



Heaton Moor United Church

The United Reformed Church and The Methodist Church

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Sunday Services at Heaton Moor United Church

Services at 10:45 unless otherwise stated

31 st July	Dave Hardman	
7 th August	Leo Roberts	
14 th August	Marianne Tugwood	
21 st August	Rev Paul Brewerton	Communion Service
28 th August	JoAnne Roy 9:30 Kathryn Price 10:45	
4 th September	Rev Graham Adams	

Additional Services

Wednesday 10 th August 10:00	Short Service	
Tuesday 16 th August 14:00	Dementia Friendly Service	All our welcome to our monthly dementia friendly short service
Sunday 4 th September 16:00	Circuit Service at Tiviot Dale	See notices for further information

Additional Events at Heaton Moor Church

Each Wednesday in August at 10:30	Coffee Morning – All Welcome
Monday 8 th August – Friday 12 th August 10:00 – 14:00 daily	Open Church <i>See notices for more information</i>
Monday 5 th September at 19:45	Men's Fellowship – Now we are eighty five!

MESSAGE FROM THE CO-EDITOR

Happy Friday Everyone - This is our last notice sheet for the summer, so it is packed with lots of information so keep it safe!



In preparation for our trek to raise funds for The Alzheimer's Society on 13th August Sue Jones and I went for a 13 mile walk! The weather wasn't great to start with but we persevered, helped along by coffee and a sausage roll. If you would like to sponsor the Moor Than A Trek team, which comprises of Sharon, Sue, Angie (a dementia friends volunteer) and myself then please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/team/MoorthanaTrek>

On Tuesday Beryl and I were invited to St Thomas Primary School for their year-end assembly. We were delighted to be presented with a cheque for £750 for the Dementia Friendly Heatons group.

The rest of my week I have been busy preparing for Open Church which is taking place the 8th - 12th August and the timetable for the week is in the notices. This is a great opportunity for people to enjoy our building and meet church members so do come along. You don't have to take part in any of the activities - there will be plenty of space for you to sit and enjoy refreshments! I'm still looking for volunteers to be in the kitchen, chat to people so let me know if you are available!

Although there are no notices I am around until the end of August, and of course I will be at open church everyday! If I can be of any help please do not hesitate to contact me.

Warm regards

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August Office Hours

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SUMMER NOTICES

This is the last notice sheet for the summer, they will return on the 9th September and will then be issued fortnightly.

We will no longer be including the Methodist Worship at home sheets. These can be found here <https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/worship/singing-the-faith-plus/seasons-and-themes/worship-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>

If you do not have access to a computer and would like them printed please let the office know.

The notice header will continue to show the upcoming months information so the move to fortnightly notices should not cause any problems. However, we would welcome any feedback!

Open CHURCH

8 - 12 AUGUST
10:00 - 14:00 DAILY

MONDAY

CRAFT

- All Day - summer crafts, available for all ages
- 11:00 Journaling Workshop
- 13:00 See how we make crisp packets into blankets



TUESDAY

GAMES

- All Day - variety of games available to play
- 11:00 Minute to Win it Games
- 13:00 Parachute Games

WEDNESDAY

MUSIC

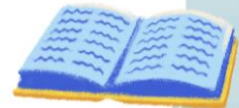
- 10:00 Short Service - Summer Holiday. *Where are you going?*
- 10:30 Coffee Morning
- 11:30 Children's Sing A Long
- 13:00 The Good Old Days Sing A Long



THURSDAY

STORYTELLING

- All Day - story activities for all ages
- 11:00 Story Time - sessions for the young and old!
- 13:00 Scripture Yoga



FRIDAY

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY

- All day variety of intergenerational activities including storytelling, music, crafts and games
- 13:00 Exercise Class suitable for all ages and abilities



AND MORE!

Help yourself to refreshments in our comfy lounge, open every day

Try our Escape Room ages 8+
Everyday except Monday

Take some time out with our indoor Prayer Walk, open every day

Let the little ones enjoy the children's play area



**AN EVENING OF
SUMMER MUSIC**
St Thomas' Church, Heaton Chapel
Saturday 6th August at 7:30pm

Sharon will at this years Stockport Pride on Sunday 31st July. The event is taking place in Stockport Market Place from 11am until 6pm.

There's lots going on at this annual celebration of Stockport's LGBTQ+ Community, well worth a visit.

Stockport Choral Society
Conductor Adam Parrish

Admin/Refreshments £5

Sri Lanka Appeal - Opportunity to directly support the Methodist Church in Sri Lanka as it responds to the crisis gripping the country.

The economic crisis in Sri Lanka is having devastating effects on the daily lives of the people. The Methodist Church in Sri Lanka has launched a *Samaritan Journey Project* which aims to provide relief for the people who are suffering most seriously. This includes providing severely affected families with relief packages consisting of essential food and other items, giving grants for medical expenses of children who have recurring illness, and giving start-up kits to enable people to grow their own vegetables.

In response, the Methodist Church in Britain has given a Solidarity Grant of £15,000 from the World Mission Fund towards the Samaritan Journey Project. The need, however, goes far beyond the scope of this grant, and so we are inviting donations to the Samaritan Project through the World Mission Fund. This channel for giving will be open until August 15, and the money raised will then be sent as a lump sum to the *Samaritan Journey Project*.

How to make a donation **Online**: please use "**SRI LANKA**" in your description/reference for any online banking references. For the World Mission Fund account details please email finance@methodistchurch.org.uk or phone 020 7486 5502 and ask for the Finance team.

Post: please make cheques payable to 'World Mission Fund' and in your covering letter please clearly mention "**SRI LANKA**". All cheques must be delivered by 15 August to Finance Team (Sri Lanka Appeal), Methodist Church House, 25 Marylebone Road, London, NW1 5JR.

IMPORTANT: Please be sure to reference and label your donations to the Sri Lanka Appeal as "SRI LANKA" as without this it will not reach the appeal.

Circuit Short Course **CHANGE OF DATES**

What does it mean to be a Christian?

**Are you interested in refreshing your knowledge of the Christian Faith?
Are you thinking of confirmation/membership in the Methodist Church?**

If so, then this short course is for you. Six weekly sessions in the Autumn going 'back to basics' for those with a general interest, followed by five more sessions in the new year for those who want to explore further or go on to think about membership and confirmation in the Methodist Church.

Details of further sessions are to be announced. For more details and to register your place please email cathy.bird@methodist.org.uk

All sessions will take place in a central Stockport venue from 6.30 pm onwards starting with food.

Wednesday 14th September The Journey so far – telling our stories of faith

Wednesday 21st September What is the Bible?

Wednesday 28th September Who is Jesus?

Wednesday 5th October What is the Holy Trinity?

Wednesday 12th October Prayer and Spirituality

An Appeal for Volunteers, Family Space at Edgeley

Edgeley Community Church has successfully received Stockport Homes Community Fund to run Family Space, which is for parents and grandparents with preschool aged children.

Since the project launched in April this year, 28 families have joined us. We aim to provide quality service for 30 people in each session, so that we can build closer relationships and cater their needs.

We're looking for volunteers to join us in September. It's on Wednesday morning during term time. You don't have to come every session. You'll have opportunities to get relevant training, e.g. food hygiene, first aid and mental health first aid.

If you'd like to know more or have a chat, please contact Mei Yuk on meiyukchurch@gmail.com or 07825 507 416.

Worship at Home - Sunday 31 July 2022

This short act of worship has been prepared for you to use at home. We invite you to spend a few moments with God, knowing that other people across the Methodist Connexion are sharing this act of worship with you.

Opening Prayer

“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. Great is thy faithfulness, O Lord.”
(StF 66, Edith McNeil)

Lord, as we come into your presence, help us to remember that your love and faithfulness endure, and that we can rely on you whatever may come our way.”

Hymn: StF 341 All for Jesus

Sing/ Read /pray /proclaim the words or listen to it here

[All for Jesus - all for Jesus \(StF 341\) \(methodist.org.uk\)](https://www.methodist.org.uk/all-for-jesus-all-for-jesus-stf-341)

All for Jesus - all for Jesus,
this our song shall ever be:
for we have no hope, nor Saviour,
if we have not hope in thee.

All for Jesus - thou wilt give us
strength to serve thee, hour by hour;
none can move us from thy presence,
while we trust thy love and power.

All for Jesus - thou hast loved us;
all for Jesus - thou hast died;
all for Jesus - thou art with us;
all for Jesus crucified.

All for Jesus - all for Jesus -
this the Church's song must be;
till, at last, we all are gathered
one in love and one in thee.

W. J. Sparrow-Simpson (1859-1952)

Let us pray together

God whose love is steadfast and sure,
We praise you.

God who lays for us solid foundations,
We praise you.

God who can be depended on,
We praise you.

God, the first and the last,
We praise you.

God who shows us the way,
We praise you.

In everything we do, may we praise you.
Amen.

Today's Reading from the New Testament

Colossians 3:1-11

Today's Gospel Reading: Luke 12:13-21

Time to Reflect

On the afternoon I had planned to prepare this service, I was in a shop and found that I had lost my bank card. I struggled not to panic as it was the worst time for it to happen. I thought how much chaos the next few days would be thrown into. Fortunately, I found the card and the panic was over. Little things can have a major effect on us.

Today's passages remind us to think what is truly important to us. Yes, we need money to survive personally and as a church but that is not the be all and end all. So, what do we set our minds on as individuals and as a church?

Events over the last few years may have crystallised some of those thoughts. We realise how important friends are when we are deprived of them. We realise how important peace is as we hear of unrest.

Too often, our church councils are full of debates about minor things and people get very agitated about them. Yes, there are practicalities that need dealing with but we should not let them replace what is truly important. Money replaced God in the life of the man in the parable. What replaces him in our personal lives? What replaces him in our church lives? Yes, we need to pay the bills but, more importantly, we need to live out the Kingdom, engage in the mission that God has given us and share his love. Our priorities must be God's priorities – how else will the world see a better way to live than the man with his barns?

As you read this, I will be helping lead a children's residential activity. One year as I was planning for such an event, I wondered whether it was really worth the time I was putting in. I felt God say that it was worth it because the activity touched lives and helped build into eternity. Let us not build things that will decay but things that will last – and we can only do that if our priorities become God's priorities. Let's not build barns to store things that will decay but lives that speak of God's everlasting love.

A time of prayer

Let us sit quietly and bring to God those in need of a special touch at this time ...

Let's bring to him those who have messed up priorities ...

Let's bring to him those who can see no further than the next meal ...

Let's bring to him those who cannot see out of their grief and pain ...

Let's bring to him those who are looking for the way to go ...

Lord, guide, lead, heal, comfort; show those we have brought to you the way ahead. May they build on you.

And may we, in our churches, get our priorities right too. Show us where to go and where to build. Help us to bring your love to those around us.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father

Hymn: StF 447 Jesus be the Centre

Sing/ Read /pray /proclaim the words or listen to it here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=884tPls01e0>

or sing a verse of a hymn that comes to mind

Jesus, be the centre,
be my source, be my light,
Jesus.

Jesus, be the centre,
be my hope, be my song,
Jesus.

Be the fire in my heart,
be the wind in these sails;
be the reason that I live,
Jesus, Jesus.

Jesus, be my vision,
be my path, be my guide,
Jesus.

Refrain

(verse 1 is repeated.)

Michael Frye

A prayer of blessing

Let us go into the world and live our lives for our God. May we live our lives for him and experience the spiritual riches he has to offer. Let us share them with those around us.

Original Materials by Alan Darlington, local preacher in the Sherwood Forest Circuit

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Local Churches please insert CCLI No here

We are grateful to all the Ministers and Local Preachers from around the Connexion who have contributed to Worship at Home. This resource is administrated by Ministries: Vocations and Worship in the Connexional Team.

For more worship resources see

[The Bible \(methodist.org.uk\)](http://methodist.org.uk)

[Singing the Faith Plus \(methodist.org.uk\)](http://methodist.org.uk)

Colossians 3.1-11

The New Life in Christ

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you

must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Luke 12.13-21

The Parable of the Rich Fool

Someone in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.’ But he said to him, ‘Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?’ And he said to them, ‘Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.’ Then he told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?” Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’