



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

3 rd July	Carol Jack	
10 th July	Deborah Symmons & JoAnne Roy	Action for Children Sunday
17 th July	Rev Dr Raj Patta	Communion Service
24 th July	Sharon Heginbotham 9:30 Rev Paul Brewerton 10:45	
31 st July	Dave Hardman	

Additional Services

Sunday 3 rd July at 16:00	Circuit Service The Ridge	Led by Rev Jon Howard who served at the Methodist Liaison Office in Jerusalem
Wednesday 13 th July 10:00	Short Communion Service	
Tuesday 19 th July 14:00	Dementia Friendly Service	All our welcome to our monthly dementia friendly short service

Additional Events at Heaton Moor Church

Wednesday 6 th July at 10:30 (takes place weekly)	Coffee Morning – All Welcome
Thursday 7 th July at 14:00	Moor Than Tea – all are welcome to join us for refreshments, quiz and music
Saturday 9 th July	Action for Children Coffee Morning
Thursday 14 th July at 15:30	Messy Church
Saturday 16 th July at 13:00	The BIG Muddy Church Picnic

**Men's Fellowship will return in September 2022, meeting fortnightly on a Monday evening

Dear Heaton Moor United Church,

Trust you are all doing well and hope u r enjoying the warm weather.

Thanks to Carol Jack who will be leading the service this Sunday at our church. This Sunday we have a Circuit service at 4pm at the Ridge, and Rev. John Howard, a Methodist minister who worked as a liaison officer in Jerusalem will be leading the service on justice in Palestine Israel. Please do join this service if you are able to come.

It has been quite an interesting week for me. On Sunday I was at Shrewsbury attending the ordination service of our circuit colleague Rev. Katie Smith, which was very special. A cloud of witnesses gathered for this service to support their dear ones, and we all had a good time. This service made me think and reflect of my own ordination which happened eighteen years ago in 2003. Back home ordinations happen at our church on the 10th of November every year, for we call that day as 'pastors' day' commemorating the birth anniversary of Martin Luther, the protestant reformer.

On Monday, I was at Telford attending my first Methodist Conference, which again was very special. I attended the business session in the morning where they were discussing about the new candidating process for ministry and the Conference approved that from 2023, in order to become a minister in the church, one need not complete the local preachers' course. I am sure those exploring ordination ministry will take note of this new proposal.

On Monday afternoon, I was invited by the President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, along with two others to reflect on the presidential theme for this year, which is "Great Commandment" in the form a Bible Study on I John 4:7-12. It was a humbling experience to be in front of the Conference and speak on the theme from a justice perspective, and we had a good discussion on it later. It was a good opportunity for me to be at the Conference and share my thoughts and connect with some friends in the Connexion.

We had a good staff meeting on Wednesday, and were able to discuss some new proposals for ministry at our church. Glad to meet few of our friends at church at the coffee morning. JoAnne and me were at St. Peter's Square in the centre of Stockport on Wednesday attending a Prayer Vigil for Ukraine. Stockport Ukraine association performed some cultural activities seeking solidarity and support for the cause of Ukraine.

May you all have a good week ahead.

Take care and have a blessed month of July.

Thanking you,

Regards,

Raj

30th June 2022

MESSAGE FROM THE CO-EDITOR

Hello July!

It was hard to miss me last Friday as I was out and about in my colourful tu-tu - it was a great way to start conversations about PRIDE and The Methodist Churches position on same-sex marriages. It still amazes me when I speak to people who don't think the church would welcome *people like them* . . . clearly, we have a lot of work still to do! I briefly touched on talking about our Faith and challenging people's prejudice in my short service on Sunday. Thank you to those who came and those who sent me "Good Luck" messages! It went well and if you are interested in finding out where I think Mr Darcy and Elizabeth Bennett are in the church today then check out the church YouTube channel where the reflection is currently being uploaded.

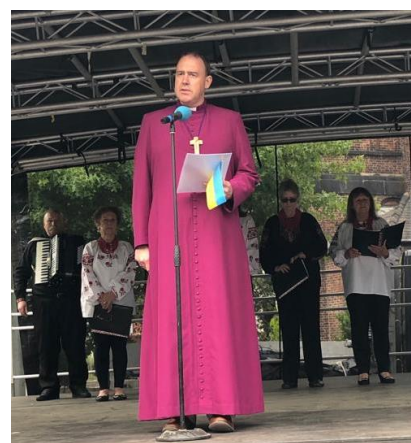
I was at the artisan fair at St John's Church on Saturday - the Heaton's Churches Partnership and it was lovely to chat with people about the work of the partnership this year; 10'000 Easter Cards distributed across The Heaton's and the Good Friday Walk of Witness.

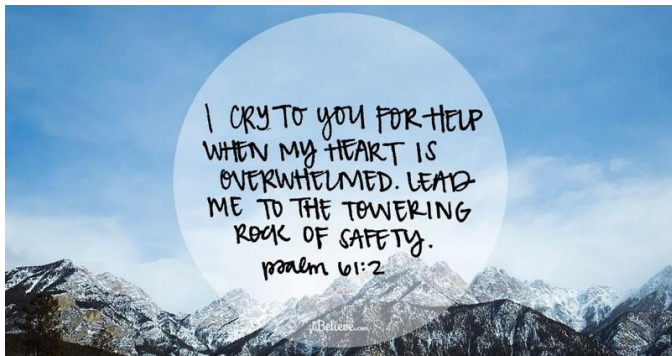
Toddlers have been exploring the nursery rhyme I'm a Little Teapot this week with some teapot painting. We got some fantastic results, and I had some great conversations with the little ones about colour.



On Wednesday Raj, little man and myself took part in the Vigil for Ukraine at St Peter's Square in Stockport. It was a wonderful opportunity to stand in solidarity with the Ukrainian Community within Stockport. Bishop Sam led the vigil which included prayer from Father Eugene Nebesniak, from the Ukrainian Catholic Church and a message of support from the new Mayor of Stockport Councillor David Wilson. There was a poignant moment when we were told that they had given out a flag for every child who had been killed in the war in Ukraine and we were asked to plant these flags in the grass area as a memorial - at the beginning of June the number of verified deaths of children was 262. Can I ask that you continue to hold all those involved in the war in your prayers?

Following the vigil there was a celebration of Ukrainian culture with traditional songs and dance.





I was a little off colour early in the week, not working at 100% has led me to feeling overwhelmed and emotionally exhausted with everything that has been in the news this week; the continuing war in Ukraine, the murder of Zara Aleena, the decision made by the US Supreme Courts regarding abortion rights, the governments continuation of the plan to deport asylum seekers to Rwanda and the humanitarian crisis in Sri Lanka to name but a few.

I have read Psalm 61 and listened to Faithful God by Zach Neese which has given me some comfort (words for this song are in the notices) - do you have a go to passage, song, prayer, hymn?

Sharon is on holiday now for a week so if you need any assistance please contact either Raj or myself.

Warm regards

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Office Hours This Week
Monday 09:00 – 14:00
Tuesday CLOSED
Wednesday 09:00 – 14:00
Thursday 11:00 – 14:00
Friday 12:00 – 14:00



INFORMATION FOR NOTICES

Do you have news to share? We'd love to share members news in the notices.

Perhaps you've been on holiday, celebrating a birth, need a Prayer? We are also happy to share information about community events you are involved in.

If you have any information you would like to go into the weekly notices, please contact **JoAnne directly** either at the office, mobile 07340 269 354 or email community@heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk



Heaton's Churches
Partnership

The next HCP Prayer Breakfast will be on

Saturday 9th July

7:45 for 8:00 – 9:00am

At Heaton Norris Salvation Army Short Street



Saturday July 9th

Action for Children Coffee Morning

10:30 - 12:00

Cakes Raffle Books Toys & More

Donations of cakes, books (fiction, adults and children's) and toys gratefully received.
For more information see Deborah, Stephanie or JoAnne.

If you are unable to make the coffee morning and wish to donate online please see our
Justgiving page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/heaton-moor-church1>

MOOR THAN

We invite you to join us for an afternoon of chatting, singing, tea and cake!



Join us for

MOOR THAN TEA

On Thursday 7th July

14:00 – 15:30

All are welcome, invite your friends and family!

Come and join our Messy and Muddy Churches this month. At Messy Church on the 14th July we will explore the story of Zacchaeus and have some party food. Then on the 16th July at 13:00 bring a picnic and join us outside for our BIG Church Picnic

HEATON MOOR UNITED CHURCH
Messy Church
 Thursday 14th July
 Activities from 3:30pm
 Followed by party food

Join us as we explore the story of Zacchaeus

Build a sycamore tree
 Catapult Zacchaeus
 Make some tree snacks & more!

HEATON MOOR UNITED CHURCH
Muddy Church
 The Great **BIG** Picnic

MATTHEW 14: 21
 THE NUMBER OF THOSE WHO ATE WAS ABOUT 5000

Bring a picnic and join us as we wander and wonder with fishes and loaves!

If I call, will you come?

When I cry, do you hear?

I believe ev'ry tear is caught up by a faithful God.

So I will cry until you come;
cast my cares into your arms.

I can't see past this storm,
but I'm counting on a faithful God.

*Faithful God, you hold my life secure,
and all my days are yours.*

*I believe my God is like a fire,
defending me faithfully, faithfully.*

I believe you still heal
and demons still bow.

I'm convinced there is pow'r in trusting in a faithful God.

So I will praise till you appear
and set your foot upon this shore.

And I declare that ev'ry foe
is subject to my faithful God.

*Faithful God, you hold my life secure,
and all my days are yours.*

*I believe my God is like a fire,
defending me faithfully.*

And I know you are mine and I am yours,
I am yours.

And I know your faithfulness it will endure,
it will endure.

Zach Neese based on *Psalm 61 v 1, Lamentations 3 v 23, Philippians 2 v 10, 1 Peter 5 v 7 and 1 John 2 v 28*
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Worship at Home - Sunday 3 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

Jesus is here among us now as we worship God together. We pray that through the power of the Holy Spirit we hear afresh God's word to us, calling us to take the good news to all the world.

Hymn: STF 407 Hear the call of the kingdom

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

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

Hear the call of the kingdom,
lift your eyes to the King;
let his song rise within you
as a fragrant offering
of how God, rich in mercy,
came in Christ to redeem
all who trust in his unfailing grace.

Hear the call of the kingdom
to be children of light
with the mercy of heaven,
the humility of Christ;
walking justly before him,
loving all that is right,
that the life of Christ may shine through us.

King of heaven, we will answer the call.
We will follow, bringing hope to the world,
filled with passion, filled with power to
proclaim
salvation in Jesus' name.

Hear the call of the kingdom
to reach out to the lost

with the Father's compassion
in the wonder of the cross,
bringing peace and forgiveness,
and a hope yet to come:
let the nations put their trust in him.

King of heaven, we will answer the call ...
*Keith Getty (b. 1974), Kristyn Getty (b. 1980) and Stuart
Townend (b. 1963)*

Let us pray together

Creator God

Who gives us sunshine and showers to enable plants to grow, we praise you for the gift of nature. Just as the rain falls on the soil and produces green shoots, we praise you that your spirit constantly inspires and nurtures us. When we fail to produce our best for you and shrink from our tasks, forgive our apathy and refresh our hearts with your love.

For all the times we turn away from you

For all the wrongs that separate us from you,

Forgive and restore us.

The Lord hears our prayer and pours out his mercy upon us. Amen

Today's Gospel Reading: Luke 10.1-11, 16-20

Time to Reflect

If the opening sentences of this reading are what remains with you ("the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few" v2), please do not be discouraged! For the next words remind us that God will be with us in our mission, provided that we thoroughly steep our outreach in prayer. Seeking God's will through prayer before embarking on any Christian project is essential to underpin human efforts. God needs to be involved if Christians are to be successful in preaching his good news effectively. This may seem to be an obvious statement, but too often we rely upon our own resources and carry out our own ideas without first asking God what it is we are to do in his name. The disciples were sent out "like lambs among wolves" with the blessing and protection of the Lord, and the added encouragement of those he provided to offer support and hospitality. The seventy messengers were overjoyed with the success of their prayers and healings. But Jesus threw a note of caution to them, reminding them not to be too self congratulatory but rather to rejoice that they were doing God's work. For we do not preach the gospel in our own strength but in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Take a time to sit quietly

A time of prayer

We pray for God's guidance and inspiration for all church leaders and communities, for a strengthening of faith and a more effective sharing of the good news with others.

Compassionate Christ,
You wept over Jerusalem; with how many tears must you view the troubles and conflicts in your world. We pray for peaceful resolution of wars, for comfort for the sick, shelter for the homeless and refugees, for food for the hungry and tenderness for the young and old in need.

Loving God,
We pray for those who are grieving, those who feel lost, those who are without faith. May they all feel the touch of your hand upon their lives,

healing, blessing and making them whole in your love.

We pray for our own concerns, placing our anxieties at the foot of the cross and looking upwards in thankfulness to share our joys with you.

Accept these prayers and the prayers of our hearts for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father

Hymn: Listen to StF 410 Lord, your church on earth is seeking **or sing a verse of a hymn that comes to mind**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GnYUfhtz11Q>

Lord, your Church on earth is seeking
your renewal from above;
teach us all the art of speaking
with the accent of your love.
We would heed your great commission:
sending us to every place --
preach, baptise, fulfil my mission,
serve with love and share my grace.

Freedom give to those in bondage,
lift the burdens caused by sin.
Give new hope, new strength and courage,
grant release from fears within:
light for darkness; joy for sorrow;
love for hatred; peace for strife.
These and countless blessings follow
as the Spirit gives new life.

In the streets of every city
where the bruised and lonely dwell,
let us show the Saviour's pity,
let us of his mercy tell.
In all lands and with all races
let us serve, and seek to bring
all the world to render praises,
Christ, to you, Redeemer, King.

Hugh Sherlock (1905-1998)

A prayer of blessing

May you find an opportunity every day to share the love of Jesus with a stranger, a friend or a neighbour, so that the kingdom of God on earth might increase more and more through the power of the Spirit.

And the blessing of God, Father Son and Holy Spirit be with you and those whom you love, today and always. Amen.

Original Materials by Reverend Claire Hargreaves

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Local Churches please insert CCCLi 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)

Luke 10.1-11

The Mission of the Seventy

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, "Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near."

Luke 10.16-20

'Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.'

The Return of the Seventy

The seventy returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.'