



# 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*

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
31 <sup>st</sup> October	Sue Beatty	
7 <sup>th</sup> November	Rev Dr Graham Adams	
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Carol Jack & Deborah Symmons	

## Additional Services

14 <sup>th</sup> November Zoom	Missional Partnership Service	Meeting ID: 821 8150 8988 Passcode: 716978
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## Upcoming Events at Heaton Moor Church

Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> October at 10:00	Celebrating New Life Short service to celebrate babies born during the pandemic
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> October at 19:45 (takes place every other Monday)	Men's Fellowship
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October at 10:00	Moor Than a Good Book
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> October at 13:00	Pastoral Visitors Lunch <i>see invitation sent seperately</i>

Dear Heaton Moor United Church,

Hope you are doing well and trust you all had a good week.

Thanks to Graham Adams who will be leading our Sunday service at Church with Communion. It was good to read the new liturgy that Graham has written for Communion this week, which I am sure will help us all to think about the inclusive place of God's table. I also want to thank Paul Brewerton for leading the 'Good read' sessions for our church friends, and next week on the 20<sup>th</sup> October we will have that session and kindly get in touch with Paul for more details.

This week, I had the opportunity of meeting Rev. Will Rubie the new minister at St. Martin's CoE church on Didsbury Road, and was glad to know that they are new church plant from Platt Church in Manchester. It was also a good occasion to meet the friends from our local mosque on A6 to see their work in the community. They remembered the good relationship with our church in the past, and we are working to renew those links in trying to work together for common issues in the community. As circuit staff team, we had a meeting with Cllr. Adrian Nottingham, the Mayor of Stockport to discuss about our plans for town centre chaplaincy. Last week, I had the opportunity of meeting our local MP Nav Mishra to discuss about a concern of the local resident, for which he was very open to help. We also had a good staff meeting this week.

We also had our leadership team meeting this week and discussed on the life and witness of our church. Last Saturday, JoAnne, Elliot and myself gathered as litter church and went into the community litter picking. It was a good initiative, and it will be good if some of our friends can join us in this initiative. One of the verses from Isaiah that I shared with JoAnne on litter picking was "our good deeds are like filthy rags..." which made us ponder on rags and litter.

This Sunday, the 17<sup>th</sup> of October is observed as "Sight Loss Sunday" and the theme is "Is seeing believing?". This Sunday is an invitation to join in encouraging and equipping with sight loss to fully realise their gifts and talents. You can find more details about it on this link: <https://www.sightlossfriendlychurch.org.uk/churches/slsunday>

May you all have a blessed week ahead. Do let us know if u need a pastoral visit, and Linda is planning for pastoral visitors meeting sometime soon and you will receive more details about it.

Thanking you,

With warm regards,

Raj

14<sup>th</sup> October 2021

# MESSAGE FROM THE CO-EDITOR

Hello Friday!

It's been a relatively quiet week this week. On my day off and Tuesday I went to Chester Cathedral to see the Global Images of Christ exhibition. Chester Cathedral is worth a visit in its own right but even more so whilst this exhibition is on. There are 38 images to view and each one is different than the last. I have quite a few favourites, some of which I posted to social media earlier in the week. But here is another of my favourites by Lorna May Wandsworth entitled Last Supper



I was at Marple Methodist Church on Wednesday evening meeting with a representative from The Wellspring hearing about their current projects and their building works. It was an interesting discussion and I will be sharing information about their projects in the next weeks notices.

On Saturday we will be holding our short service celebrating new life a thanksgiving for babies born during COVID and all are welcome. The service starts at 10:00 and coffee and cake will be served afterwards.

As always if I can be of any assistance 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 Closed**

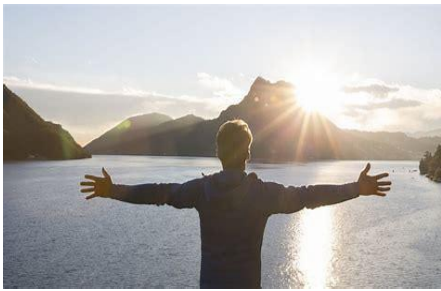
**Wednesday 10 - 2**

**Thursday 10 - 2**

**Friday 10-16**

*A reminder that coffee and cake will be served after the service on the 24<sup>th</sup> October in memory of Enid Collinson*

## A Prayer From Linda



**To you we dedicate this week and our lives to you**

Our Lord, we give to you every moment of our week; every moment of our life.

We are all filled with such joy knowing you, watch over us all, this week bless every beat of our hearts and every breath I take.

Give us the privilege to serve you this day, and please accept our dedication to you of all that we do.

I ask you this in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.



### REMEMBER

We are collecting any loose change in our pennies jar for The Leprosy Mission. The jar can be found outside the worship space.

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.



**CAN YOU HELP?** We are looking for people who would be prepared to be videoed sharing their one hope for the future of the planet. The videos will be part of a worship celebration with Climate Justice for All. If you would like to be filmed please contact JoAnne.

You can be filmed at your home, at Church or anywhere else around Heaton Moor!



To sign the letter electronically please follow this link <https://bit.ly/CJ4Aletter>

Alternatively sign the letter at the back of these notices and return to Church.

# SAVE THE DATES



Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October

6:30pm – 8pm

Come and join us as we celebrate the light with games and party activities. Wear your brightest clothes!



## LITTER CHURCH

Our next litter Church will be on

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November

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

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>  
November

Join us for The Big Quiz  
in aid of Tearfund

6pm – 8pm

*More information to follow*




The **Methodist** Church



**United Stockport Circuit**

Methodist and United Reformed Churches working in  
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**AN INVITATION  
TO THE NEXT  
CIRCUIT SERVICE  
LED BY THE  
CIRCUIT ECO TASK GROUP  
AT  
WOODLEY METHODIST  
CHURCH, SK6 1NF  
AT 4 PM ON  
SUNDAY, 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**





Dear Mr Sharma,

As people of Methodist churches across Britain, we recognise that the climate crisis is a threat to all of God's creation on Earth. We must act now to save the future of both people and planet.

We write to you as President of COP26. The United Nations climate change meeting this November is a significant moment to act in response to the climate crisis. As President, we know that you are in a key position to influence the global movement for climate action at this crucial time. As you represent the UK, we know that you also have a crucial role in advancing our own domestic commitments to action.

We call on you to be bold and ambitious at COP26 – to use your position of power and influence to ensure fair and just outcomes which secure climate justice for all.

As one of the highest-emitting countries in terms of carbon emissions, historical and present, it is unacceptable for the UK not to take responsibility for the ways in which we have mistreated both people and planet by our unfair use of resources. We are deeply frustrated that while the UK claims to be a climate leader, we are falling behind on our targets and commitments. We are certain that until there are consequences for countries not meeting their targets, this injustice will persist. As the Paris Agreement is reviewed, **we urge you to use your power to make countries accountable to their commitments so that targets are not made as simply performative action.**

Our churches have close partnerships and friendships with our Methodist family around the world. Over the last year, we have listened to the stories of communities who are on the frontlines of the changing climate. We have heard their pain and grief, and fear for an unknown future. In listening to them, we understand more closely the urgent need to act in global unity on an issue which deeply connects all people on earth. We call upon you to shape discussions at COP26 that they might prioritise listening to the experience of those who speak from the frontlines of the climate crisis, that we might hear their wisdom and clarity about the future. We ask you that COP26 is made as accessible as possible to representatives from the global south, and that they are given priority seats around the table. **We ask that you ensure that COP26 is a vital step towards securing international climate finance, which might equip and enable communities around the world to rebuild from climate related loss and damage, and create and maintain resilience for the future.**

Young people have been pioneers in the climate movement, and as a Church we have been led by their prophetic voice as we have responded to the climate crisis. Our young people have continually expressed their fears for the planet, and have called on those in power to do more to protect their future. **We urge you to hold these fears close to your heart as you lead COP26. We ask that you test the impact of the resolutions you make on generations to come.** To neglect to do so would be a betrayal of the young people whose voices have been so active in driving the climate movement, and who risk bearing the heaviest consequences of our actions in years to come.

As people of faith, we cannot let this moment pass by without doing everything that we can to seek climate justice for all. We hear the lament of our global family and the fear of future generations, as we face a crisis which ties us all together in its urgency. We must act now, in collective hope that enough can be done to enable God's creation to thrive once again.

**We pray that you would hear our voices and in turn, act with our urgency and passion in mind as you lead COP26.**



**Sunday 17 October 2021**

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.

**Opening Prayer**

Loving God I know that you are with me in every moment of my life but as I set this special time aside, I pray that I might feel your presence and that through the power of your Holy Spirit, I may find myself in the presence of others who worship you this day. *[Pause]*.

I pray that you would make me alive to the Holy Spirit, that in the stillness I might hear your Word and find myself drawn in tune with the melody of your grace.

Amen.

**Hymn: May the Glory of the Lord Fill His Temple (StF 31)**

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FjpVwl-Ecfs>

May the glory of the Lord fill his temple  
as we gather in this place,  
may the glory of the Lord touch his people  
as we meet here by his grace.

Weak though we are, you lift us from sin,  
where our hearts wait you long to come in,  
so Lord we pray let your healing begin --  
send us your Spirit today!

May the glory of the Lord fill his temple,  
and may we meet him face to face.

*Jonathan Nowell*

**Let us pray together**

Gracious God, I praise you for who you are.  
For you are the Lord, the giver and sustainer  
of life whose nature is love. I thank you that  
even when I rebel against you, your

unquenchable love seeks me out. I thank you  
that in Jesus, you made the first move and  
have rescued me. I pray that as your Word  
ministers to me, that I might so open my  
heart to your grace that it might fill me,  
transform me and overflow into all my  
relationships and dealings with the world.  
Amen.

**Today's Reading from the Old Testament**

Hebrews 5: 1-10

**Today's Gospel Reading:**

Mark 10: 35-45

**Time to Reflect**

Social anthropology reveals that in every culture in every time and in every place, human beings create religion. Where there is religion, there are priests; intermediaries who seek to "help" the masses to navigate divine forces that must be placated if they are to prosper. Israel had its own aristocratic line of priests but was frequently let down and disappointed by them. Always aloof, they were frequently corrupt.

In the chapters leading up to our Gospel reading this morning, Jesus has been identified (privately for now) as the Messiah, the Christ, the anointed king in waiting. As in every time and place, James and John want to be the intermediaries. If Jesus is going to be King, they want in on it.

How different then the message given to us in Hebrews! God has decided that Jesus is indeed the anointed King, but *this* king is also to have the dual role of Priest-King, modelled

on Melchizedek (see Psalm 110 and Genesis 14). King Jesus does not need an intermediary for he is also High Priest forever because, far from being aloof, this Priest-King has also shared our life of joy and of suffering. In Jesus, we need no intermediaries but can approach the throne of grace with confidence (Heb 10:19) and with prayer.

We get to share in this nature through our baptism. As the Body of Christ, we are a "Priestly Community" but, like James and John, we need Jesus to reshape our all too human, religious instincts and replace them with God's model of kingship and servanthood.

Grace and peace.

### **A time of prayer**

Loving God,

You call us to share in your baptism and in your work. In response, I offer these prayers for the world that you made and that you love. In a world where wealth and power are hoarded by a few, I pray that there would be an equal sharing of the vaccines and the necessities of life. In a world where vested interests imprison us and rob others of the life you offer, so I pray that your people, networked through prayer, might rise up to call out injustice wherever we see it. In a world confronted with climate emergency, I pray that you would make us enemies of apathy and agents of your Kingdom.

Finally because I know that you love me too, I take time to lay before you those things that are close to my heart..... {pause to reflect}

I ask these prayers in the only way that I can; in the power of your Holy Spirit and in the name, grace and character of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

**The Lord's Prayer**  
*Our Father .....*

### **Hymn: "One Human Family God Has Made" (StF 687)**

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

One human family God has made,  
and all for each to care.  
One world, to be the home of all,  
with all its wealth to share.  
One Christ, to manifest on earth  
love's ultimate design.  
One Church to know the mystery  
of broken bread and wine.

One race, one world -- yet torn apart,  
we spurn the way of love.  
But still ahead, the Christ leads on  
and calls his Church to move  
from love of power to power of love,  
to give the word to all --  
to trust the love that conquered death,  
outside the city wall.

And are we brave enough to join  
with that great company --  
the cost not less than all we have  
and are or hope to be --  
the bitter cup of human sin  
to drink with him who died,  
and take his love outside the wall  
to all the crucified?

Claim him who claims us for his own,  
to share his pain and grief,  
to bear the scars that stamp us his --  
the hallmark of belief.  
As partners of the living Christ,  
who risk the path he trod,  
with wondering love we find we share  
the timeless joy of God.

*Rosemary Wakelin (b. 1932)*

### **A prayer of blessing**

God to enfold you,  
Christ to uphold you,  
Spirit to keep you in heaven's sight ;  
so may God grace you,  
heal and embrace you,  
lead you through darkness  
into the light.

John L. Bell (b. 1949)

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## Hebrews 5: 1-10

<sup>1</sup>Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup>He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; <sup>3</sup>and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

<sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,  
'You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you';  
<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,  
'You are a priest for ever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.'

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

## Mark 10: 35-45

<sup>35</sup>James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' <sup>38</sup>But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' <sup>39</sup>They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'

<sup>41</sup>When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup>So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>43</sup>But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'