



Heaton Moor United Church

The United Reformed Church and The Methodist Church
working together in partnership



Church Services

Sunday 1st November 10.45 Heaton Moor United Church

Deborah Symmons & Sharon Heginbotham

Duty 1 : Bob D Duty 2: Carol J

Zoom Services and Meetings

Sunday 1st November Super Sunday 10:00am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82325301963?pwd=MXkwcElGa3pXRnJZZ3Z4MjdJZzhHQT09>

Meeting ID: 823 2530 1963 Passcode: 5UuNKL (phone users 415237)

Sunday 1st November Circuit Service 3.00pm service

The zoom log is

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87212246881?pwd=VXpyMzRYV21UZ1ZoYlkc2R4dmV1QT09>

Meeting ID: 872 1224 6881 Passcode: 974333

Wednesday 3rd November Coffee and Prayer 11.00am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/95327541668?pwd=ekU2QWgzZjVKWTBFTjZsb0tERVQrdz09>

Meeting ID: 953 2754 1668 Passcode: 794265

Joining by telephone

Step 1)

Dial any of the following numbers. If one doesn't work try another and another until you are able to connect:

0330 088 5830

0131 460 1196

0203 481 5237

0203 481 5240

0208 080 6591

0208 080 6592

Step 2)

Follow the prompts you hear on the phone.

You may be prompted to enter 3 different things:

1 -- Meeting ID followed by hash #

2 -- Password followed by hash #

3 -- Participants ID -- You will not have one of these, don't worry, all

you need to do is enter "Hash" #

You should then be entered into the service.

Dear Friends of Heaton Moor United Church

So it would seem I have received another “temporary” promotion – in Raj’s absences he has asked me to write the Pastoral Letter.

I too have managed a few days off this week and spent some much needed down time with my little ones – that said I am glad to be in work today for the break!

We held our first Topsy Turvy Coffee Evening on Wednesday and it was great to meet with some Church members socially. As is the norm these days our conversation turned to COVID and the impact it is having on our Church life and as individuals. It can be hard to remain positive especially when we think about all the restrictions in place, harder to still to support people whilst we ourselves are struggling. However let us take comfort from Jeremiah 29:11 *“for I know the plans I have for you” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you , plans to give you hope and a future.”*

Therefore, whilst I know it is hard, let us try to focus on some positives:

We **CAN** come together and Worship, all be it slightly differently than we are accustomed to, and I thank Deborah and Sharon for leading the upcoming service on The Beatitudes.

We **CAN** meet with friends and family, in a group of 6 and socially distanced, but a great opportunity to wrap up warm and have an Autumn walk.

We **CAN** take the time we never had to do things just for us, catch up with your reading, watch those DVD’s you’ve had in a pile or tackle the DIY project you’ve been putting off.

We **CAN** still be a presence in the community; share our Faith, offer help or fun activities!

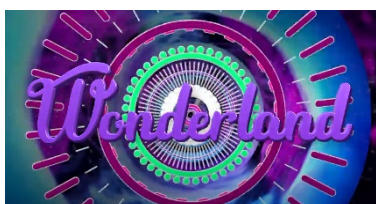
In closing let me share three positive images that have helped me this week;



This is my little man helping me carve out the pumpkins for the Window Of Light display at Church. We had a lot of fun and he always makes me giggle!



This image is from the Leaves of the Trees art installation at Sheffield Cathedral, a symbol of remembrance in these days when so many have been affected by COVID. A reminder to have HOPE.



Finally this Wonderland song is one that we are playing a lot in my house at the moment, it makes us all get up and dance about!

<https://youtu.be/vQ441J10kZc>

I wish you all a wonderful week and as always if I can be of any help please do not hesitate to contact me.

JoAnne

community@heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk

07340 269 354

SUPER SUNDAY – PEACE

So it's another Super Sunday this week, 1st Nov, at 10am, for half an hour. It will be on zoom again, because of yet another bad week of weather - and the zoom link is below. The theme will be 'Peace' - particularly thinking about what we would need in a 'peace factory', where we want to 'make more peace for the world' (in preparation for Remembrance Sunday the following week, which I'm leading at the church.)

So the challenge is to imagine what sorts of machines we might have in a peace factory ... like a 'kindness machine' ... or other examples you may think of. What else do we need to help 'make peace'? Using bits of cardboard, toilet rolls, plastic bottles, other bits of junk, or maybe Lego, can you start to make some different 'machines' for our 'peace factory'? (Moving parts not required! It's obviously 'symbolic' machinery!) Bring your ideas, your creations, or your half-creations, and we'll take photos of the screen to show our 'peace factory' in church the following week.

Further ahead, the next Super Sunday will be 6th Dec, preparing for Christmas - and then on 20th Dec, I'm leading the service at church, and we're starting to think how we can make it a nativity 'with a difference' - either with some of us in the building, and some of us 'zooming in' from our homes, or some way of enabling there to be a children's presence, and telling the story of the nativity but in the midst of the world as we know it right now. As the ideas unfold, we'll let you know what we're hoping to make possible...

Thanks everyone for your support

Hopefully see at least some of you this week - Zoom link on the front of the newsletter

All good wishes,

Graham, Sheryl and Bethan



Greater Manchester remains in the very high category alert level, attached with the notices is the government poster displaying information about the restrictions. As far as attending worship at Church the current guidelines remain the same for both Tier 2 and Tier 3 however good practice should still be maintained with regards mask wearing, hand sanitising and social distancing on entry to church, during the service and upon exit from church.

FAMILY LIGHT TRAIL 14th November 2-4pm

Over the weekend we are using our windows to advertise our Family Light Trail if you live in the area around the Church and wish to put a "light" in your window as part of the trail please speak with JoAnne

If you would like to take part in the light trail please register via eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/126991219155>

The Manchester Shoebox

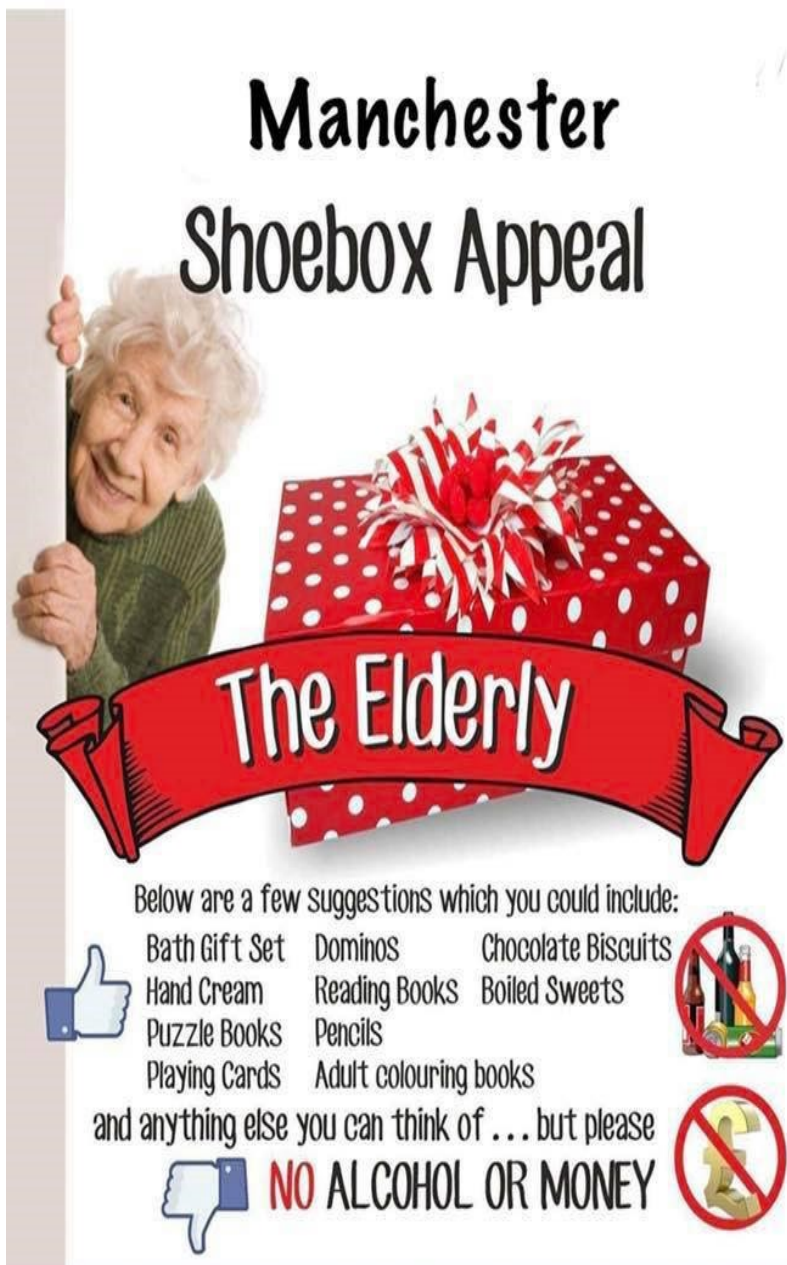
Appeal is running again this year. The charity, run by the Manchester Street Angels, provides gifts at Christmas to homeless people.

There are different categories – I suggest that we could assemble some boxes for the elderly. Some suggested contents are shown in the flier. You might also include a small item of warm clothing such as a hat, gloves or socks. You are asked to wrap the box in Christmas wrapping paper (wrap the lid and box separately) and enclose a Christmas card and a one pound donation to cover administration.

The deadline this year is earlier to allow for quarantining the boxes.

If you have a filled box to donate please let me know by November 20th. I will pick it up from you and take it to the depot.

Deborah Symmons 432 6069



Manchester Shoebox Appeal

The Elderly

Below are a few suggestions which you could include:

- Bath Gift Set
- Hand Cream
- Puzzle Books
- Playing Cards
- Dominoes
- Reading Books
- Pencils
- Adult colouring books
- Chocolate Biscuits
- Boiled Sweets

and anything else you can think of ... but please

NO ALCOHOL OR MONEY

The flier features an elderly woman peeking from behind a wall, a large red gift box with white polka dots and a red and white striped bow, and icons for a thumbs up, a thumbs down, and a crossed-out pound sign.



Over the school half term, in response to the government's decision not to provide free school meals during school holidays, a community group was set up named Stockport Together. Their aim is to ensure any family who are struggling due to the current pandemic are able to receive a food pack to feed their family for a week. The generosity of Stockport residents has been a fantastic thing to read about on Facebook throughout the week – we were able to help in a very small way by donating some corned beef.

We are going to be offering our School Pantry to Mersey Vale School at Christmas, further details will follow nearer the time. However one of Raj's friends Tabitha has been making these pretty face masks to raise funds for the project. They are £4 each and can be ordered through the office.

Bible Reading notes-Fresh from the Word 2021 = £10 for the year



Themes: The Bible through the Seasons: The Underside of History-women of spirit and the word: On eagles' wings.
Face the unknown with the spirit of discipleship, sustained by--rooted on growing; walking as one; God on the inside.
The writers come from all traditions and from different countries and so give us new perspectives on the Scriptures.

The URC Prayer Handbook 2021---Conversations - £5

This comes in 2 sections: the first has prayers relating to the Lectionary readings for the year and the second has prayers for everyday and extraordinary situations for deep reflection and to respond to God' voice.

If you would like to order a copy of one or both of these. please contact Anne Hunt on 442 2380 by November 8th



Remembering Our Loved Ones

The North West URC are holding a zoom service on Monday 2nd November at 6:30pm in remembrance for those who have died recently. A short service led by Rev Marion for all those who wish to grieve and remember a church member, friend or neighbour. If you would like to join please contact Dave Fraser davefraser24@gmail.com



BUILDING WIND TURBINES

Would you like to do a one or two day course to learn how to build a wind turbine? We've been given the chance to set up a course here in the Heatons but need to know how many people might be interested. At this point it is hard to know the exact cost. Please let us know if this is the sort of thing you'd like to do (with no commitment at this stage) by October 31st by contacting info@SLHeatons.org

HEATONS TOTE BAGS

Kick the Plastic and 4 Heatons Traders now have some great new bags which are on sale through the new online shop for the Heatons, just launched. The bags are £5 each and come in either green or blue. If your old *Sustainable Living in the Heatons* bag has seen the end of its working days, now is the time to get a new one!

<https://www.shop4heatons.com/product-category/jewellery-accessories/bags/>



Peace, Panic and Pandemic

Advent Bible Study Group 2020

**2nd December: The vision of peaceful
kingdom - Isaiah 11**

**9th December: The vision of a just Kingdom -
Amos 8**

**16th December: The vision of an anti-empire
Kingdom - Kingdom of God**

**23rd December: The vision of a Kingdom of
hope - Revelation 21**

Zoom details to follow.





Prayers from Linda

All knowing and seeing Lord, we prayer for the world.

God of love and hope, you made the world and care for all creation, but the world feels strange right now. The news is full of stories about Coronavirus. We your people are worried that they might get ill. Others are anxious for their family and friends. Be with them and help them to find peace. We pray for the doctors and nurses and scientists, and all who are working to discover the right medicines to help us all. Thank you that even in these anxious times, you are with us. Help us to put our trust in you and keep us safe. **Amen.**



In our prayers this week, we put all thoughts and worries and hopes about the future into the hands of God. The life of this church, the people around us, and those who are not here who our worshipping in their homes.

We place into the hands of God. Our difficulties and worries, and our hopes and our worries about the future.

We place into the hands of God. The life of the church in all the world, all people in the world who bring God's love to others, all people who are in danger because they share the love of God. Loving God, as you have blessed us, help us to be a blessing to your world.

We place into the hands of God. A world that needs peace, a world that needs wisdom, a world that needs healing.

We place into the hands of God. The leaders of every nation, the poor of our own and every land, those who live in fear, and all who hold the lives of others in their hands. Loving God, You have poured such love into your world. Show us how to help make it a more loving place.

We place into the hands of God. Our families, our friends, and our neighbours, those who live and work in this community, in our shops and local businesses, those who are work from home, those who are unemployed, and all who pass through our community on their travels.

We place into the hands of God. All those who are known to us. We name them Loving God.

Bless them with your love and comfort and healing. And show us how to care for them. Lord God Accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

If anyone would like to share a Prayer with the church family, please call Linda on 07564839380 or E-mail lindawfling625@gmail.com.



No names required because God Knows.

Matthew 5:1-12

Are you technologically savvy? Do you understand the term 'the cloud'? It's used fairly widely by the likes of Apple, Amazon and Google. If you use the internet, and probably even if you don't, some of your data will be held in 'the cloud'.

I'm sure there are some that can correct me if I'm wrong, but here's my attempt to explain what it's about. I understand 'the cloud' to be a simple way of articulating something a bit nebulous or complex to most peoples' minds – a web of computers interconnected via the internet, offering a place to store and access data very easily from anywhere in the world with an internet connection.

I feel like I need to draw breath after writing that!

You might be wondering why I'm thinking of clouds when today's reading is on the Beatitudes from Matthew's Gospel. It could be because Matthew has Jesus up a mountain where sometimes you might see a cloud close up...

But in fact, as it's also All Saints Day and I find myself wondering what the writer of the letter to the Hebrews had in mind when writing the first verse of chapter 12; "therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses..."

It seems to me that the author of Hebrews is using a similar metaphor as the 'tech giants' to describe something that to most peoples' minds is a bit nebulous. You may also have heard the term the Communion of Saints and wondered what exactly is that about.

When I think of a saint, I immediately think of Mother Teresa as one of the people in our world most recently beatified (more on this later) and canonised (made a saint).

So, is this 'great cloud of witnesses' or the 'Communion of Saints' just those who've been formally canonised? Well the author of Hebrews doesn't seem to think so. Though using the language of 'witnesses' rather than 'saints', the great heroes of Israel's past (figures like Moses and Abraham) are held up as witnesses, but so too were the great multitude that passed through the Red Sea.

Just as the author of the letter to the Hebrews is commemorating the whole multitude of the faithful, so too on All Saints Day, we celebrate all those who have lived lives of faith and faithfulness to God and to fellow humans (and not just the ones who were the best at it).

I wonder if our reading from Matthew's Gospel might offer something to those in our number who feel like they could never measure up to sainthood or being a member of the Communion of Saints. I know I often tend to feel more sinner than saint.

Yet, the image of God's kingdom which Jesus presents in this passage known as the Beatitudes tells us "blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven", not blessed are the rich in spirit. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth", not blessed are the confident and outgoing.

This upside-down vision where the last shall be first and the first shall be last confounds all our human expectations of what we might imagine success should look like as a Christian or even a saint. What matters most to God is an authentically lived life of faith, being a genuine follower of the way of Jesus.

I've sometimes wondered if the Beatitudes feel a bit more like bad news than good for those who us who do not feel poor in spirit (or mournful, or meek, or pure or peaceable). Maybe for those of us whose life is comfortable materially perhaps. But in the tradition of Jewish writing, and especially from the Psalms, the poor had been understood to represent the true people of God, those who knew their lives were not their own but who were fully dependent on God. And "poor in spirit" makes this explicit.

In the Beatitudes, those that are pronounced "blessed" are the ones who do not cling to a big ego an over bearing sense of self-worth, but rather those whose primary identity and security is in God.

The process of becoming a bona fide saint in the eyes of the church may have travelled a bit from the original intent. But in the process, before one can be canonised, they must first be beatified, or declared blessed.

When I think of Mother Teresa, do I think her blessedness comes from her good deeds, or from her position as someone of extraordinary commitment to God? Well probably both, because a strong commitment to God and God's purposes (the Kingdom) will inevitably lead to good deeds.

Today we celebrate the Communion of Saints including of course Mother Teresa, but also my Granny who died a devout and committed Catholic, and countless others of the great multitude. But the writer of the letter of the Hebrews and Christian tradition seem clear, and maybe this 'great cloud of witnesses' is not unlike the metaphor used for our contemporary modern-day cloud. Because the Communion of Saints is just that, a spiritual communion of all those living and passed, united in and through Jesus Christ and accessible from anywhere in the world through prayer and the work of the Holy Spirit.

Some traditions have taken this to mean praying to the Saints themselves to interceded on our behalf, while others regard the Saint's witness as encouragement and a solidarity of those who love and have loved God and God's ways. I'm not sure either is right or wrong, and serving now as I am in an LEP, maybe I can say that both can be right.

So Happy All Saints Day! May you know your place among this great cloud of witnesses and take joy in God's pronouncement that you are blessed.

Jonnie Hill

URC Ordinand



The
United
Reformed
Church



The Methodist Church

United Stockport Circuit (Manchester and Stockport District)

A Message from the Superintendent Minister

October 28th 2020

Dear Friends,

The start of November is of course a time of remembering. On All Saints Day, the 1st November, we remember and give thanks for those whose saintly lives have made a difference in the world and in our lives. It follows on closely from All Hallows' Eve when we remember those everyday saints and souls who have made an impact in our lives. I tend to think of the two together – what makes someone a 'saint' is a very subjective thing and it might be far more meaningful for us to remember the unspoken heroes rather than those officially recognised by the church. The last few months have perhaps made us think again about what it is that makes someone 'saintly'. We will all be thinking about those we have loved and lost, those without whom our lives would have been something less than they have been, those who taught us important lessons in life and faith and who have role modelled for us what it means to live with love and kindness and compassion and justice. We give thanks to God for all those people who will be in our thoughts and prayers this month. We shed a tear and allow it to evolve into a smile as that great paradox of the Christian faith reminds us that we only weep because of the joy of loving, and that in the utter desolation of death there remains the hope of resurrection to eternal life and the knowledge that the ones lost to us will remain in one way or another in the sanctuary of our memories. The second Sunday in November is Remembrance Sunday, when we think of all those who have lost their lives in violent conflict throughout the ages and across the world. It has been said that resurrection is the "memory of God". If we believe in this, then we can also understand our own memories to be powerful and significant. In our acts of remembering we are keeping alive the hopes and visions of folks whose lives and deaths have taught us good or necessary lessons. In remembering- even when it is painful - we can find hope for the future.

We often associate sadness and loss with a feeling of darkness, and I know that for many people the winter can be a particularly difficult time, as the nights draw in, and the clocks turn back from British Summertime. Yet darkness – both physical and emotional – can be a place and a time of regeneration and renewal, of life and creativity. So I invite you to ponder the God who is revealed in the physical darkness and the night, as much as in the light and daytime. This can be a wonderful time of year in spite of the increasing cold and damp....it has been said (and it is true!)

that too much light stops us seeing the stars. Never forget that when God created the universe, God chose to retain the darkness in equal measure to the light. So.....

Treasure the Darkness, treasure the shade,

Do not fear, do not fear.

Treasure the darkness, watch the light fade,

Do not fear, do not fear,

For the night is of God's keeping.

May God be with you, as we gently move into the darker and slower time of year. Take care and continue to pray for God's peace and love to reign.

And please remember as always, especially as we and others face further restrictions and lockdown measures:

In this time of isolation and separation may we feel the unity of God's spirit in the bonds of peace and love which connect us to one another.

- **When we feel lonely let us know that in Christ we are never alone.**
- **When we feel isolated may we be reminded that within the worldwide Body of Christ we are always connected.**
- **When we need a hug help us to feel the warmth of God's embrace**
- **When we are compelled to keep our distance, may we be drawn close to each other within the Spirit of Companionship that flows from God and which moves through and between each one of us.**

With love and blessings,

Rev Cathy.

NOTICES

Worship

See your local church notices for details of 'live' worship in your church, but for the time being we are continuing our Circuit wide Zoom service at 3pm on Sundays.

Sunday 1st and 8th November 3pm

Login details as usual as follows:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87212246881?pwd=VXpyMzRYV21UZ1ZoYlkw2R4dmV1QT09>

Meeting ID: 872 1224 6881 Password: 974333

Circuit Prayer

Even though some churches are now open for worship, let's continue to say this prayer together when we can. This way we stay connected in a very really and tangible way. You can also read more about each church on the Circuit Website www.stockportcircuit.org.uk

God of Love and Life,

We pray to you this morning for the life the United Stockport Methodist Circuit, for our sisters and brothers who belong to:

(pausing briefly to reflect after each name)

Christ Church Methodist /URC , Dialstone Lane Methodist Church , Davenport Methodist Church , Edgeley Community Church , Hazel Grove Methodist Church, Heaton Mersey Methodist , Heaton Moor United Church, Jubilee Methodist Church, (Marple Bridge), Marple Methodist Church, The Ridge Methodist Church, (Marple), Romiley Methodist Church, St. Johns Methodist Church, (Cheadle Heath), Tiviot Dale Methodist Church (centre of Stockport), Trinity Methodist Church, (Bramhall Lane), Windlehurst Methodist Church (High Lane), Woodley Methodist Church

We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. We ask that this time of crisis might pass and that those who suffer might find comfort and strength within the knowledge of your grace, revealed through the kindness and compassion of the people of God. Eternal God, though the self-offering of your Son you have filled our lives with your presence. Help us in our sufferings and trials. Fill us with hope and strengthen us in our weakness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday 1 November 2020 (All Saints Day)

This short act of worship has been prepared for you to use whilst we are unable to use Methodist Church premises. If you are well enough why not spend a few moments with God, knowing that other people are sharing this act of worship with you.

Call to worship

Rejoice people of God. Praise the Lord.
Let us keep the feast in honour of all God's saints, in whose victory the angels rejoice and glorify the Son of God.

Hymn: For All the Saints (StF745)

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1OaBgaMcOvM>

For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be for ever blest:
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their
might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought
fight;
thou in the darkness still their one true light:
Alleluia, alleluia!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win, with them, the victor's crown of
gold!
Alleluia, alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine:
Alleluia, alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are
strong:
Alleluia, alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their
rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest:
Alleluia, alleluia!

But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of Glory passes on his way!
Alleluia, alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's
farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the
countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, alleluia!

William Walsham How (1823-1867)

Prayer

Let us pray together

With all your people, on earth and in heaven,
we praise your name, O God, for you alone
are worthy of adoration. And you reign
supreme beyond space and time.

In you is the fullness of perfection;
in you is our hope of salvation;
in you is the promise of life eternal.

With all your people, we praise your name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us make our confession to God.

God of mercy, forgive us our limited vision
and our reluctance to trust in what we cannot
see.

Forgive our preoccupation with the here and
now and our failure to seek the things above.

Forgive our earthbound thinking and our
feeble sense of the communion of saints.

Rekindle in us, by your Holy Spirit, the fire of your love that with clean hands and pure hearts we may serve you faithfully on earth and come at last, with all your saints, to the peace and joy of heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In Christ we are set free.

Through Christ we are forgiven.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

Collect of the Day

Holy God, you have called witnesses from every nation and revealed your glory in their lives. Grant to us the same faith and love that, following their example, we may be sustained by their fellowship and rejoice in their triumph; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** *(from MWB, page 558)*

Today's Gospel Reading:

Matthew 5.1-12

Time to Reflect

Methodists tend not to do Saints Days. But remember that in the New Testament all the faithful are saints. Saints are real people not those figures portrayed in stained glass windows. We have all known many saints - those who brought us to faith, those who encouraged us on our way, those who provided the care and concern we all need from time to time. Saints are also those who challenge and question, who invite us to rethink our cherished attitudes and favourite ways of doing things and ask us to test them against the call of God in this age. All of them are the saints we commemorate at All Saints' tide. All of them are our partners in prayer and in service.

Later you might find time to read Luke's more challenging version of the Beatitudes (Luke 6,20-31). In either version, how do these words speak to us, the saints of this generation? By world standards even the poorest in Britain are incredibly rich - that is one reason why so many migrants want to come here. Yet I, like many who have experienced hospitality in the world's poorer places, can attest to the fact that the hospitality offered by many of the world's poorest people is way in excess of what they can expect to receive in the rich world.

Frequently, the saints, famous or unsung, have not really known where God was leading them, why God wanted something done, or how to go about doing it. Often they doubted whether they would have much impact - for humility is frequently the mark of a true saint. But they got on with it. And we are called to follow their example, to follow the great heritage of all God's faithful people down the ages. Let us pray that we may live up to whatever he is calling us to do in this age.

Take a time to sit quietly

A time of prayer

United in the company of all the faithful, let us pray for the church throughout the world and for all who seek to follow Christ in this generation. Through them and through us, Your kingdom come **Your will be done.**

Let us pray for the world and all its peoples. Let us pray that those in authority in this and all nations may seek justice and peace for all. Your kingdom come **Your will be done.**

Let us pray for those in need, especially . . . , and for all who minister to those in need. Draw near to all with your healing love. Your kingdom come **Your will be done.**

Remember in your mercy all who have gone before us especially those who were significant in each of our faith journeys. Join our prayers with those of the whole company saints.

Your kingdom come **Your will be done.**

Lord of the church, **hear our prayer and make us one in heart and mind to serve you now and always. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father

Hymn: Listen to For All the Saints Who've Shown Your Love StF 746 or sing a verse of a hymn that comes to mind

www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ECJANNFPO

For all the saints who showed your love in how they lived and where they moved, for mindful women, caring men, accept our gratitude again.

For all the saints who loved your name,
whose faith increased the Saviour's fame,
who sang your songs and shared your word,
accept our gratitude, good Lord.

For all the saints who named your will,
and saw your kingdom coming still
through selfless protest, prayer and praise,
accept the gratitude we raise.

Bless all whose will or name or love
reflects the grace of heaven above.
Though unacclaimed by earthly powers,
your life through theirs has hallowed ours.

John L. Bell (b. 1949) and Graham Maule (b. 1958)

A prayer of blessing

God give us grace to follow his saints
in faith and hope and love;
and the blessing of the most Holy Trinity,
Spirit, Son and Father,
be among us and remain with us always.

Amen. *(partly from MWB page 59)*

Original Materials by **Dudley Coates**

All
Hymns reproduced under CCLI 1144191.
Local Churches please insert CCLI No here

Matthew 5.1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the
mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples
came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and
taught them, saying:

³Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven.

⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they will
be comforted.

⁵Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit
the earth.

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive
mercy.

⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will
see God.

⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will
be called children of God.

¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted for
righteousness 'sake, for theirs is the kingdom
of heaven.

¹¹Blessed are you when people revile you and

persecute you and utter all kinds of evil
against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice
and be glad, for your reward is great in
heaven, for in the same way they persecuted
the prophets who were before you.