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## Heaton Moor United Church Magazine



**SUMMER Issue  
2018**



## Rev Paul Brewerton`s Mini-Epistle

I loved telling the Old Testament Stories in school assemblies but I found it hard to explain to the children why time and time again the Children of Israel started worshipping other gods and everything went “pear-shaped” for them. This is what I came up with –

Originally the Children of Israel were nomads who moved from place to place and they understood Yahweh (God) as always with them- like the wind invisible, unseen, coming and going at will.

When they lived in Egypt they came into contact with a variety of others gods of all shapes and sizes often with temples and forms dedicated to that particular god- sun, crocodile, cats and rivers. The main emphasis of the Egyptian gods was fertility for the economy reliant on farming. Moses in his time as a shepherd re-discovered the unseen God of his ancestors – in a burning bush – a God who was I-AM WHO –I AM (a God who just was- a God of being). As wanderers in the desert the people took some convincing to realise that the ‘unseen’ God was with them — so Moses constructed a portable Tabernacle (tent/temple) where the priests could meet with God.

The problems in the time of the Judges came about as their society changed to a farming and land owning one where fertility of land was important and once again they were tempted to follow gods they could see- the local fertility gods.

Even when later taken into exile they thought they would lose God- “How can we sing the Lord’s song in a strange land?” they asked. But once again they discovered God was always with them as they journeyed, even in the pain of exile and slavery.

Jesus brings us once again to a crucial point- he and his disciple were often called “Followers of the way”. When later the Romans destroyed the temple it was an attempt to destroy the Jewish God and religion at its centre- but the word spread from Jerusalem to the four corners of the



Join us for our coffee



**Mornings!**

10am every Wednesday in the Patio Room.  
The last Wednesday of the month is worship  
on Wednesday at 9:30 in the coffee lounge.

&

10:30 every Saturday morning.

**Coffee mornings are a great opportunity to catch up  
with old friends, make new ones and get out of the  
house. We hope to see you there!**



# August

Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	9:30	Moor Than...a good read
	10:00	Coffee Morning
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:00	Moor than a breakfast
	10:30	Bouncing babies
	13:30	Dementia Friends
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>	10:30	Saturday Coffee
<b>Sun 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:45</b>	<b>All age Morning Service with P Brewerton Baptism</b>
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Coffee Morning
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	9:00	Moor than a breakfast
	10:30	Bouncing babies
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	10:30	Saturday Coffee
<b>Sun 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:30</b>	<b>Early morning Service and Holy Communion with P Brewerton</b>
	<b>10:45</b>	<b>Morning Service with I Coverdale</b>
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Coffee Morning
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	9:00	Moor than a breakfast
	10:30	Bouncing babies
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	10:30	Saturday Coffee
<b>Sun 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:45</b>	<b>Morning Service and Holy Communion with P Brewerton</b>
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10:00	Coffee Morning
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	9:00	Moor than a breakfast
	10:30	Bouncing babies
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	10:30	Saturday Coffee
<b>Sun 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:45</b>	<b>Morning Service with L/A</b>
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	9:30	WoW
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	9:00	Moor than a breakfast/Bouncing Babies

world as people travelled- for God was always with them- unseen yet ever-present- God IS!

Today we grapple with the same problems. Do we put our trust in “economic/visible” gods or is our faith sufficient to be able to trust in the —:

*Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,  
gentle as is the dove;  
teach us the truth and help us believe,  
show us the Saviour's love.*

*Verse 1.*

*You spoke to men long, long ago,  
gave us the written Word;  
we read it still, needing its truth,  
through it God's voice is heard.*

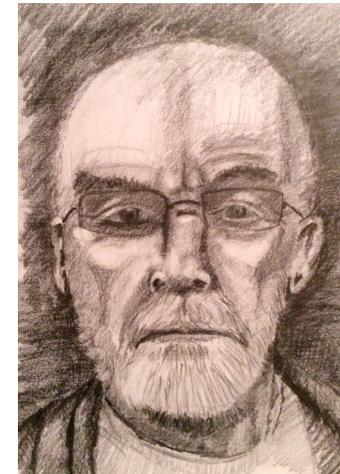
*Spirit of God ...*

*Verse 2.*

*Without Your help we fail our Lord,  
we cannot live His way;  
we need Your power, we need Your strength,  
following Christ each day.*

*Spirit of God ... (to the tune -Skye Boat Song)*

**Peace Paul**



### Jenny Travis says Goodbye

“Now is the time to say goodbye, “goodbye”. Now is the time to yield a sigh. Now is the time to wend our wayeee. Until we meet again.” (Dudley Moore and Peter Cook).

Of course at this point I’m supposed to give you some deep theology on endings and beginnings. I should remind you all that ours is a resurrection faith and we are asked to die to somethings to be born to the new. I should do that, but really what I want to say is thank you, thank you and I love you.

I’m not the best at beginnings but I find them a whole lot easier than endings and goodbyes.

My time with you over the past two years has been amazing, filled with grace and blessings.

You welcomed me and my boys with open arms, smiles and gentle warmth. You have individually spent time getting to know me and shared something of yourselves with me. You opened your church to let me mess around with worship, meddle in meetings and generally muck up some of the fabulous work you do here.

You never got angry when I made mistakes or did stuff that left you thinking, what?!!!! No, seriously what did she just say/do!!!!!!!!!!!!!! You simply pointed out the bits that were ok and occasionally on those moments when I hit the mark you celebrated with me.

You simply pointed out the bits that were okay and occasionally on those moments when I hit the mark you celebrated with me. It has been a privilege to worship with you, to learn more about our faith from you and to witness the love of God through you all.

Your kindness generosity and support have enabled me to continue my journey and shaped me in my ministry. There really is never enough I could say to express my thanks. But of course I have to try so here goes.....

	13:30	Dementia Friends
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	10:30	Saturday Coffee
<b>Sun 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>10:45</b>	<b>Morning Service with G Adams</b>
	<b>19:00</b>	<b>Youth Group</b>
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9:30	Toddlers
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	9:30	<b>WoW</b>
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	9:00	Moor than a breakfast
	10:30	Bouncing babies
	13:30	Dementia Friends
	14:00	Wedding
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	10:30	Saturday Coffee
	14:30	Strawberry tea
<b>Sun 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:45</b>	<b>Morning Service with I Kiernan</b>
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	9:30	Toddlers

**YOU ARE INVITED**

**TO JOIN US**

**At**

**Heaton Moor United Church**

**Stanley Road and Heaton Moor Road SK4 4HL**

**Children to be accompanied by an adult**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month**

**No need to worry about your child’s evening meal, it is provided!**



# July

<b>Sun 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10:45</b>	<b>Morning service with P Brewerton Baptism—Emily Rose Daker</b>
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9:30	Toddlers
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	9:30	Moor Than and Good Read
	10:00	Coffee Morning
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	9:00	Moor than a breakfast
	10:30	Bouncing babies
	13:30	Dementia Friends
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	10:30	Saturday Coffee
<b>Sun 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:30</b>	<b>Early morning Service and Holy Communion with P Brewerton</b>
	<b>10:45</b>	<b>Morning Service with L Kemp</b>
	12:00	Heatons Art Trail
	<b>19:00</b>	<b>Youth Group</b>
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	9:30	Toddlers
Tue 10 <sup>th</sup>	14:00	Ladies Fellowship
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Coffee Morning
Thu 12 <sup>th</sup>	14:00	Prayer Group (TBC)
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	9:00	Moor than a breakfast
	10:30	Bouncing babies
	13:30	Dementia Friends
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	10:30	Saturday Coffee
<b>Sun 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:45</b>	<b>Morning service and Holy Communion with P Brewerton</b>
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	9:30	Toddlers
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Coffee Morning
	15:00	Moor than...tea and cake
Thu 19 <sup>th</sup>	15:00	Messy Church
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	9:00	Moor than a breakfast
	10:30	Bouncing babies

All things bright and beautiful,  
All members grown and small,  
All things wise and wonderful:  
I thank you for them all.

Each little act of kindness,  
Each little word of care,  
Your generous loving nature,  
That's evident everywhere

All things bright and beautiful,  
All members grown and small,  
All things wise and wonderful:  
I thank you for them all.

You listened to my worries,  
You gave such good advice,  
You took the time to feedback,  
To keep me right on track.

All things bright and beautiful,  
All members grown and small,  
All things wise and wonderful:  
I thank you for them all.

Each person who sat by me,  
Each group who said 'Come in',  
Each coffee that you made me,  
Each email that you sent.

All things bright and beautiful,  
All members grown and small,  
All things wise and wonderful:  
I thank you for them all.

For all your inspiration,  
For all the times of joy,  
For every time you showed me:  
God working through us all.

All things bright and beautiful,  
All members grown and small,  
All things wise and wonderful:  
I thank you for them all.

***I will miss you all dreadfully.  
May God bless you with love,  
laughter and his light.***

***Jenny***



## The Life of a Stockport Boy

### Final part

The newly built Heaton Moor Methodist Church opened in late 1990, I remained treasurer for the next 20 years. I became a circuit steward which was challenging but rewarding. I have remained friends with many Ministers who have served the circuit and witnessed several of our circuit members enter the Ministry.



To top it all this year my daughter **Susan** will become a probationary Minister with the Methodist Church in September and **Reverend Lorraine Mellor**, who came to us on her probationary appointment at Edgeley, became President of the Methodist conference.

I am today still involved with finance work within the Synod of Manchester, the Stockport Methodist district and Stockport Methodist circuit. My period of involvement has seen 5 different district chairmen, many circuit superintendents and goodness knows how many Church ministers at Heaton Moor.

They and many lay people at Church, circuit and district have enriched my life beyond all measure and I am still proud to be friends with so many caring, generous and sharing people of **God**, not forgetting the people of Wythenshawe Oasis and Hulme who have helped and supported as a Church over the years. I would also like to mention our office staff, **Reverend Marjorie, Catherine, Janice, Karen** and now **Christine**. Finally, the incredible people of the charities we have supported, mentioning Methodist Homes and Methodist Relief and development (All we can).

None of this could have happened without the love and support of my wonderful wife **Barbara**, 59 years this year. **Barbara** took on raising our 6 marvellous, talented children covering my long absences from home due to my 7 day week work and so many hours of Church work. **Barbara's** story is so much more than mine but she remains too modest to even mention it. She left

Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	10:45	Morning Worship and Holy Communion with P Brewerton MHA Collection
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	9:30	Toddlers
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Coffee Morning
	15:00	Moor Than Tea and Cake
Thu 21 <sup>st</sup>	15:00	Messy Church
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:00	Moor than a breakfast
	10:30	Bouncing babies
	13:30	Dementia Friends
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:30	Saturday Coffee
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	10:45	Morning Worship with G Adams
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	9:30	Toddlers
Tue 26 <sup>th</sup>	14:00	Ladies Fellowship
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	9:30	<b>WoW</b>
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	9:00	Moor than a breakfast
	10:30	Bouncing babies
	13:30	Dementia Friends
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	10:30	Saturday Coffee—Action for Children
	19:00	Cantus Bravura

### Moor than...Tea and Cake

Third Wednesday of the Month

3pm to 4:30pm

Heaton Moor United Church on Stanley Road



Join us for an afternoon of chatting, singing, dancing and tea and cake!  
Come on your own or with a friend.

A warm welcome awaits you!

## Diary Dates

### June

Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	9:00	Moor than a breakfast
	10:30	Bouncing babies
	13:30	Dementia Friends
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10:30	Saturday Coffee
	18:30	Summer Social—Italian night
<b>Sun 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>10:45</b>	<b>All age Morning Worship with P Brewerton Baptism—Finley Simon Cross</b>
Tus 5 <sup>th</sup>	14:00	Ladies Fellowship
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	9:30	Moor Than...a good read
	10:00	Coffee Morning
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:00	Moor than a breakfast
	10:30	Bouncing babies
	13:30	Dementia Friends (Day Trip)
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Summer Fair
<b>Sun 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:30</b>	<b>Early Morning Worship and Holy Communion with P Brewerton</b>
	<b>10:45</b>	<b>Morning Worship with L Roberts</b>
	<b>19:00</b>	<b>Youth Group</b>
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	9:30	Toddlers
	19:30	Circuit Meeting
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Coffee Morning
Thu 14 <sup>th</sup>	14:00	Prayer Group (TBC)
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	9:00	Moor than a breakfast
	10:30	Bouncing babies
	13:30	Dementia Friends
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	10:30	Saturday Coffee

school at 15, marrying at 18, bringing up our children to be proud of and then educating herself through O and A levels, BA, MA to PHD, working at the same time. **Now that is some achievement Dr Barbara !!!!!**

In all this time we have been sustained by our Christian faith and belief and a **God** who answered our prayers every time they were needed , perhaps not in the way we wanted, and the help and support of so many Christian people and friends outside the Church but **God** also gives you the ability to tackle problems in your own strength.

**Barbara** and I were fortunate enough to have a good pension and to take an early retirement so to do the things in life we wanted to do with the family grown up. We have always loved travelling and have been round the world twice by air and sea. We have visited all the continents, sailed all the oceans and most seas.

We have travelled much of Europe by rail, sea, coach and air. As many of you are aware I have had a lifetime interest in railways, especially steam trains so we have travelled Great Britain visiting all public lines in operation and as many private steam railways as possible.

Other main interests we have are classical music, opera and operetta, ballet and theatre especially live. We visit Bridgwater Hall and the Manchester theatres and travel to different towns and cities.

Walking and bird watching complete our main activities with U3A having run heritage and walking groups and programs for Music group.

The lesson is, 'Never put off what you want to do. Do it all while you are fit and healthy' !

**By Jim Lowe**

The Mallard steam train



## 'Cantus Bravura'

Performing at **Heaton Moor United Church**

**Saturday 30th June 2018 at 7 pm**

'Cantus' is an award winning youth choir.

'Bravura' an award winning adult choir.

They form a single choir. Based in Sale, members come from far and wide. Their ages range from 8 to 80!

Their director, **Daphne Sumbler**, is a former Head of Music at Sale Grammar School and choir trainer for the Commonwealth Games in Manchester (2000), who now divides her time teaching privately, running choirs and choir workshops and is a choir director for the 'Choirs at Sea' programme on cruise ships.

Using the mantra 'If you can speak, you can sing' it is open to all ages, voices and abilities. New members are always welcome. There are no auditions and no music reading skills are necessary. Rehearsals are run as vocal workshops with an emphasis on having fun whilst developing individual ability working together as a group. Repertoire covers a wide range of musical styles and genres. Cantus' is made up of **Daphne's** students and provides a framework for developing ensemble and musicianship skills as an integral part of their musical training. Students have frequent opportunities to perform individually in small ensembles e.g. 'SILK' featuring students working at Grade 8 and diploma level.

Cantus' members can be found in the National Youth Choir, the Halle Youth and Children's Choirs. Several have gained choral scholarships at Oxford and Cambridge and continue to sing with us when their schedules allow. Some have performed professionally on stage and screen, many perform with amateur musical theatre and drama groups. A significant number have gone on to careers in music or performing arts.

**Admittance to the Heaton Moor United Church concert will be £5 for Adults and £1 for Children.**

## Heatons Communicare

If you need help getting to

- The health centre
- Hospital
- Podiatry
- Dentist
- Anticoagulant Clinic
- Or Visiting a friend



Ring 0161 474 4444

One week advance notice is suggested

New Volunteers are always welcome.

## Heatons Communicare

**Can you drive a car?**

**Can you spare about 1 hour a week?**

If so, you may be able to help to enable this valuable local voluntary work to continue.

We provide transport to hospitals, medical and social appointments for people in the Heatons community who struggle to use public transport.

Drivers are reimbursed their petrol money.

Maybe you can help or perhaps you know of a friend who could help?

It's not a regular weekly commitment – you drive when it is convenient for you.

Please speak to Betty Allport, Helen Race or Beryl Swann.

**Thank you**

## The Magazine Team

Garry Evans—Contributions Editor and contributor

Christine Hufton—Layout and Co-editor

Margaret Field—Assembly Manager

Beryl Swann —Distribution

**A big thank you** to all those who have contributed! The quality of the articles is fantastic and I hope you all enjoy reading this as we did putting it together. We could not do it without your input and support.

### Contributions to the next magazine

- Team updates (leadership, worship, fundraising, children and young people, circuit, etc.)
- Poems
- Stories
- Biographies
- Photography
- Drawings
- Humour
- Travel
- Announcements
- And anything else you can think of!

All entries should not exceed 500 words

**We will need dates for the calendar, notices, pastoral news, ads for charity coffee mornings, etc. by**

**24th August 2018**

See the back page for Garry's email. The office will also take submissions.



*You are invited to a*

# STRAWBERRY CREAM TEA

at

Heaton Moor United Church

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2.30 – 4.30pm

*in aid of*

Lebone Village, South Africa

*& funding the*

Church Handicraft Stall

£4.50 per person

**ALL WELCOME**



## Parkinson's Disease—A Personal Account

By Sue Doherty

In June 1997 I attended Manchester Royal Infirmary to see a consultant in the neurology department. When I came out an hour later, I felt that I was a different person. I had been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease.

When I thought of Parkinson's, I pictured old folk with very stooped posture, and hands with a massive tremor. I saw myself in a wheelchair, shaking and dribbling. Feeling that my life was over, I returned to hospital a couple of weeks later to meet the Parkinson's specialist nurse. She was positive and encouraging. For a couple of years I had already noticed I was slowing down and often felt tired.

Also, one leg dragged, and my voice was strange. My writing had become atrocious. There was a tremor in my left hand. I tried to ignore these symptoms, (a very silly thing to do), and only went to the GP when my work colleagues said they were worried about me. I found it very difficult telling my colleagues and friends what was wrong with me.

A few people tried to avoid me and I think they did not know what to say. I looked up PD on the computer and wished that I had not bothered, as one article said that I could expect to live for around 10 years. This is just not true, as many people with PD live far longer. It is very important to be referred to a consultant specialising in movement disorders, who will be up to date with the latest developments. The specialist Parkinson's nurses are an excellent source of information.

### Some facts and figures.

Parkinson's Disease is a progressive neurological disorder. It occurs when cells in the brain degenerate and stop producing Dopamine, a chemical which allows nerves to send messages. Sometime after this begins, muscles start to become rigid and lead to movement difficulties and tremors (not every person with PD has a tremor) and after a while, other symptoms, which can be divided into two categories:-

1. *Motor symptoms—tremor, poor balance, falls, shuffling, and general slowing down.*

receive Him/Her? Can we be aware of Him? Pentecost was the ushering in of a new Holy Spirit age, a new way for God to communicate with his creation. He didn't just dwell in a Temple or speak to one group of people. He was everywhere and loved everyone. The early church has a sense that Jesus was the hinge of all history and with His coming eternity had invaded time - God had come into the human arena. The disciples were enabled, they received power by the Spirit to bear witness to Jesus and His Resurrection, to be strong within themselves and to make them what God intended they should be. How is the Spirit received?

There are different views, but many believe it is through baptism, others feel it is through the impact of the Gospel and also in answer to prayer. It is always associated with community. In the N.T. the primary work of the Spirit is to create and sustain a common or corporate life.

Christians in the N.Y. do not pray for the coming of the Spirit, but gladly recall that He is the present and permanent source of their life. The universal activity of the Spirit is fundamental to the mission of the church. He/She works through the normal process of human reflection, through tolerance and respect for each other. God is at work in His world. As Christians we are empowered by the Spirit to be alert, sensitive and involved, responding positively to challenging circumstances and always eager to learn.



Pentecost What does it mean ?

by **Rev Anne Hunt**

What does this mean? This was the reaction of the people who gathered around the followers of Jesus when some unusual phenomena occurred. It was Pentecost, the most international of the Jewish festivals; and a holiday for everyone, even the slaves, and so Jews had travelled from all parts of the known world. They found something happening that they had never experienced before. They were hearing these Galileans, who had been with Jesus, speaking in a language that they could understand. The common languages used in Jerusalem at the time were Aramaic and Greek, but the suggestion in Luke's account is that the disciples were using some special language. We will never know exactly what happened that day but 'speaking in tongues' became associated with the giving of the Holy Spirit. This gift of tongues, glossolalia, was prized in the early church and still is today in some Christian churches.

However, it caused St. Paul some concern, because not everyone can understand what is being said and he felt that the young church unless it provided interpretation might be accused of being elitist and leaving out others who might want to know more about Christ. On the day of Pentecost, the listeners understood that the disciples were speaking about God's deeds of power. That was the important thing and today we need to find a language to speak to others about God's love for them.

'What does this mean?,' might be our response to Pentecost cost. Are we filled with the Holy Spirit? When and how do we



2. *Non-motor symptoms—fatigue, pain, voice difficulties, toe clawing, anxiety, depression, cognitive problems and more. One of the non-motor symptoms which I find hard to cope with is that my face can become mask like and devoid of any expression. This means that people can think I am grumpy or unfriendly when I don't return their smile. Even if I am feeling particularly jolly, it is often impossible to cheerfully return a greeting.*

Every day in the UK, 2 people per hour are diagnosed with PD. Most are over 50 years old, but a few are younger and have Early Onset Parkinson's.

There is no cure as yet for Parkinson's, but a large amount of research is being done. The symptoms can be helped by a wide range of drugs which make life a lot easier. I started to take medication a few weeks after diagnosis, and immediately noticed an improvement. Also I learned that PD is very individual, and that it progresses at different rates in different people. For the first few years, I was able to carry on as before and kept working as if nothing was wrong. It is only in the last few years it has had a major impact on my life, and of course that of my family. I drove until a few months ago, and giving up my car has been a difficult thing for me. However I do now walk more which is good!

It is important to have physiotherapy and speech therapy and to exercise as much as possible. I go horse riding each week, attend a chair based exercise class and enjoy reading and going out with friends. Most of all I love to spend time with my family who are wonderfully supportive. My husband helps a lot with the household chores as I get very tired, and is very encouraging. It is important to remember that life may change for the whole family when PD is diagnosed. Future plans may have to be altered, and my husband finds it very difficult when I am having a bad day or have a fall.

Parkinson's Disease is certainly an awkward and unpleasant condition, but is not the end of the world. There are still ways of enjoying life and appreciating God's creation. Also it is still possible to have a good giggle.

*I would like to say a very big thank you to everyone at Church who have been so supportive and kind to me. It means such a lot!*

**PARKINSON'S<sup>UK</sup>**  
**CHANGE ATTITUDES**  
**FIND A CURE.**  
**JOIN US.**

### **A Spring Evening Charity Concert**

dedicated to *Parkinson's disease* was held at Heaton Moor United Church on Saturday 14th April. Sue was present. So

was Husband, Bob Doherty, who as a member of the 'Voices in Achord' choir, performed in good voice with them. The 'Manchester Airport choir also performed.

The final song was a combined effort by both choirs. It was called 'Indodana', a traditional South African Zulu composition. What harmonies!. A delightful evening for a well deserving cause.

Just before 'Voices in Achord's final set however, Anne Marie, a choir member, spoke a few words. She told how she had been diagnosed with Parkinsons disease in 2015 at the age of 47. Anne Marie talked of the effects on not just her but her family and friends. She spoke admirably on her determined positivity to her situation which was emotionally received by the audience.

**Garry**

### **Charlotte's Easter Prayer**

Dear God,

Today is a time of celebration of new life new beginnings and to thank Jesus for giving his life for us. We also think about Christians who cannot celebrate Easter in their countries and those who have no- one to celebrate it with.

We pray for people in countries that are at war and for their leaders who are trying to make peace. We pray for people in our church family who are ill or have lost family members and who are unable to come to church today to celebrate Easter with us.

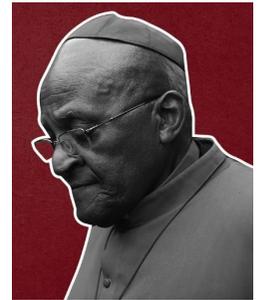
**Amen**

**My humility is bound up in yours**

**For we can only be human together**

*Desmond Tutu*

*Supplied by Valerie Evans*



### **Messianic Judaism**

In the 1960`s there was a female pop singer named **Helen Shapiro**. She was only about 14 or 15 years old when she made her successful record 'Walking back to happiness'. I am sure many older readers will remember her. As her name implies this young lady was born into the Jewish faith. She became very successful in the world of 'pop' at that time and on one of her tours her supporting group was 'The Beatles'! I remember reading that in later life **Helen Shapiro** became a Messianic Jew. A Messianic Jew accepts **Jesus** as the Messiah (a bit like the disciples really—I suppose they were the first Messianic Jews).

Messianic Judaism combines Christianity , the Christian belief that **Jesus** is the Messiah and son of God, with elements of Judaism and Jewish tradition. They accept that the Old Testament and New Testament are authoritative scriptures and that salvation in Messianic Judaism is achieved only through acceptance of **Jesus** as saviour. There are believed to be currently 15,000 Messianic Jews in Israel and worldwide total some 350,000.

article discovered in a magazine by **Betty Allport**

## What are Senior Citizens worth ?



Remember , old folks are worth a fortune with silver in their hair, gold in their teeth, stones in their kidneys, lead in their feet and gas in their stomachs.

I have become a little older since I saw you last, and a few changes have come into my life. Frankly I have become a frivolous old girl. I am seeing five gentlemen every day. As soon as I wake up **Will Power** helps me out of bed. Then I go to see **Lou** .Next it`s time for **Uncle Toby** to come along, followed by **Billy T**.

They leave and **Arthuriitis** shows up and stays the rest of the day. He doesn't like to stay in one place very long, so he takes me from joint to joint. After such a busy day I am really tired and glad to get bed with **Johnny Walker** and 'Oh Yes', I am also flirting with **Al zhiemer** .

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P. S. The Minister called the other day. He said that at my age I should be thinking about the here-after. I told him, 'Oh, I do, all the time!' 'No matter where I am, if am in the kitchen or the basement', I ask myself , 'Now what am I here after' !

The above was either provided anonymously or not named in error. If you wish to let the editor know who you are I can congratulate you on a very entertaining article !



You may have read an article on page 14 in the Spring issue of the magazine called 'Wine-A Mayonnaise jar-and the Meaning of life' .

The article stated the author was **Margaret Field**. The author was in fact **Marilyn Miller**.

*My apologies to both Ladies.*

## Spirit (1969)

A Poem by Joan Ebbrell

Her body was old and twisted  
but her soul shone out from her eyes  
for she still had the joy of living  
and the few words she spoke were wise

And these were the words that she uttered

In her wise and wonderful way  
live each day to the full dear  
In a happy and joyful way

For life is a fleeting moment  
a gossamer touch and then  
It fades like a golden rainbow  
with a deep drawn sigh, is gone!

## Morning Prayer in the Patio Room

**Every Sunday at 10.15 am**

There will be a 15 minute period of prayer on Sunday Morning. We will pray for the person (s) leading worship and all others involved in the activities of the day. We will also remember those unable to be with us. This prayer time is in addition to the Thursday prayer meeting. -Anne Hunt



## Joan Wilcox

## Obituary

Joan was a 'Character', staunchly independent, brave, a friendly 'people person' and a very proud grandma.

Growing up in Stockport, Joan attended Belmont Council school, the same one as her future husband, Ron.

However, they were destined not to meet for a number of years, consigned to different entrances and even different playgrounds.

Joan joined the Girls Brigade, playing in the band as a trumpet player.

She eventually met Ron during the war at the local munitions factory, Crossleys, in Reddish and married in 1945. After a few years they bought what became their family home in Ashburn Rd - when Michael, then Jane, came along to complete their family.

Joan worked as a dinner lady - a job perfectly suited to her love of people, especially babies and children.

Sadly, tragedy struck their family when Michael was killed on his honeymoon, something that obviously had a profound effect on them all and from which Joan never really recovered.

However any sadness Joan experienced was bravely countered by her grandchildren Rachel and Sarah who loved staying with their grandma who spoilt them and with whom they had much fun.

Joan herself enjoyed having fun of all sorts, belonging to a number of social and lunch clubs and never usually missed socials at Church.

Wherever there were people, Joan was usually found, introducing herself to strangers and chattering to friends.

We thank God for her friendship and the way she touched so many lives in our Church and on "The Moor."

She will be sadly missed by us, but especially by Jane, Rachel and Sarah. We send them our love.

## Dingbats

GOOD ALL TIME

NA FISH

NA FISH

ACRIML

Can you work out the above dingbats ?

ALL IN GOOD TIME, TUNA FISH, CRIMINAL

From a book called

'Silly Signs'

*Notice in a Canteen*

**'Shoes are required to eat in the Canteen'**

From a book called

'Christian Crackers'

A boy on the way home from school decided to call in the Church and have a look around. When he arrived home he told his Grandmother he had been in God's house. 'Oh! Said Grandma; and did you see God?' 'No' replied the little boy, 'But I saw his wife scrubbing the floor.'

## Children`s

# Summer Word Search



BEACH  
CAMP  
FUN  
HOT

SUMMER  
SUN  
SWIM  
WATER



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## A Back to Basics Tour of the Bible (Around the bible in eight sessions)

Please join me, Rev Paul Brewerton, on this exciting tour! Everyone is welcome to this series of studies. No previous knowledge is necessary. I hope it will produce something interesting including questions and some absorbing discussions.

The group meets on the following **Sundays at 5pm in the Coffee Lounge**

17th June: In the Beginning  
24th June: Psalms are Special  
1st July: Words of Wisdom  
8th July: Words of Prophecy  
15th July: Letters to the Early Church  
22nd July: Mark  
29th July: Matthew & Luke  
5th August: The 4<sup>th</sup> Gospel

You can contact  
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[revbrewerton@gmail.com](mailto:revbrewerton@gmail.com)



**Audrey Marler**      20/8/1924 - 09/02/2018      **Obituary**

**Audrey** was born in Manchester. The family moved to Withington and shortly after to Cheadle Hulme. She was awarded a scholarship to Macclesfield High School and later attended Business College at Cheadle Hulme which equipped her well for her first job as an Office accountant in Gatley, the only drawback being that her salary was £1 a week.

As the family had 3 cocker spaniels this experience fitted her well for her next job at kennels in Chelford.

At the age of 23 she started work with British Engine Insurance ( later to become Royal Insurance Company) and stayed until retirement in 1982---stalwart service which was much appreciated by the company. By this time the family were living in Heaton Moor and after her father's death, **Audrey** and her mother moved to a bungalow on Wellington Road. A big sadness in **Audrey's** life was the premature death of her much loved brother from cancer.

Unfortunately in 1980 **Audrey** was knocked down on a zebra crossing outside her home and sustained major leg injuries leading to an absence from work of seven months.

**Audrey** had a great love of the countryside and a lambretta scooter enabled her to get around in her early driving years .After passing her driving test first time , she soon progressed to a Morris Minor and driving remained her great pleasure until she was 80, even after 2 knee replacements and an ankle operation.

Following her accident **Audrey** and her mother moved to a flat in Beaminster Court where **Audrey** cared for her mother, who had severe rheumatoid arthritis, and continued with her work with Royal Insurance—a big undertaking.

**Audrey's** love of the great outdoors probably began with family camping holidays and later progressed to walking holidays with CHA

The Duke said 'B\*\*\*\*\*' and then said 'Oh B\*\*\*\*\* it', the Duke yelled 'B\*\*\*\*\*' and went brick red. 'Nobody' he barked 'could call me difficult, but frankly, put it this way, I'd be better off dead.'

The Queen snapped 'Phillip' and carpeted the Chancellor. The Chancellor said 'Now now, careful how you tread. We in New Labour are hardly Pro Monarchy, push your luck, you'll end up in a Council house instead.'

The Queen said 'Cobblers' and called up her bankers. The Manager said 'Money Ma'am?, you're hardly in the red.' 'Good' said the Queen as she tripped on a corgi. 'Great' said the Duke as he kissed his wife tenderly, 'Stuff em' they said as they drove down to Windsor. 'When one's as rich as we are, One's one's own way ahead.'

With acknowledgements to Amazon, Christopher Matthew, Hodder & Stoughton.

*Apologies to Alan Shore for omitting this circa 1999 poem from the article in the Spring magazine.*



**MOOR  
THAN....  
A GOOD READ**



**At Heaton Moor United Church**

**Upper Coffee Lounge**

**On First Wednesday in the month**

**9.30 am- 10.30am**

**Contact: Paul Brewerton Tel.0161 376 2533**

**Email: [revbrewerton@gmail.com](mailto:revbrewerton@gmail.com)**

The spring issue of the magazine included 'Alan Shore's Book Choice' on page 32. It was called 'Now we are sixty' by **Christopher Matthew**. The book is a collection of poems using the same rhyming of the original verses from **A A Milnes's** 'Now we are six' and 'When we were very young'.

Those who still have access to the Spring magazine issue will see that the article quoted,: 'Some of the original themes are instantly recognizable, for instance 'The Queen's pickle', which is based on 'The King's Breakfast', circa 1924.'

*This poem was then illustrated. However, I omitted to include the modern version circa 1999 poem that followed.*

Here it is :

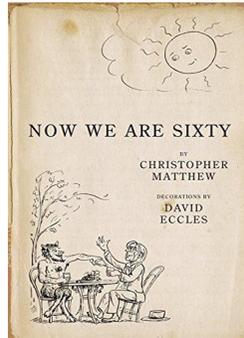
The Duke asked the Queen, and The Queen asked the Chancellor:  
'Could one have some extra for the Royal Board and Bed?' The Queen rang the Chancellor, the Chancellor said 'Prudence Ma'am, I'll go and ask the Think Tank before they all see red'

The Chancellor thought 'Sod it' and rang the boys at Demos 'Any chance of extra for the Royal Board and Bed?' The Demos boys said 'Joking, you can go and tell her Majesty the thinking now is favouring a President instead.'

The Chancellor said 'Thrifty' and went to her Majesty, he winked with his good eye and said 'I'm not well bred, pardon me not bowing, but the *on dit* in the country is that private life is pleasant, if it's comfortably led'.

pleasant , if it is comfortably led'.

The Queen said 'Eeeow' and went to see Edinburgh, 'You mentioned some extra for the Royal Board and Bed. According to young Gordon, Retiring is an option, Would one care to try some retirement instead?'



and Holiday Fellowship. She particularly loved Scotland and recalled a memorable climb up Ben Nevis only to be rewarded by snow and mist! She was a keen member of the National Trust and the RSPB, at one time being secretary of the Stockport branch. Her interest in birds led to many holidays in all parts of the world.

In her later years **Audrey's** activities were increasingly limited which she found most frustrating although she maintained some level of independence with taxi trips to the Halifax and M&S in Stockport. She was a regular attender at church until poor health took its toll last year and she was extremely grateful for the transport she received to the services. In earlier years **Audrey** herself had offered this help to other people.

Failing health led to a move to Priestnall Care Home last Autumn. She was settling in nicely until a further admission to hospital and continuing deterioration in health led to her death on 9<sup>th</sup> February.



We thank God for her life.

Prepared by **Noreen Baillie**



## Website News!



We are about to get a new website! It will be clear, attractive and have loads of information. People tend to look at a website before entering a new church so we hope this new site will attract more friends!

The new website would not have been possible without the support of Anne Hunt.

**It is our great pleasure to announce that the website will be dedicated to her late husband, Philip Hunt.**

## Spring at Heaton Moor United Church

by Garry Evans



As most will know, during Holy week, volunteers from our Church handed out an amazing 312 bags of free coffee and hot cross buns on Heaton Moor road in the shopping area. The team of volunteers was led by Linda Fleming. They met at the Plough public house at 7 am on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the week. The coffee was handed out to commuters on their way to Heaton Chapel railway station.

I spoke to one of the volunteers, Peter Aspinall, who said, 'The Plough pub deserve great credit for allowing us access so early and the use of their facilities to brew the coffee and toast the hot cross buns. 'The weather could have been kinder but there was a sense of achievement'. 'When offering out the free coffee, some people welcomed it and chatted openly in thanks'. 'Some people continued past perhaps in a hurry to catch their train but some people did look a bit wary '!

*If only a few of the commuters who appreciated the coffee offering and indeed, if only a few of those who continued past, thought to wonder Why?, and even possibly had their minds turned towards Holy week and the Easter message, then, the marvellous efforts of the volunteer team will have been worthwhile.*

Rev Paul Brewerton took the Sunday service on 15th April. The sermon was based on how faith may stumble at times. The new testament reading was from Mark, Chapter 9. Verse 50 read, 'Salt is good; but if the salt has lost its saltiness, How will you season it?

Rev Paul told us about his memory of a couple, new to a Church who having sat down for the service, were approached by a congregation member who advised the couple that they were in his seat! *I know we shouldn't judge, but maybe that congregation member perhaps Needed his salt seasoning?* After the Service, I was in conversation with Alan Shore about this topic. He said he had a cartoon which may fit the

## AMAZING GRACE written by JOHN NEWTON 1725—1807



How well we know this hymn. While on holiday in the Caribbean earlier this year and visiting the island of St. Kitts, I was able to learn more about the writer on a visit to the Amazing Grace Chapel there.

About how, having been closely involved in slave trading after serving on a slave ship under an abusive master, John Newton subsequently went on to become an Anglican minister in 1764 in Olney (NW of London).

During his life he had never forgotten that "great turning day" in 1748 when, as an obstreperous, rebellious young man, he had heard himself crying out during a violent storm at sea "the Lord have mercy on us." It was on that day he discovered "How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed." This experience began his conversion to evangelical Christianity. He subsequently wrote the hymn for a sermon on January 1<sup>st</sup> 1773.

Working in the slave trade, in 1754, after a serious illness he gave up seafaring altogether and in 1757 he applied for the Anglican priesthood.

In 1788 he published a pamphlet "Thoughts about the African Slave Trade"---beginning with an apology for his part in it over 30 years before. This 1<sup>st</sup> edition sold out and the 2nd edition was sent to every MP. Newton also testified before the Privy Council and at parliamentary hearings on slavery. Parliament voted to abolish slavery just 9 months before **John Newton's** death in 1807.

But back to my visit to St Kitts. Why was the Amazing Grace Experience there?

During his slave trading days **John Newton** regularly transported slaves to the Caribbean and while in St Kitts he befriended a man who helped him deepen his understanding and focus of his faith which set him on his path into the ministry.



So there you have it---well worth a visit.  
**Noreen Baillie**



## Bees Elephants and Farmers

An article found by

**Carol Jackson**

Being a farmer is hard work — but being a farmer in places like Kenya, Botswana, and Sri Lanka has a unique challenge that other areas of the world don't: elephants!

Wild elephants, whose natural behaviour is to roam, have been known to march right through fields, damaging and destroying crops.

Sadly, like too many animals, elephants face many dangers at the hands of humans. It's a shame, because these creatures are intelligent, sensitive, and have complex emotional and social connections, forming strong bonds with one another, and with different animals, too.

In areas where elephants are free-roaming, humans must learn to coexist with them. Elephants usually raid fields at night, and to ward them off, people have fired guns, thrown rocks, and launched firecrackers to scare them off. Just like with humans, an injury or death in an elephant's family unit puts major emotional stress on the herd.

There seemed to be no simple solution, until zoologist **Dr. Lucy King** noticed something: Elephants really don't like bees, and will avoid them at all costs.

If they hear buzzing, they'll leave an area immediately, signalling to others that bees are about.

This is because the bees' stings are especially painful to the elephants' trunks, and to avoid this pain, the elephants prefer to just stay away. And thus, bee fences were born.

"Beefencing," as it's known, is the use of hanging rows of beehives, each connected by a length of wire.

When a nosy elephant approaches, it will knock into the wire, setting the hives swinging and disturbing the bees.

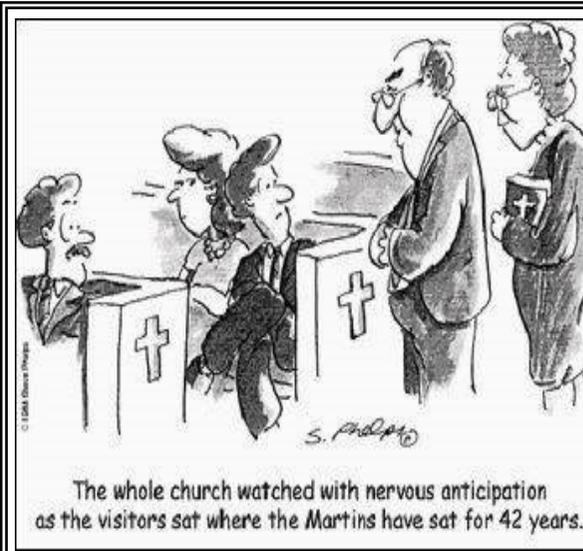
When the elephants hear that buzzing, they'll turn around and leave. The crops are safe, the humans are safe, and the elephants are safe. The bees are safe, too.

The project has also attracted the attention of some big names, who are chipping in to create more beefences.

The bees also help pollinate fields and maintain the biodiversity needed to support an ecosystem, so the farmers get a helping hand, too.

As an added bonus, the farmers get to keep the honey and beeswax produced by their hives, which they can use or sell.

This "elephant-friendly honey" is available in local shops near the areas where the farmers live and work.



scenario. *See it above!*

Rev Ian Coverdale's Service on Sunday 29th April told us about 'Thy Kingdom Come',

'Thy Kingdom Come' is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ.'

'What started out as an invitation from the Archbishops' of Canterbury and York in 2016 to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer.'



The hope is that:

- people will commit to pray with God's world-wide family - as a church, individually or as a family;
- churches will hold prayer events, such as 24-7 prayer, prayer stations and prayer walks, across the UK and in other parts of the world;
- People will be empowered through prayer by the holy spirit, finding new confidence to be witnesses of Jesus Christ.

It is worth going online to the 'Thy Kingdom Come' website to view what's happening between 10th and 20th May.

Archbishop Justin Welby says '*I cannot remember in my life, anything that I have been involved in where I have sensed so clearly the work of the spirit*'.

## Don Smith Obituary

Born 22nd March 1929 Died 31st January 2018

**Don's** early schooling was at **St Thomas's** school in Heaton Chapel. At 14 he started work at Fairey Aviation and apart from doing National Service, he stayed with them for the rest of his working life, although his job changed as the company moved on from aviation to nuclear power.

**Don's** parents were members of Heaton Moor congregational Church. **Don** remained in contact with friends from there as they moved to join the Presbyterians and the U.R.C and eventually became part of Heaton Moor United Church.

**Don** was always interested in classical music and later, with wife **Pat**, was a long serving member of Stockport Music and Gramophone Club.

Although they hadn't been able to get to Church regularly in the last few years, **Don** and **Pat** were always interested in what was happening and they were very hospitable. **Don** was a quiet person and after **Pat's** death 3 years ago, I continued to visit and came to know him more. I visited him just 5 days before his death. He had fallen at home and had spent a few days in hospital due to cracked ribs. When I saw him, his son, David and daughter, Catherine, were with him. We had a lovely conversation and Don was in good spirits, joking about his accident. He went home With Catherine the next day to Chesterfield. Almost immediately after that, he became unwell and was taken to hospital, where he died 2 days later.



Provided by **Anne Hunt** (with help from **Judy Harrop**)



cannot commit to regular activities and may be exhausted. But, sometimes I want to pick up the phone for a chat, or invite someone round for a brew – but I never do.

Then I ask myself 'why not? Church friends will accept me even if I have to ask them to make their own brew and won't be shocked if I'm in my Pyjamas and dressing gown because my skin is sore?'

There are places I'd like to visit, like Broadstone Mill but not alone. I can no longer go out alone unless it is locally to places I know – so if you see me whizzing along on my blue scooter do say hello!

Can you knit as I'd love to learn? We have a piano, I can't play but I'd love to try. Fancy seeing a film at the Savoy? I have a card so get two tickets for the price of one.

Let me offer assistance, there may lots of things I might do for you, I'm a good listener and I make good bread, cakes and soup.

**Hoping to hear from you** Warmest wishes **Jan Southworth**

[jan.southworth@ntlworld.com](mailto:jan.southworth@ntlworld.com).

(Mrs Mortimer)

Heatons  
Arts Trail



On Sunday 8th July we will be sharing our after church coffee with the Heaton Arts Trail. The church has supported this great community event for many years! More information will follow in the notice sheets.

**Do any of you ever feel lonely ?**

A friendly message from **Jan Southworth**

# Friends

There are lots of Charities seeking to help 'fight' loneliness. That makes me imagine 'loneliness' in one corner and a boxer in the other!

Whilst their intentions are good, loneliness doesn't, in my humble opinion, need money, it needs action.

Disappointingly, when I contacted one charity, I was told I could merely telephone my 'allocated person' !

How might we stop caution stopping companionship? Of course, we must protect people.

It is a source of great mirth amongst my family and friends that I am classed as a 'Vulnerable Adult' ( if you know me you will understand).

Bear with me whilst I digress a little to make my point and, hopefully, amuse you:

I will confess , I have been in prison as has my husband ! (we worked with young and adult offenders).

I've been involved in alcohol and drug abuse – that's how I met my husband ( we were Guidance Workers).

Having worked in the Sex Industry myself, I must admit bias.

My admiration for young women who had been put 'on the game' by their parents (not a career choice we envisaged for our daughter) was immense. I have amusing and inspirational anecdotes to share but maybe another time – (let's see how my first contribution is received). Underneath I'm shy.

How many times have I seen Church friends out and about and had a brief chat when I was longing to ask, 'Do you have time for a brew ?'

How often have I seen some one at Church and thought 'I'd like to get to know you?' My illness is unpredictable so I cannot always go out. I

Heaton Moor United Church  
9th June 2018 10am to 1pm

# Summer Fair

Kiddie Crafts

Tombola

Face Painting

Music

**Free Admission!**  
**All Proceeds go to**  
**charity!**

Games and  
Stalls

Bakery  
Stall

**Come and join us!**

Craft  
Stall

Barbecue &  
Teas and cakes

Plants

Bouncy Castle

## Thank you for the Music

By *The Three Maestro`s*

**Pauline Chatham, David Smith, Phillip Wilkinson**

In the second of three individual editions **David** gives us  
**'An Organist Tale'**



In 1948, I was sent to **Mrs Smith`s** music academy (no relation). This was 70 years ago. I took my sister`s place. She stopped playing the piano, met a boy from St Annes, and got married aged 20.

'Was I to follow in her footsteps'? I found piano lessons boring, didn't enjoy practising and found any excuse not to do it ! **Mrs Smith** asked every Monday evening, 'Have you practised'?

However, against all odds I made some progress. As a family, the three of us went to Hall Road Methodist Church in Leeds. We attended Sunday service at 10.30 then Sunday school at 2pm and evening service at 6.30pm. We would sit in front of the organ in the choir stalls. The organ was a two manual mechanical operation. This meant when you pressed a key you operated a rod which allowed air to the pipe and created the sound. So when you connected the foot keys and the two manuals together, all the keys your fingers were playing went up and down aswell. That was the start of my fascination for the organ. The organist in the end said I could have a play and said he would show me what to do. I regret, however, to this day, not learning as I should have when taught piano by **Mrs Smith**.

A year later at the Sunday school anniversary came my first solo performance. I played '*To a wild Rose*', a tune **Pauline** and I still play today . At the age of 15 I was deputy organist and guess what !, I was paid every time I played !

In the meantime I was having organ lessons at another Church with a three manual organ. This one was operated by air similar to the one in our previous Church in Heaton Moor. I became deputy there also. At age 16 I played my first wedding for my cousin. I was more nervous than the bride ! I was very fortunate though, as I could practise any time I wanted. It was wonderful.

**J M A** was created so that children would not be excluded from supporting and learning about the mission of the Church.

**The JMA Promise is to:**

*Learn, pray and serve with the world-wide Church of Jesus Christ.*

At a recent fund raising meeting within our Heaton Moor United Church a suggestion was made to assess if any one would be interested in entering into a standing order donation (for example £2 a month or £10 a year) to go to this good cause. Anyone interested please contact **Gwyneth** (email [a.masondenby@outlook.com](mailto:a.masondenby@outlook.com))

Or if you wanted to make a one off donation to JMA, the Methodist Church website states cheques can be made payable to

**The World Mission Fund** to J M A Methodist Church House, 25  
Marylebone Road, London, NW1 5JR



**Heaton Moor United Church**

**Leprosy Fund raising**



**2017**

**£ 254 Leprosy Sunday Collection**

**£ 370 Leprosy Coffee Morning**

**£ 624 Total + gift aid 2018 (so far)**

**£ 413 Leprosy Sunday Collection**

Provided by **Betty Allport**



by Gwyneth Mason

At present we have twelve collectors.

The money that we raise is used by the world mission fund, supporting work in the Methodist Church and Partner Churches in other parts of the world and for home missions.

Four fifths of the money raised goes to

help projects overseas and one fifth goes to home missions.

In 2017 we helped fund projects in Sierra Leone, Pakistan, Argentina, East Africa and Antigua to name but a few. It has helped Ankaase Hospital in the Ashanti region of Ghana. The hospital was built over 30 years ago and was looking a bit old and dull. JMA funds will be used to decorate the children's ward colour fully and to buy toys and games for the children. After Hurricane Matthew hit Haiti in October it left total devastation and £50,00 was given to support the relief effort. Sadly they were hit again in October 2017.

At home we are funding 23 projects in total. One of which is the Amelia Trust Farm in Wales. The farm helps young people who find it hard at school. Many of the children have autism and ADHD or may have had something sad happen to them. These are just a few examples where JMA is helping people.

The JMA year runs from the 1<sup>st</sup> August to the 31<sup>st</sup> July. In 2017 Heaton Moor United Church raised a total of £167.34p and the total raised by all the churches in the Stockport Circuit was £2400.00p. Each year we have a JMA service which incorporates the presentation of awards and certificates. All the collectors that collect for JMA have bright yellow tubs or boxes.

***We are always looking for new collectors so if any one would like to start collecting for this very worthwhile cause please see myself***

***(Gwyneth)***

***Thank you***

My life changed in 1958. I was sent to work in Chapelhall, a small village near Airdrie in Scotland. I joined the Church in the village which was a Church of Scotland denomination. It was the first time I had communion in the pews. A new and young Minister and his wife had recently been appointed to the Church. He attended his second service without wearing a hat. This apparently was unheard of and caused quite a without wearing a hat. This created quite a commotion. Consequently, the next two or three Sunday sermons were based on the need or not the need to wear a hat! By the time I had left in 1961 hardly any lady wore a hat !

However, I digress and yes, you have guessed it, before long I was playing the organ and piano for Sunday school and at a few weddings and funerals.

In 1962 I moved to Newcastle upon Tyne where I met **Audrey**. In March 1963 we were married but the week after, my best man was also married in the old Church in Leeds and I played the organ! This was the first time I had played since leaving Scotland.

**Audrey** and I moved to Leyland, where we had our children and in August 1969 moved to Stockport and joined Heaton Moor Methodist Church. I was enrolled into the choir by **Gladys Holt**. I am not sure if I mentioned I could play the organ. In 1973 **Dr Higginbottam**, the organist, retired and **Miss Holt** had moved to Rhos on Sea.

**Leslie Wyatt** phoned me and asked could I possibly play the organ at the Church service on Sunday? I must have mentioned I could play to someone ! If you have done your maths, it was 10 years since I had played the organ ! I agreed as long as I could choose the hymns !

***The rest is history !***

*I have had tremendous joy in playing, especially with **Pauline**.*

*'With the piano at full blast and the organ on full throttle and the congregation singing a great hymn of praise, it has sent many a shiver up my spine.'*

Thank you to **Leslie Wyatt !**

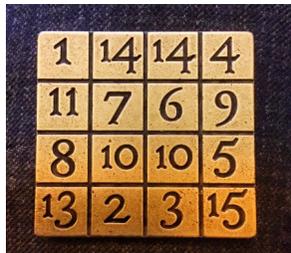
**David**

## The 33 Borad

Sculptor Josep Subirachs created the **33 Board** whilst working at the **Salgrada Familia** in Barcelona. He placed it within his 'Passion' section on a facade of the building, next to his work showing the 'betrayal', portraying 'The kiss of Judas' (see photograph bottom left).

The **33 board** represents the age **Jesus** lived to..

Across, down and diagonally each of the 4 squares adds up to the number **33** (see middle below). The idea originated from a 'Magic Square' created by a man named Durer . By a similar method his numbers added up to 34 (see below right) but all 16 numbers used were 1-16 whereas the **33 board** has a duplication of numbers 10 and 14, hence not quite as 'Magical'?



## Perpetual Harvest

*Just a reminder that the plastic container is as always underneath the desk in our Church foyer for placing items such as*

***Canned or sustainable Foods, New Kitchen and Bathroom items. Anything you may consider useful as a charitable item.***

## Chapter and verse

### John 20:1-18



### Rosalind Selby on Mary's Moment of Revelation

Many who read or listened to **John 20** at Easter will have suffered a bereavement. Some of those bereavements may have been faith-challenging, tragic losses. A young person, a horrific accident, a violent death, a suicide – all have the capacity to shake us to the marrow and to challenge our faith.

Different people suffered loss on that Friday. Mary lost her oldest son. No parent should have to face the death of their child but, more than that, this was a public, humiliating and violent murder. We don't know if Jesus' brothers or sisters were there, but they lost a sibling. Peter lost a friend but also a friend he'd betrayed so that their relationship hadn't ended well. Not having been able to make peace before someone dies can leave a sense of guilt which stands in the way of healing the wounds of loss.

What of the other disciples? Are they numb with shock? How could this young, vibrant, healthy, passionate man have gone! These experiences and questions are real, and have the capacity to resonate with us today. So, let's not forget them, because in the healing of the disciples we might also glimpse the beginnings of our healing. ...

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## Action for Children 2017

Heaton Moor United Church  
raised **£1387.50p**

This included **£272.91** raised during a store collection at Tesco's  
Burnage and £186.10 from selling Christmas cards

Provided by Deborah Symmons



## Summer Social

Italian evening



Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June



6.30 pm

3 Course Meal



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**Or see Garry.**



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## Action for Children 2018



Action for Children works by acting early to stop children being neglected or abused; by supporting parents and keeping families together; by finding loving fostering and adoptive homes; and by making life better for children with disabilities.

Here's an excerpt from a Family Support Practitioner's diary:

*Attended a meeting about a family who are on a Child Protection plan for emotional abuse after witnessing domestic violence. Mum is clearly struggling with her own mental health whilst also trying to meet the needs of her children on her own. With her youngest child aged three, her eldest aged 14 and several siblings in between, every day is a struggle. We come up with a plan to see a couple of the children in school weekly, so they can begin to work on their own feelings. We're also helping mum to go to groups so she can start to socialise. She hasn't been allowed to have any friends for over 15 years so she is very frightened.*

**Would you consider having a lantern collecting box? You could donate those pennies that you find down the back of the sofa or the bottom of your handbag; your excess coins when your purse/pocket gets too heavy; or perhaps give a small donation whenever you feel grateful for something in your life.**

*Thank you for all your support.*

*Deborah, Stephanie and Sue (Ireson)*



**Annual**

**Action for Children**

**Coffee Morning**

**Saturday 30th June 2018**

***Heaton Moor United Church***

There will be a cake stall, raffle, and pound stall.

Do come along – and invite your friends.

Please 'have a bake' (you know you enjoy it!) and donate some cakes or biscuits to the stall.