



Heaton Moor United Church

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



Sunday Services at Heaton Moor United Church

Services at 10:45 unless otherwise stated

7 th November	Rev Dr Graham Adams	Super Sunday
14 th November	Carol Jack & Deborah Symmons	
21 st November	Rev Dr Raj Patta	Communion The Church Meeting will follow the service at 12:00
28 th November	Rev Paul Brewerton	1 st Sunday in Advent
5 th December	Rev Dr Graham Adams	Super Sunday

Additional Services

7 th November at 4pm	Circuit Service	Woodley Methodist Church https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MdKTCbHeHG0 .
14 th November Zoom	Missional Partnership Service	Meeting ID: 821 8150 8988 Passcode: 716978
28 th November at 18:00	Service Loving Remembrance	Heaton Moor United Church

Additional Services / Events at Heaton Moor Church

Tuesday 9 th November at 14:00	Ladies Fellowship New members welcome, come along or contact Beryl Jones
Saturday 13 th November at 10:00	Litter Church
Monday 15 th November at 19:45 (takes place every other Monday)	Men's Fellowship
Wednesday 16 th November at 10:00	Moor Than a Good Book
Sunday 21 st November at 12.00	Church Meeting (Bring your lunch)

Dear Heaton Moor United Church,

Grace and peace to you all. Hope you are all doing well and have had a good week.

Thanks to Graham Adams who will be leading our Super Sunday service this week at Church. I am sure you will enjoy his new hymn which he has written on the lectionary text for this Sunday.

This week has been one of those weeks with full on and quite a tight one with many things happening all around. On Tuesday, I was leading a 'shoppers service' on the market day at St. Mary's in the centre of Stockport and we had some good conversations on the theme 'love for God is shown in our love for the creation.' It was also good to meet and catch up with Anne Wild, who has transferred her membership from East Didsbury to our church. She brings with her lots of gifts, which includes her local preacher gifts and community engagements.

We also had our leadership team meeting this week discussing about the Church meeting on the 21st Nov and also about the Pension appeal from the Connexion.

As a circuit we had a planning meeting about 'Community Sponsorship Scheme' which is about hosting a refugee family through the Home office for two years in Stockport. It gave us lots of ideas of how to go about with this scheme.

We had Gulam Rasool from Heaton Chapel Mosque on A6 and Liz Atherton from the Stockport Council this week at our church for a meeting. It was an opportunity to get to know the different community engagements we have been doing as faith communities and began to explore ways of working together.



Little Amal, a 3.5-meter puppet of a young refugee girl, who began her epic journey from Turkey in July has come to Manchester on the 3rd of November, the final destination. Lots of people gathered to welcome Little Amal at Castlefield only to demonstrate that Manchester is a welcoming place to all people, and refugees are welcome to this place. JoAnne, Elliot and myself were part of many people gathered, and it was an amazing experience to witness the wave of openness and generosity among people in Manchester. Being part of this walk with Amal, was in solidarity with refugees are welcome here.



I also had the opportunity of meeting with Geoff and Gary from FRESH, who have been working tirelessly in Stockport in distributing food to about 1600 children every week in six different local schools. We have been again exploring ways about 'Food and Faith' conversations in the borough of Stockport and also ways of supporting them in their work.

As a staff team we also met to discuss about a course on 'discipleship/membership' and we will give you more update on it in the new year. Sharon has been busy working on getting the documents ready for our Church meeting.

We have our circuit service this Sunday at 4pm at Woodley Methodist Church, and will be led by Eco task group, and kindly join if you are able to. The service is also streamed online and the details are on the circuit website.

Wishing you all a good week, and may God's goodness and mercy go with each of you.

Thanking you,

With warm regards,

Raj

04.11.2021

MESSAGE FROM THE CO-EDITOR

Happy Friday Everyone!

Good to be back to work after a week off with the little ones. I had a lovely break; arranging the toddler cupboard, a trip to Beeston Castle, trampolining and attending 3Generate the Methodist Youth Forum.



We had two busy playgroup sessions on Monday where we made some Autumn leaves. Wednesday was a busy day of meetings and then in the evening me and Raj headed into Manchester to see Little Amal on the final part of her journey. Little Amal is a 3.5 metre tall puppet of a nine year old Syrian refugee that has travelled almost 5000 miles from the Turkish-Syrian border in support of refugees. For more information and images please visit <https://www.walkwithamal.org/about-us/little-amal/>


On Thursday I met with other layworkers from across the district and it was good to hear what is happening in other Churches, I then set about making 20 fireworks ready for our Friday toddlers.

As always if I can be of any assistance 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 10 - 2

Thursday CLOSED

Friday 10-12



Help for Haiti

You are invited to come along for
Coffee & Cake

Friday 5th 2-3.30pm

Heaton Mersey Methodist Church

Cavendish Road

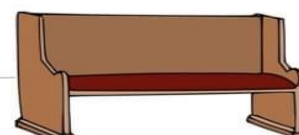
All proceeds will go to help the people
of Haiti



Charity Christmas Card Sale

St. Paul's Heaton Moor
Saturday 6th November 2021
10am-12pm

Come and buy all your Christmas Cards and have a complimentary Brew in the Pew!



Pat Simister would like to thank everyone for their well wishes she is at home resting .

Make COP Count rally and march

Global Day of Action
for Climate Justice
Manchester

Sat. 6th Nov 2021
12 noon

Methodists From the United Stockport Circuit are invited to travel together so we can have a united presence at the rally and march. **Meet Rev. Cathy Bird at Stockport Station by the Ticket Office at 11.10am.**

Or you can go to St Peter's Square and find the 'We Are Methodists' Banner and help us raise our voice for God's Creation.

Please contact Revd David Hardman
on 07972 102297 for further information or to find us on the day!



To Book

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/stockport-climate-action-now-summit-tickets-169824749397>

SAVE THE DATES



LITTER CHURCH

Our next litter Church will be on

Saturday 13th November

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



Saturday 13th November – Hong Kong Film Event at 17:00

Hong Kong Cultural Community (HKCC), in partnering with Haven Productions, is delighted to present Mancunians, our very first exciting screening series – Tyranny: Imagination and Reality. Our series is selected to bring the audience a vision of a tyrannical future, to reflect upon the present. There will also be an after-movie screening discussion with award-winning director/producer Mr Ka-leung Ng.

Tickets cost £6, to book please speak with JoAnne or visit <https://hkculturalcommunity.square.site/>

Friends of Stockport Interfaith

Next meeting on 16th November 2021 at 7pm

Join us for evening hearing about the works of The Wellspring and Night Stop

At The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints,

Bramhall Lane, Stockport, SK3 8SA

Join us for the CIRCUIT MISSION FORUM

ON THURSDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER

AT MARPLE METHODIST CHURCH, SK6 7AY

Starting at 6.30 for a light meal and the chance to meet each other.

Afterwards there will be the opportunity to see the exciting work that is going on in our Circuit.

<https://forms.gle/Du5vFuRMtwN6sZq58> to fill in this simple form so we know who is coming, alternatively please complete the form at the back of the notices.



Saturday 20th November
6pm - 8pm
£5 per person

Teams maximum of 6 (we can put you in a team)
Ticket includes refreshments and a hot pot supper
(vegetarian option available)

Children welcome at no charge,

To sign up contact JoAnne 07340 269 354

community@heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk



Heaton Churches
Partnership

Come to the next Prayer Meeting

On Saturday November 20th 2021

7.45 for 8.00-9.00am

At The Coach House, 222, Wellington Rd north, Heaton Chapel, SK4 2QN

To pray for:-

- Each other
- Each other's churches
- Mission in the Heaton
- Mission in Stockport



Gentle Exercise Class

Held at Heaton Mersey Congregational Church every Thursday

1.00 pm – 1.45 pm

Followed by Refreshments and a Chat

Term Time only

Great for Physical and Social Wellbeing

Combination of Chair Based

And Standing Exercise – go at your own pace!

£3.00 per session

Contact: Julie Colton

07814 619217

Manchester Shoobox Appeal



Below are a few suggestions which you could include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bath Gift Set Hand Cream Puzzle Books Playing Cards | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dominos Reading Books Pencils Adult colouring books | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chocolate Biscuits Boiled Sweets |
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and anything else you can think of ... but please

NO ALCOHOL OR MONEY

Please remember to include a Christmas card in your box.

Remember to make your boxes pretty (wrap the lid and box separately so we can add extra items to the boxes) and make sure to label the box to let those distributing the boxes know who it is intended for i.e. young Adults female or male, Dog or Elderly male or female. Check out our Facebook page for our list of drop off points.

Homeless Christmas Shoobox Appeal



Toiletries

Toothbrush & Toothpaste
Deodorant/ Body Sprays
Shower Gels/Shampoo
Shaving Foam & Razors
Baby Wipes/Face Wipes
Hairbrush/Comb
Lip Balm & Moisturiser
Sanitary Products (for female boxes)

Food Items

Chocolate
Sweets
Biscuits
Tinned Food (ring nut only)
Can of Pop
Drink Sachets (Coffee/Tea/Chocolate)
Food Sachets (Instant Soup/Mag Shirts)

Clothing

Hat, Scarf, Gloves
Warm Socks
Belt
Raincoat/Poncho
Underwear

Other Items

Ziplock Bags
Note Pad/Pen/Pencil
Wind up Torch

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

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Manchester Shoobox Appeal



Below are a few suggestions which you could include:

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| <p><u>Babies/Toddlers (0-3 years)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mittens / Soft Toys Toiletries / Books | <p><u>Infants (4-8 years)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colouring Books / Crayons, Pencils Hat & Gloves / Age Appropriate Toys |
| <p><u>Juniors (9-12 years)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stationery Sets / Sweets Toiletries / Gift Sets | <p><u>Teenagers (13-16 years)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toiletry Packs / Make-up Wipes / Socks / Chocolate |

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

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Manchester Christmas Shoobox Appeal

Deborah is organizing a collection of shoeboxes for this appeal in Manchester.

All boxes should be dropped off at Church by 17th November.

Remember to include a Christmas card and a £1 coin to cover distribution costs. The top and bottom of the boxes should be wrapped/ decorated separately so that it is possible for the organisers to inspect the contents. The box should also be labelled with the category of recipient (e.g. elderly, adult male, adult female).

Best wishes
Deborah



Worship at Home - Sunday 7 November 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

Psalm 146.3,5: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortal men who cannot save;

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God.

Hymn: STF 331 King of Kings, majesty

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jbZMMd99nM8>

King of kings, majesty,
God of heaven living in me.
Gentle Saviour, closest Friend,
Strong Deliverer, Beginning and End,
all within me falls at your throne.
Your majesty, I can but bow;
I lay my all before you now.
In royal robes I don't deserve,
I live to serve your majesty.

Earth and heaven worship you,
Love eternal, faithful and true,
who bought the nations, ransomed souls,
brought this sinner near to your throne;
all within me cries out in praise.
Your majesty, I can but bow;
I lay my all before you now.
In royal robes I don't deserve,
I live to serve your majesty,
I live to serve your majesty.

Jarrold Cooper

Let us pray together

Almighty God,

You are great and wonderful, a mystery beyond our understanding, yet you bend down to us with your love and care.

For your grace and for the amazing gift of your son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, we praise your holy name.

Thank you that you never lose faith in us even though at times we fail to trust in you.

Forgive us when we forget to place our life decisions before you, when we push away your gentle wisdom and substitute our own misguided judgments.

Forgive us when we listen to others instead of you and fail to open our hearts to your loving guidance.

When we bring our honest regrets to God and seek his forgiveness, we are blessed with God's gracious word of mercy and pardon that breathes new life into us, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Today's Gospel Reading: Mark 12.38-44

Time to Reflect

Jesus accused the religious leaders of his time of exploiting their position in society for personal gain. He warned the people not to be taken in by their outward show and their patronising demeanour; their attitude of

entitlement and demands for the most important seats in the synagogue and the places of honour at banquets. This was all a front, said Jesus; the long pious prayers a sham that hid avarice and pride. The poor, including vulnerable widows who gave generously to the leaders out of respect, were in reality being cheated.

The hypocrisy of the religious leaders is contrasted with the genuine sacrifice of the widow who, despite her dire poverty, gave everything she had in the service of God.

Through this teaching, Jesus asks us to examine our own Christian lives and patterns of giving. Do we go to church to worship God or because we are regarded as “pillars of the congregation” and wish to preserve that status? Are we holding back some of our resources from God for our own benefit instead of wholeheartedly giving our lives, talents and all that we have to his service?

Take a time to sit quietly

A time of prayer

We pray for the church, for the world and for ourselves.

Lord, we pray for a strengthening of integrity, wisdom and faith for all Christian leaders; for resilience and courage for Christians who are persecuted, and for the fresh inspiration of the Holy Spirit to be poured out on all believers so that through their witness all the world will come to know the saving love of Jesus Christ.

Hear our prayers for national leaders, politicians and community leaders and all those who have any power or influence over the lives of others. May they act with compassion, justice and honesty, always putting the needs of the most vulnerable first.

Where there is conflict or war, we pray for the Holy Spirit to turn hard hearts towards peace and dialogue instead of violence. Hear our prayers for hope and restoration for the people of Afghanistan, Yemen, Lebanon and other areas around the world where there is economic

breakdown, food poverty and lack of education provision.

We pray for comfort and courage for all who suffer injury, loss and hardship, for those who are displaced from their homes, and for those who are so desperate they risk their lives on dangerous journeys to reach safety. May God protect and guide them. We give thanks for aid workers who struggle in difficult situations to bring food, shelter and medicines to those in most need.

We ask for the healing touch of Jesus on the lives of people who are ill, in pain, anxious or trapped in addiction. We name in our hearts those known to us and to Jesus who are in need of our prayers and God’s love at this time. May they know the peace of mind and heart that only Jesus can give.

Loving God, thank you that you know us through and through, our hopes and dreams, our joys and sorrows. May we continue to know your loving acceptance and blessing in our lives, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father

Hymn: Listen to STF 254 Seek ye first the kingdom of God

[Seek ye first the kingdom of God \(StF 254\) \(methodist.org.uk\)](http://methodist.org.uk)

or sing a verse of a hymn that comes to mind

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you;
Allelu-, alleluia:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
allelu-, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
seek and ye shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto to you;
Allelu-, alleluia:

We shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord;
Allelu-, alleluia:

Karen Lafferty (b. 1948)

A prayer of blessing

Follow Jesus in all that you do and say,
showing kindness and respect to all and the
blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
remain with you and those whom you love,
today and forever more. 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 \(methodist.org.uk\)](http://methodist.org.uk)

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

Jesus Denounces the Scribes

As he taught, he said, 'Beware of the scribes, who
like to walk around in long robes, and to be
greeted with respect in the market-places, and to
have the best seats in the synagogues and places
of honour at banquets! They devour widows'
houses and for the sake of appearance say long
prayers. They will receive the greater
condemnation.'

The Widow's Offering

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched
the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many
rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came
and put in two small copper coins, which are
worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and
said to them, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has
put in more than all those who are contributing to
the treasury. For all of them have contributed out
of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has
put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'