



Heaton Moor United Church

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



Church Services at Heaton Moor United Church

Services at 10:45 unless otherwise stated

3 rd October	Deborah Symmons & Sharon Heginbotham	Harvest Service Collections for Wellspring, Cornerstone & Christian Aid
10 th October	Leo Roberts	
17 th October	Rev. Dr Graham Adams	Communion Service
24 th October	Rev. Dr Raj Patta	A section of this service will be devoted to Enid Collinson
31 st October	Sue Beatty	

Additional Services

3 rd October Hazel Grove Methodist 16:00	Rev Sonia Hicks	Black History Month Circuit Service
This event will be live-streamed on the circuit YouTube channel here https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6UfxqG6P8PM		
10 th October Zoom	Missional Partnership Service	Meeting ID: 821 8150 8988 Passcode: 716978

Upcoming Events at Heaton Moor Church

Monday 4 th October at 19:45 (takes place every other Monday)	Men's Fellowship
Wednesday 6 th October at 10:00	Moor Than a Good Read
Sunday 10 th October 17:00 – 18:00	Time for remembrance, support & hope for baby loss awareness week
Tuesday 12 th October	Ladies Fellowship at 14:00
Saturday 16 th October at 10:00	Celebrating New Life Short service to celebrate babies born during the pandemic

Dear Heaton Moor United Church,

Hope you are doing well and trust you had a good month of September. Let us keep waiting on God during this new month of October and be willing to led by God in the journey of faith.

Thanks to Sharon and Deborah who will lead our harvest service this Sunday. Harvest Sunday is an opportunity for us to thank God for the farming communities around the world, for the food we eat and also to reflect on how we care God's creation particularly during these times of climate emergencies. Last year we made a video on "Voices of harvest" which consists of four voices seeking a relevance of harvest in a world of hunger and you can watch it on this link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PE_oBpzceq0&ab_channel=rajbharathPatta

This week, we had a wonderful Dementia friendly service on Tuesday and thanks to all our friends who participated in it. Now the plan is to organise this service once a month, and we will keep you posted with more details on it. Thanks to JoAnne for organising it. We also had our Stockport Interfaith meeting this week and it was good to meet in person for the first time after the lockdowns.

We also had a good staff meeting this week, again planning our programmes. We also had a good meeting with Hannah, who works for Christians in Schools Trust, who works at Heaton schools through the Heatons Churches Partnership to discuss some of our joint plans.

Linda and me will be taking communion to some our church friends on Friday, and if any of you want a visit and communion, do keep us informed and we can arrange it for you. At circuit level, we as staff team have begun plans for Advent course and we will keep you posted the details of it nearer the time. We are planning to run a circuit Advent study course on Thursdays.

On Sunday, the 3rd of October at 2pm, a Prayer vigil is happening for a welcoming society at Friends Meeting House, near St. Peter's square in Manchester and herewith I send the flyer for your kind perusal. Do join this vigil if you are able to. On the same day, the Mayor of Stockport is organising a civic service at St. Mary's church, and do remember it in your prayers. As was announced last week, at 4pm on Sunday the 3rd of October the United Stockport Circuit is organising Black History Month service, and the President of Methodist Conference Rev. Sonia Hicks will be preaching at this service. Please do join this circuit service.

Herewith we send you the worship resources for this week.

May you all have a blessed week ahead. God bless.

Thanking you,

Regards,

Raj

30th September 2021

MESSAGE FROM THE CO-EDITOR

What another fantastic week! Last week we had some sensory play with our toddler around the story super worm - the groups really enjoyed digging through the soil (pasta, raising, flour and coffee!) to find the treasure. Then we tried to see who could make their frog jump the furthest - think some of the adults enjoyed this more than the children!



It was wonderful to have Dementia Friends return on Friday - the picture shows some of our fantastic volunteers and as you can see from their faces, they were happy to be back! This was my first experience of the group and I think Friday was one of the highlights of my job so far.

Huge thanks have to go to The Co-operative for supporting us with our refreshments, to Alan and George for providing entertainment, Karen the fitness instructor and all the volunteers who served refreshments. Can't wait to do it all again tomorrow.

On Tuesday we held our very first dementia friendly service. The service lasted 25 minutes ending with a wonderful rendition of One More Step Along The World I Go, followed by half an hour of fellowship. It was great to see members of our Church community, friends from Dementia Friends and members of the community come together in this way. Everybody had such a good time we've been asked to do another one!

We were joined at our team meeting this week by Sarah from Heaton Mersey and Hannah from Christian in Schools Trust. It was great to share ideas and talk through ways we can work together our first joint project will be the school pantry at October half term - more information is further in the notices.

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

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

Monday 10 - 2

Tuesday 10 - 2

Wednesday Closed

Thursday Closed

Friday 10-16

NOTE Sharon is on holiday the coming week and JoAnne is in/out at a few meetings. Please ring the office first to check someone is in.

**WE ARE
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THANK YOU to everybody who attended the coffee morning in aid of Macmillan on Saturday. We raised in excess of £400.

Thank You to Sharon, Sue and Betty for manning the refreshments and tombola stall. Wasn't it lovely to have refreshments after the service on Sunday?

We are still actively looking for volunteers who can help provide refreshments after future services. If you would be willing to be part of the rota please speak with Sharon



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



No names required because God Knows.

Dear God,

We are so incredibly in need of your power and your strength. We ask that you fill us with your Spirit of love and unity among believers all around our world.

We ask for your help to set aside our differences and look to the greater cause, the cause of Christ.

Please help us to truly live out a life of love.

We know that this is only possible through the power of your Spirit, so we ask that you move across our lands in miraculous ways, with fresh filling and awareness, turning your people back to you, drawing others to come to know you.

We need your unity and your love to stir our hearts and give direction to our days.

We need your wisdom to guide us, we need your Spirit to lead us, to live out godly lives that would bring honour first to you.

We thank you that you are always with us; and give us great purpose and hope.

In Jesus' Name, Amen



LITTER CHURCH

Our next litter Church will be on Saturday 9th October

Meeting outside Heaton Moor United Church at 10:00am.

A Prayer for World Homeless Week

Almighty God of refuge and strength,
In whose image we are all made,
And who is a home to any who are in need or trouble;
Inspire your Church with the spirit of Christ's love,
Empower us to work for change,
Direct our action towards any who need food, comfort, shelter and sanctuary
And help us to live as one with one another,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one
God now and forever.

Amen

Pennies for Leprosy **JAR IS NOW IN CHURCH - look out for the jar outside the worship space**



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).

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

Valerie shares some information on how the money we collect will benefit;

India's Covid cases are many. Sadly some Leprosy mission staff have also lost their lives along with many other persons. Many Leprosy sufferers are unable to blink their eyes which means the eyes become infected and vision is lost

The Leprosy Mission workers vaccinate and treat as many people as possible.

Our letter to our MP Navendu Mishara asking him to help make specialist dementia support a priority is still available online. If you would like to sign the letter, please visit

<https://forms.gle/jeiPp5ZXQg8N17k5A>

If you do not have online access or have difficulty with the form a paper copy is available in the office. Please check the opening hours to call in and sign.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP are meeting on 12th October at 14:00

This first meeting is an opportunity to catch up and see how future meetings should run. Do come along!

Prayer Vigil for a welcoming society - Manchester

3rd October - meeting at 2pm

**Meeting outside Friends' Meeting House,
6 Mount St, Manchester M2 5NS
to walk to St Peter's Square for the vigil**

The vigil will focus on praying about the impacts of the Nationality and Borders Bill. It will include sharing stories of lived experience of the asylum system, prayer and moments of silent reflection.

The vigil is taking place outside of the Conservative Party Conference, which is meeting 3-6 October in Manchester. It is planned in response to the proposed legislation in the Nationality and Borders Bill, which risks creating an unfair and unjust asylum system.

Open to all, and led by Church leaders.

With any questions, please contact:

**The Joint Public Issues Team
enquiries@jointpublicissues.org.uk**

**For more information on the
Nationality and Borders Bill,
go to [jointpublicissues.org.uk/
nationalityandbordersbill](http://jointpublicissues.org.uk/nationalityandbordersbill)**



Celebrating Archbishop Tutu's 90th

Thursday October 7th,
7.30 to 8.30pm on Zoom

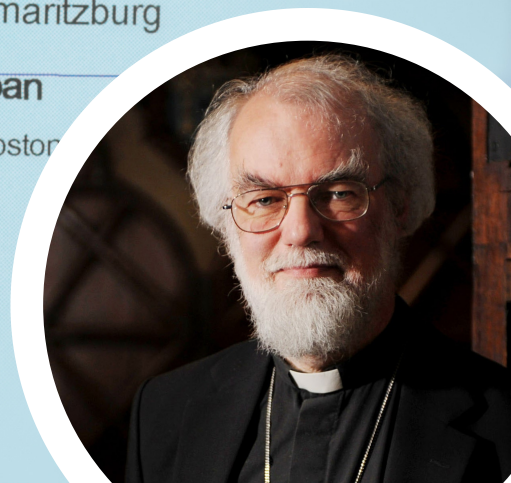
Most Revd Rowan Williams
Rt Revd Rose Hudson-Wilkin
Revd Brian Brown
Revd Jenny Sweet
Canon John Nightingale
Revd David Haslam

Meeting ID: 829 6188 1537
Passcode: 1945

Chair Cat Jenkins of Church
Action for Tax Justice

*To coincide with the Launch of the
Volume Ecumenical Encounters
with Desmond Mpilo Tutu*

church action for
Tax justice 



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

A Service of Celebration
Sunday October 3rd 4pm
Hazel Grove Methodist Church
Wesley Street, Hazel Grove, SK7 4JQ

Preacher:
Revd Sonia Hicks
President of the Methodist Conference

You are welcome to attend in person or
to join live online

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6UfxgG6P8PM>



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WORLD HOMELESS WEEK

3-10 October 2021

World homeless week will be from 3-10 October 2021 and is as important as ever this year, with many homeless people needing extra support after the trying year we have had.

As part of our mission to support churches, businesses, communities and individuals to support homeless people, we provide a pack of free support materials for those wanting to get involved.

The World Homeless Week pack can be received in print or digitally, and contains various posters, activities, worship guides and information booklets in order for you to have the best possible information on supporting homeless individuals and Church Homeless Trust's work.

Order your pack online at: www.churchhomelesstrust.org.uk/world-homeless-week or by emailing us at comms@churchhomelesstrust.org.uk



Patrons The Rt Revd Dr David Walker; Sir Martin Berthoud KCVO, CMG; Susie Briscoe; David P G Cade; W Peter Cooke CBE; Ian Hay Davison CBE; William Guthrie; Rt Revd Michael Turnbull CBE; The Ven. David Woodhouse

Trustees Elizabeth Wilson (Chair); Christopher Daws; John Glenton; Trevor Morris; Sally Nicholson; Anne Parker CBE; Revd Grace Thomas; Elizabeth Toher

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Signed _____ Date _____

Worship at Home - Sunday October 3 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.

Jesus welcomes us into his presence,
whoever we are and wherever we are.
Let us respond to his embrace,
and open our hearts and minds to God's word
and the touch of the Spirit.

Hymn: Uyai mose, Come, all you people
(Singing the Faith 22)

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

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

Uyai mose,
tinamate Mwari,
Uyai mose,
tinamate Mwari,
Uyai mose,
tinamate Mwari,
Uyai mose zvino.

Come all you people,
come and praise your Maker,
come all you people,
come and praise your Maker,
come all you people,
come and praise your Maker,
come now and worship the Lord.

*Alexander Gondo
From Psalm 100*

Let us pray together

God of mercy, your love for us is strong,
but our love for you is weak.
You call us to follow Jesus,
but we are slow to obey.
You care for all that you have made,

but we ignore the needs of others
and misuse your creation.
We are sorry for our sins.
Forgive us, and help us to please you by the
way we live; Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

God is love and forgives our sins through
Jesus. Amen.
(Methodist Worship Book)

**Today's Reading from the Old or New
Testament:** Psalm 8

Today's Gospel Reading: Mark 10:2-16

Time to Reflect

The Gospel reading has much to say about
relationships, and our reactions to aspects of
it may vary.

I've only recently discovered the concept of
'kin_dom' instead of 'Kingdom', although I
believe it's been around for a while, and is in
the title of at least one book.

(The old model of civilization kingdoms were
an area of land inhabited by people who were
ruled by a king. Kingdoms had a top-down
organizing principle. Kin-doms are self-
organizing systems that are fostered in kin-
ship – the recognition that we are all kin,
working together cooperatively and
collaboratively).

How do you react to the concept of 'kin_dom'
as a counterbalance to 'Kingdom'?

In the Gospel, as the narrative proceeds,
tension mounts. Jesus in many ways fits the

pattern of a Rabbi but doesn't fit expectations. Even those who followed him closely struggle. He mixes with all the wrong people. He talks about the last being first and the first last – and even welcomes children!

What is it about children that Jesus is holding up as an example to emulate?

I think it may be to do with expectations. Children are much more accepting of people and situations, not held back by the accumulated assumptions, prejudices, status and power of adults. So, they come open and in humility.

The psalm says that God made us 'rulers' over creation, only a little lower than God himself (v. 5). However, it is also 'through the praise of children and infants' that God silences the foe and avenger (v.2). It might look as though the psalmist is talking about 'Kingdom', but maybe it's more about 'kin_dom'.

In our kinship relationships it's all too easy for us to slip into a 'Kingdom' approach to one another, full of set expectations, demands even, instead of rejoicing in one another for who we are, loved children of God.

Take a time to sit quietly

A time of prayer

Father, we thank you that you welcome us as we are, inviting not harassing; nurturing not oppressing; ever giving, never grasping.

We pray for those who feel oppressed, by political leaders, within groups they belong to, or by individuals, that they be released and find peace.

We pray for children who have been badly affected by the pandemic, that they will find mentors and role models to encourage and guide them.

We pray for all those we regard as our 'kin', that they, and we, will welcome you and one another in love and grace. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father

Hymn: Let love be real. (Singing the Faith 615)
Sing/ Read /pray /proclaim the words or listen to it here

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6pqPIXLj_HI

Let love be real, in giving and receiving,
without the need to manage and to own;
a haven free from posing and pretending,
where every weakness may be safely known.
Give me your hand, along the desert pathway,
give me your love wherever we may go.

As God loves us, so let us love each other:

with no demands, just open hands
and space to grow.

Let love be real, not grasping or confining,
that strange embrace that holds yet sets us free;

that helps us face the risk of truly living,
and makes us brave to be what we might be.
Give me your strength when all my words are weakness;
give me your love in spite of all you know.

Let love be real, with no manipulation,
no secret wish to harness or control;
let us accept each other's incompleteness,
and share the joy of learning to be whole.
Give me your hope through dreams and disappointments;
give me your trust when all my failings show.

Michael Forster (b. 1946)

A prayer of blessing

May you rest in the embrace of God,
run to the love of Jesus,
and reach for the Holy Spirit.
Go in the kinship of the Trinity,
blessed child of God.

Original Materials by Pamela M. Cram

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We are grateful to all the Ministers and Local Preachers from around the Connexion who have contributed to Worship at

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For more worship resources see

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

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

Psalm 8

Divine Majesty and Human Dignity

To the leader: according to The Gittith. A Psalm of David.

O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.
Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your
foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your
fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have
established;
what are human beings that you are mindful
of them,
mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than
God,
and crowned them with glory and honour.
You have given them dominion over the
works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,
all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they
asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his

wife?' He answered them, 'What did Moses
command you?' They said, 'Moses allowed a
man to write a certificate of dismissal and to
divorce her.' But Jesus said to them, 'Because
of your hardness of heart he wrote this
commandment for you. But from the
beginning of creation, "God made them male
and female." "For this reason a man shall
leave his father and mother and be joined to
his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."
So they are no longer two, but one flesh.
Therefore what God has joined together, let
no one separate.'

Then in the house the disciples asked him
again about this matter. He said to them,
'Whoever divorces his wife and marries
another commits adultery against her; and if
she divorces her husband and marries
another, she commits adultery.'

Jesus Blesses Little Children

People were bringing little children to him in
order that he might touch them; and the
disciples spoke sternly to them. But when
Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to
them, 'Let the little children come to me; do
not stop them; for it is to such as these that
the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you,
whoever does not receive the kingdom of God
as a little child will never enter it.' And he took
them up in his arms, laid his hands on them,
and blessed them.