from across the globe  
to create an extraordinary culinary  
experience brought to life using some  
of the North West's finest produce.



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We search Greater Manchester, Lancashire and beyond to find local independent producers, farms and growers that take pride and excel in what they produce,

Seasonality is key; Executive Chef Matt Hagan works with a hand-picked selection of local suppliers to source the very best of what's in season and we plan for this in the development of our menus.



Local first

The majority of our produce is sourced from the North West.





Our latest menus  
bring **plant-based**,  
wholesome vegan  
produce to the fore.

**We are passionate about vegetarian and vegan dishes sitting at the heart of our offer, not merely an afterthought.**

Our delicious non-meat and non-dairy options are guaranteed to appeal to all dietary requirements and preferences, allowing you to make a sustainable choice without compromise.

Our dishes are developed with our varied and diverse client and visitor groups in mind, to ensure our hospitality is matched perfectly to your needs.

But it's not just about choosing from a menu; our team love nothing more than to work with you to curate a unique range of dishes and service options that ensure your event objectives aren't just met but exceeded.

We pride ourselves  
on finding the best  
local suppliers.

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## MRS KIRKHAM'S LANCASHIRE CHEESE

A Northern institution, Ruth Kirkham started the family business back in 1978 and has since passed the dairy, along with her exceptional cheese-making skills onto the next generation within the family. **This is our go-to cheese** for many of our dishes; the perfect combination of a traditional, crumbly Lancashire cheese with just the right amount of sharp bite.

## MARTIN'S BAKERY

Located just three miles from the venue, **Martin's provides all our bread and baked goods that aren't made in house.** Favourites include their sourdough loaves for toast and grilled cheese, fired miniatures loaves to accompany our banqueting menus and their famous Oven Bottom Muffins; delicious buttered and filled with our Cumberland sausages or locally-smoked bacon.

## SPILMANS FARM ASPARAGUS

Grown across nine acres in the heart of North Yorkshire, **we believe this is the best of the best.** Their Pasture Lane variety is our favourite, **always delicious and never bitter.** We love it served simply with a soft poached egg and a chilli drizzle.

## TOMLINSON'S RHUBARB

Grown by one of only a handful of farmers who still use traditional forced farming methods and coming from Yorkshire, **Tomlinson's rhubarb is a hero ingredient for us** and sits pride of place in some of our favourite tarts and bakes; **a quintessential British staple that we love to champion.**



Our commitment to sustainable practices underpins our hospitality proposition.



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We work only with suppliers who champion organic and free-range meat and dairy produce and, where possible, our fish is line-caught and always from sustainable stocks.

We also prioritise working with small-scale farmers and artisan suppliers to ensure the highest quality, flavour and traceability of all our food and produce. We will only source from those who share our commitment to sustainability, Red Tractor-certified farming methods and Fairtrade.

When developing dishes, our chefs make the most out of raw ingredients; from carrot top garnishes to carrot peelings dried and used to make crisps, **we keep waste to an absolute minimum.**

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# We won't compromise on quality.

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Our championing of plant-based dishes has led to an accreditation from the Vegetarian Society, who have carefully audited each of our vegan and vegetarian dishes to ensure they meet the highest of standards.

Our selection of drinks follows the same ethos; we work with a range of local small-batch brewers and distillers including Manchester Gin and Seven Brothers Brewery.



All our vegetarian and vegan dishes have been audited by The Vegetarian Society, giving full traceability of ingredients, to confirm they are suitable for vegetarians and vegans.



Sustainability goes beyond our food and drink offerings; from plates crafted from palm leaf using low-carbon production methods to our chefs' jackets made from recycled plastic.

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# HIGHLIGHTS

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Top Chicken & ham pie  
Bottom Executive Chef Matt Hagan

Executive Chef Matt introduces  
a few of our favourite dishes...

## BANQUETING STARTER

**Bury Market  
black pudding** (VG)  
Sweet potato & sage  
croquette, young  
leaves, pickles

"Championing the best  
of local. This dish eats  
incredibly well. Hearty,  
substantial and pairs  
beautifully with any main  
to follow. And yes, the  
black pudding is vegan!"

## MAIN

**British confit duck leg**  
Vimto braised red  
cabbage puree,  
pressed potato, green  
peppercorn sauce

"A traditional dish with  
an undeniably modern  
Manchester take. Vimto  
takes our braised cabbage  
to another level; fruit,  
sweet with a really  
rounded depth of flavour."

## DESSERT

**Black Forest  
Knickerbocker glory** (V)  
Kirsch & basil Cheshire  
Farm ice cream, sour  
cherry, dark chocolate

"A real old-school classic  
that will make a statement  
at the end of your dinner  
service. We work with our  
local ice cream supplier  
to create unique, bespoke  
flavours for each of our  
dishes and this one is a  
stand out hero in this dish."

(VG) Vegan

(V) Vegetarian

All our products are prepared in an environment where all 14  
allergens are present. Items may change due to produce availability.



## LUNCH

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### Fish finger butty

Breaded pollock, milk bread, homemade tartar sauce

"A northern favourite that's a definite crowd pleaser, our classic fish finger butty – made with proper homemade fish fingers (not goujons!) – stacked on a fresh Oven Bottom Muffin won't disappoint. Finished with a generous dollop of our house-made tartar sauce, there's not much to top it!"

### Tortilla

Albert bartlett potatoes, white onion, smoked back bacon, Blacksticks mayo

"Yes, a traditional Spanish dish but our combination of local smoked back bacon and Blacksticks mayo bring this right back to the North of England. A satisfying slice of utter perfection."

### Chicken & ham pie

Ham hock, chicken thigh, roasted potatoes, double cream, black pepper pastry

"If you like pies, you'll love this. Jam packed with tender pulled chicken and ham and in a rich, herby gravy its definitely one of our new favourites and come highly recommended by the entire kitchen team"

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## DESSERTS & BAKES

### Frangipane tart

Blackberry, browned butter

### Lemon tart

Ginger, baked figs

"Two of our favourite tarts; one deliciously spongy and decadent and one fresh, sharp and light. Chosen by our talented pastry chef, Chris, these colourful dishes jump right of the plate and are both the perfect finish to any meal."



Image Tortilla

If you would like to discuss your catering needs further, please email [catering@manchestercentral.co.uk](mailto:catering@manchestercentral.co.uk) or alternatively, call **+44 (0)161 827 7656** to speak with a member of the team.

Allergens are available on request as ingredients are subject to change. All mandatory allergen information will also be easily accessible, visible and clearly legible during the event.

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