



# Heaton Moor United Church

The United Reformed Church and The Methodist Church  
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## Church Services at Heaton Moor United Church

*Services at 10:45 unless otherwise stated*

19 <sup>th</sup> September	Rev. Dr Raj Patta	Communion Service with Baptism
26 <sup>th</sup> September	Arnold Jones	
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Deborah Symmons & Sharon Heginbotham	Harvest Service Collections for Wellspring, Cornerstone & Christian Aid
10 <sup>th</sup> October	Leo Roberts	
17 <sup>th</sup> October	Rev. Dr Graham Adams	Communion Service
24 <sup>th</sup> October	Rev. Dr Raj Patta	A section of this service will be devoted to Enid Collinson

## Additional Services

19 <sup>th</sup> September Heaton Moor United Church 16:00	Rev. Dr Raj Patta	World Week of Peace for Palestine & Israel
3 <sup>rd</sup> October Hazel Grove Methodist 16:00	Rev Sonia Hicks	Black History Month Circuit Service

## Upcoming Events at Heaton Moor Church

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> September 19:45	Men's Fellowship
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> September 10:00 – 12:00	McMillan Coffee Morning
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> September 14:00	Dementia Friendly Service



Dear Heaton Moor United Church,

Hope you are all doing well.

This Sunday at our Church we will have our first Christening since the pandemic and let us welcome and pray for the little one and their family as they join us at the worship.

We had a good thanksgiving memorial service for Ruth Morgan and thank you for those who attended the service and supported the family. This week I also led a funeral service of Margaret Reid Atwell at the Stockport Crem.

We also had a good staff meeting this week to discuss various future plans and programmes. We will shortly begin our pilgrimage walk from next week after the summer break. We will keep you informed about our other programmes. The Leadership team of our Church also met this week to discuss about matters concerning our church. I also had a good meeting with the Mayor of Stockport, Cllr. Adrian Nottingham and discussed various community activities.

At our staff meeting, we had a review of the newsletter and we have agreed that there will be a reflection every month instead of every week.

As was mentioned in the newsletter last week, we will join the global communities in observing the World Week of Peace in Palestine Israel during 18-25 Sep 2021, and we will screen a short film "The Present " followed by conversation, prayer and falafel on Sunday the 19th September 2021 at 4pm at our church. Tickets are free and can be booked on this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/peace-for-palestine-and-israel-the-present-tickets-171048810597> Can I kindly request you all to join in this event.

If any of you want to receive the Holy Communion at home, you can contact us and we can arrange it for you.

May you all have a blessed week and God's peace and grace go with you all.

Thanking you,

Regards,

Raj

16<sup>th</sup> September 2021

# MESSAGE FROM THE CO-EDITOR

It's been wonderful this week to welcome Linda back and we had a productive team meeting on Tuesday. One of the things we discussed was the notices. We have decided to change the format slightly, the noticeable difference will be that the front sheet will have details of upcoming services and events and we will be having monthly reflections rather than weekly. We will continue to print and deliver to those who have no digital access.

If you would like to include anything in the notices please send to [community@heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk](mailto:community@heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk) or speak with me (JoAnne). I welcome feedback on the notices but please bear in mind that we have a distribution list of over 100 and something that you may not like somebody will - I try to provide a notice sheet that suits everybody and occasionally I might get it wrong!

When discussing the notices Raj commented that during COVID he has wrote over 100'00 words as part of his weekly reflections. Sharon responded that she has walked over 100'000 steps during COVID . . . as for me, I think I've eaten 100'000 crisps!

Tuesday is World Alzheimer's Day and I've been busy crocheting forget-me-nots with my daughter. Keep your eyes peeled in the local area on Tuesday to see what we are doing with them!

As always if I can be of any help or you just fancy a chat please do not hesitate to contact me

*JoAnne*

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**Office Opening** The office opening times for next week will be:

**Monday 10 - 2**

**Tuesday 10 - 2**

**Wednesday 10 - 2**

**Thursday Closed**

**Friday 10-1**

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This Sunday refreshments will be available after the service to celebrate the Baptism of Oliver.

Please Note currently we do not have enough volunteers to provide refreshments after future services. If you would be willing to be part of the rota please speak with Sharon

## Can you crochet/knit/cross stitch/felt etc. a Forget Me Not Flower?

If you are able to produce a handcrafted Forget Me Not please pass



onto JoAnne by the 20<sup>th</sup> September for her to share with the community on World Alzheimer's Day.

Alan and Carole would like to thank all their friends at Church for their kindness, thoughts and prayers during Alan's time before and during his spell in hospital.

Although he is now out, he is not about, as he still has a need to isolate in convalescence.

He will be thinking of you all though.

Please will you support Lily in the same way as she continues with her cancer treatment.

With Love Carole and Alan

## Pennies for Leprosy



During COVID-19 the way people use cash has changed as society became "cash-less" to help prevent the spread of the virus. Yet somehow many of us still have a loose change receptacle at home!

During October we will be collecting pennies\* to send to the Leprosy Mission ([www.leprosymission.org.uk](http://www.leprosymission.org.uk)). Look out for our penny jar next time you visit church.

\*although we are using the term pennies we will accept any value of coin!

### **Talk: The Inscriptions of Ralph Beyer** **Coventry Cathedral, 28th September 1pm - 2pm**

Professor Ann Sumner, Chair of the Methodist Modern Art Collection, talks to author and letter carver John Neilson about his recently published book *The Inscriptions of Ralph Beyer*.

The discussions will focus in particular on the *Son of Man* Tablet of the Word at Coventry Cathedral, for which the Methodist Modern Art Collection owns a preparatory drawing currently on loan to the Cathedral as part of the City of Culture, *Stories of Change: Hope, Faith, Love Art Trail*. Beyer came to Britain as a refugee aged 16 from Nazi Germany and Neilson's book outlines his career and contextualises his major commission to create the large scale Tablets of the Word in Coventry Cathedral

To book visit <https://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/wpsite/eventinfo/event/in-conversation-with-john-neilson-the-inscriptions-of-ralph-beyer/>



## World Week of Peace for Palestine & Israel

Join us to watch "The Present" a short film about Palestine. Following the film we invite you to stay for prayer, conversation and falafel.

**19th September at 4pm**

The Present is a short film about a father and daughter in the Palestinian enclaves of the Israeli-occupied West Bank trying to find a wedding anniversary gift.

It has been nominated for quite a few awards and recently won the 2021 BAFTA Award for Short Best Film.

If you would like to join us as we watch the film, and then have time for prayer and conversation whilst enjoying some tasty falafels please book via Eventbrite or contact JoAnne / Raj.

[https://www.eventbrite.com/e/peace-for-palestine-and-israel-the-present-tickets-171048810597?aff=ebdssbeac&keep\\_tld=1](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/peace-for-palestine-and-israel-the-present-tickets-171048810597?aff=ebdssbeac&keep_tld=1)

What is Falafel?

Falafels is a dish of spiced mashed chickpeas and other pulses formed into balls or fritters and deep-fried.

## LET US Pray



### Take Time

Come now turn away for a while from your daily employment and daily duties, escape for a moment from your thoughts. Put aside your weighty cares, let your burdensome distractions wait, free yourself for a while for God and rest awhile in him. Enter the inner chamber of your soul, shut out everything except God and that which can help you in seeking him, and when you have shut the door, seek him. Now, our soul, say to God, 'I seek your face; Lord it is your face that I seek.' Let the peace of this place surround you as you pray. Let the hurry and worry of life fall away from *you*. You are God's child he loves you and cares for you. He is here with you now and always. Speak to him thoughtfully and allow him time to speak to you. Lord, you know how busy we must be today

### DEMENTIA FRIENDLY SERVICE

We will be holding a short dementia friendly service on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 14:00

The service will last half an hour and will be followed by refreshments.

No need to book, just turn up

If anyone would like to share a Prayer with the church family, please call Linda on 07564839380 or E-mail [lindawfleming625@gmail.com](mailto:lindawfleming625@gmail.com).



No names required because God Knows.

On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> we will be taking part in the Macmillan, biggest coffee morning.

We are looking for volunteers to help :

- Make the brews
- Help on the Cake and Tombola stalls
- Put the tables out and pack away

If you can help with any of these things please let JoAnne or Sharon know.



Items Required :

Items for the tombola :  
boxes of chocolates,  
smellies , sweets etc

Cakes for the cake stall

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## Harvest Service: 3<sup>rd</sup> October 10.45

This year we will be collecting food for Wellspring and Cornerstone .

Items Needed :

Tinned items :

Potatoes

Vegetables

Tomatoes

Pie fillings (Sweet and Savoury)

Rice pudding

Custard

Meats for sandwiches (corned beef, ham, and spam)

Meats (stewed meats, hotdogs, meat balls and curry)

Savoury pies

Veg and meat soups

Pickle

Brown, Tomato sauce, Mayonnaise

Sugar

Biscuits

Coffee

Cordials

UHT Milk

Small bottles water or pop

Individually wrapped (Multi pack) crisps, chocolate and biscuits



Shower gel

Liquid soap

Roll on deodorants (NOT SPRAY)

Shaving foam , razors

**Items NOT required :**

Tinned Fruit

Baked Beans

Kidney Beans

Tomato Soup

Chick peas

Sweet Corn

Tinned Salmon

Marmalade and Jam

Packets of Pasta and Rice

Tea Bags

There will also be envelopes for Christian Aid available the week before the service and the week of the service.



## Worship at Home - Sunday 19 Sept 2021

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

### Opening Prayer

Lord and Father of all  
Jesus taught us that greatness  
is not as the world sees it,  
but comes when we humble  
ourselves in service to others.  
Help our minds and hearts be open to your  
teachings today. Amen

Wisdom unsearchable,  
God the invisible,  
love indestructible  
in frailty appears:  
Lord of infinity,  
stooping so tenderly,  
lifts our humanity  
to the heights of his throne.

*Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)*

### Hymn: 362 from Singing the Faith – Meekness and majesty

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yW5NVGQi5LM>

*O what a mystery meekness and majesty  
Bow down and worship for this is your God  
This is your God  
This is your God*

Meekness and majesty,  
manhood and deity,  
in perfect harmony --  
the man who is God.  
Lord of eternity,  
dwells in humanity,  
kneels in humility  
and washes our feet.

Oh, what a mystery --  
meekness and majesty:  
bow down and worship,  
for this is your God,  
this is your God!

Father's pure radiance,  
perfect in innocence,  
yet learns obedience  
to death on a cross:  
suffering to give us life,  
conquering through sacrifice --  
and as they crucify,  
prays, 'Father forgive.'

### Let us pray together

Lord God, we give you thanks and praise for  
your Son Jesus who showed us, that true  
greatness is known in serving others.  
The way of wisdom is found in childlike  
humility, with hearts lifted high, we offer you  
our thanks and praise for loving us and  
showing us the way to be your disciples.

**Amen**

### Confession

Loving Lord,  
We know that in your eyes, it is not social  
status, or wealth or reputation that count.  
Forgive us we pray when our lives are taken  
over by these worldly values. **Amen**  
Here is the good news for all who put their  
trust in Christ. Jesus says your sins are  
forgiven. **Amen**

**Today's Reading: - James 3:13 to 4:3 & 7-8a**

## **Today's Gospel Reading: Mark 9:30-37**

### **Time to Reflect**

The media is full of people who claim that they are great, but what really makes a person great? The media uses it to say, what people have done or said, and sometimes they promote a person to idol status.

Mohammed Ali used to have a saying that he was the greatest, because he could beat anyone in the boxing ring.

In our readings today Jesus teaches the disciples about greatness. The disciples had been having an argument as they were walking along the road. Not about what they heard, or where they were going, but about who among them was the greatest. I did wonder how they were measuring their greatness, perhaps it was

- The one who learnt the most, or
- The one who had provided the most or
- The one who had brought the most people to Jesus.

They all felt they had reasons for thinking that they were the greatest.

In his letter James was addressing the churches, about this kind of rivalry, which was happening in the churches, he says it stems from the desires that are within them, and when they do not get what they want they fight and quarrel.

We can see the same in our churches today. When I started attending church, I sat on the back pew next to someone I knew. On the 4<sup>th</sup> week I was there, a woman came and stood in front of me and said, I was in her place, and then lectured me on how she had worked her way up from the front pew to the back to earn that seat. What I eventually found out was; that in winter, the pew was a warmer seat because it had a heater behind it.

Jesus wanted the disciples to understand that the role of discipleship is not about power and status, but about serving. Jesus called a child over to help Him explain.

A child in their culture had nothing to offer, he or she had no status. A child would be at the beck and call of the adults and was expected to be obedient and serve the adults.

Jesus told the disciples that one who serves those who can offer nothing in return will be the greatest.

Today Methodists along with other churches are learning this way of discipleship with Nightstop, Foodbanks and charity groups that help the vulnerable people in their towns and villages across the whole of Britain. The vulnerable people, are those perhaps through no fault of their own, have come to the edge of society. They may have been made redundant, or their benefits have not been paid, and in some cases, they have sold everything they have to settle their debts and are left with nothing. With this work, people are now beginning to revise their opinion of those who go to church. They no longer see us as a load of goody goodies, but as a group of people who care for others in our community.

The people who we help, ask 'are we getting paid for the work' after all, a lot of the people who they meet, would not do work for nothing. When our answer is 'No', they want to know why do we do it? The answer is; because our faith teaches us, to love and care for our neighbours.

**A time of prayer:** - Let us offer our prayer with all God's people through Jesus Christ our Lord who ever lives to pray for us.

We pray for the needs of the world...

We pray for the Church...

We pray for all in trouble or distress...

We pray for all who make a new beginning today...

God of compassion and mercy

Listen to our prayer

May what we ask in Jesus' name be done according to his word Amen

**The Lord's Prayer**

*Our Father .....*

**Hymn: Listen to StF 272 - From heaven you came helpless babe** [From Heaven You Came Helpless Babe \(The Servant King\) \(Singing the Faith 272 / StF 272\) - YouTube](#)

From heaven you came, helpless babe,  
entered our world, your glory veiled,  
not to be served but to serve,  
and give your life that we might live.

This is our God, the Servant King,  
he calls us now to follow him,  
to bring our lives as a daily offering  
of worship to the Servant King.

There in the garden of tears  
my heavy load he chose to bear;  
his heart with sorrow was torn,  
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.

Come see his hands and his feet,  
the scars that speak of sacrifice,  
hands that flung stars into space  
to cruel nails surrendered.

So let us learn how to serve  
and in our lives enthrone him,  
each other's needs to prefer,  
for it is Christ we're serving.

*Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)*

### **A prayer of blessing**

May God our Father, strengthen us,  
May Christ Jesus show us the way to serve,  
May the Holy Spirit make us fruitful in all we  
do. And May the peace and love of our God  
be always with us. Amen

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around the Connexion who have contributed to Worship at  
Home. This resource is administrated by Ministries: Vocations  
and Worship in the Connexional Team.

For more worship resources see

[The Bible \(methodist.org.uk\)](#)

[Singing:13-4:3& 7-8a the Faith Plus \(methodist.org.uk\)](#)

### **James 3: 13 - 4: 3, 7-8a**

#### **Two Kinds of Wisdom**

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show  
by your good life that your works are done with  
gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter  
envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be  
boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does

not come down from above, but is earthly,  
unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and  
selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and  
wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from  
above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing  
to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a  
trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of  
righteousness is sown in peace for those who  
make peace.

#### **Friendship with the World**

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do  
they come from? Do they not come from your  
cravings that are at war within you? You want  
something and do not have it; so, you commit  
murder. And you covet something and cannot  
obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts.  
You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask  
and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in  
order to spend what you get on your pleasures.  
Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the  
devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God,  
and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands,  
you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-  
minded.

#### **Mark 9: 30-37**

#### **Jesus Again Foretells His Death and Resurrection**

They went on from there and passed through  
Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he  
was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The  
Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands,  
and they will kill him, and three days after being  
killed, he will rise again.' But they did not  
understand what he was saying and were afraid to  
ask him.

#### **Who Is the Greatest?**

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was  
in the house he asked them, 'What were you  
arguing about on the way?' But they were silent,  
for on the way they had argued with one another  
about who was the greatest. He sat down, called  
the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to  
be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then  
he took a little child and put it among them; and  
taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever  
welcomes one such child in my name welcomes  
me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me  
but the one who sent me.'