



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

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	2 nd Sunday in Advent
12 th December	Nativity Service	3 rd Sunday in Advent

Additional Services

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
30 th November at 14:00	Dementia Friendly Service	Heaton Moor United Church

Additional Events at Heaton Moor Church

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
Saturday 20 th November at 18:00	The Big Quiz in Aid of Tearfund (see notices for details)
Sunday 21 st November at 12.00	Church Meeting (Bring your lunch)
Saturday 27 th November at 10:00	Advent Fair (see notices for details)

Dear Heaton Moor United Church,

Grace and peace to you all in the name of our Triune God. Hope you are all doing well.

Thanks to Deborah who is leading the service this Sunday at church. We are also grateful to Paul Brewerton for leading 'More than a good book' at our church. The next season is on hope, and the first of the series will be held on Wednesday, the 17th of November at 10am at our church.

This week, I was part of a panel for Stockport Council's Food and Faith session on Tuesday, and it was a delight to make a presentation along with Gulamrasool Ali from the Heaton Chapel Mosque on our engagements with food pantry. We also had our Circuit Leadership team meeting discussing about the mission engagements as a circuit.

It is always good to chat with our church friends on phone, and our continued prayers to our congregation members who are unwell.

We have our 'Litter Church' on this Saturday at 10 am and those of you who are interested are invited to join us.

Next week, we have our first in person Friends of Stockport Interfaith meeting as part of national Interfaith week and the details are enclosed. The circuit is organising a Mission Forum on Wednesday, the 18th Nov at Marple Methodist Church and you are kindly invited to that event to get to know the various mission engagements and opportunities.

Our plans for Advent are on, and we as a circuit will be offering Advent study course every Thursday starting from 25th of November at 7pm on zoom on the theme, "Silent Night? Searching a spirituality of silence" and you are all invited to partake in those sessions.

Our next circuit service will be a Christmas carol service on the 5th of December 2021 at 4pm at Hazel Grove Methodist church followed by curry, and you are warmly invited to it and you need to book for the curry. Our circuit's "Carols in the Car" is also taking place at Hazel Grove park ride on the 18th of December 2021 at 2pm and 4pm sessions, and you are invited to join it, and again you need to book it.

May you all have a blessed week, and may God's grace and care be with you all.

Thanking you,

Regards,

Raj

11th November 2021

MESSAGE FROM THE CO-EDITOR

It's that time of the week again.

I've been on my own this week as unfortunately Sharon is isolating due to COVID so please can you include her and Keith in your prayers.

We had a wonderful time at toddlers on Monday - the quiet room was transformed into a sensory room for the session and was well received. One of the crafts this week was painting poppies for our Remembrance Day display and I think you'll agree they look great!



On Tuesday I spoke at the ladies fellowship meeting and had a lovely time - I'm looking forward to joining them in December for fellowship and mince pies!

It was just Raj and I at our staff meeting and our discussions centred around our Christmas events, details of which are further in the notices, it's going to be a busy season!


I wondered if this week I could ask for your help? Could you share details of our events with your neighbours and friends? If you're on social media it only takes a moment to share a post. Even if you're not on social media word of mouth still works!

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



SAOVE 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 17:30

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/>

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.

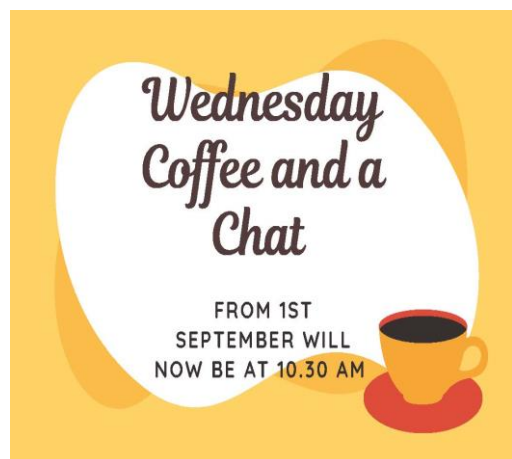


Friends of Stockport Interfaith
Bi-Monthly Meeting

Join us for an
evening of fellowship

Tuesday 16th November
7pm - 8pm

The Church of Jesus Christ of
Latter-Day Saints
Bramhall Lane, Stockport, SK3 8SA





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

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

at Heaton Moor United Church

Celebrate Advent

27th November 10:00 - 14:00

Children's activities and Advent Fair. Lots of stall holders selling unique gifts.

How can you help?

- Bring in items for the chocolate tombola / good as new toy stall
- Bake cakes / mince pies
- Help man a stall / serve refreshments (1 hour slots)
- Help with children's activities
- Share flyer with neighbours and friends
- Come along on the day!

For more information, please speak with JoAnne



Christingle Service

12th December 16:00 - 17:00

We are excited once again to welcome the Laurel Lane Singers to our Christingle Service where we will recognise and celebrate Jesus as the "Light of the World".

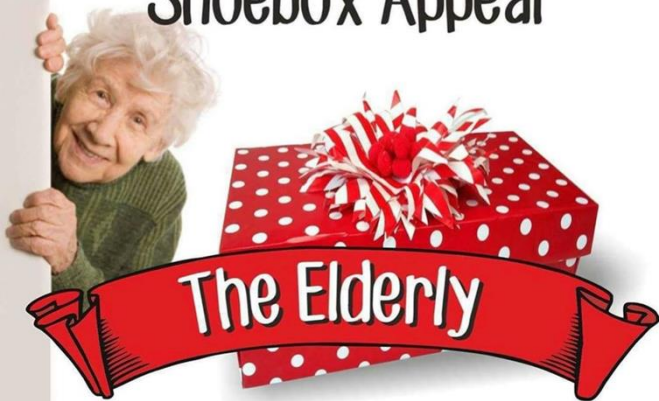
A Christmas Carol
A Dickens inspired Carol Service

Followed by a
Victorian inspired
light supper

19th December
16:00

A detailed illustration of a snowy Victorian street scene. People in period clothing are walking on the sidewalk. There are street lamps and buildings in the background. The scene is set at night with snow falling.

Manchester Shoobox Appeal



Below are a few suggestions which you could include:

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

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 Sheets)

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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| <u>Babies/Toddlers (0-3 years)</u> | <u>Infants (4-8 years)</u> |
| Mittens / Soft Toys | Colouring Books / Crayons, Pencils |
| Toiletries / Books | Hat & Gloves / Age Appropriate Toys |
| <u>Juniors (9-12 years)</u> | <u>Teenagers (13-16 years)</u> |
| Stationery Sets / Sweets | Toiletry Packs / Make-up |
| Toiletries / Gift Sets | Wipes / Socks / Chocolate |

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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

Join us for these exciting Circuit wide events

Please let us know you are coming by emailing
events@stockportcircuit.org.uk.

CIRCUIT MISSION FORUM

THURSDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER
Marple Methodist Church 6.30pm

Join us for pizza and an opportunity to see the exciting work that is going on in our Circuit and to find out how you can be involved.

Work with refugees, becoming an Eco-church, town centre ministry and more!

CIRCUIT SERVICE

‘Carols and Curry’

Sunday 5th December 4pm

Hazel Grove Methodist Church

A traditional Carol Service with the Offerton Methodist Choir followed by a delicious Curry.

Please book in for the Curry



UNITED STOCKPORT CIRCUIT'S
ADVENT COURSE 2021

SILENT NIGHT? IN SEARCH OF A SPIRITUALITY OF SILENCE

On Zoom, Every Thursday at 7pm
25th Nov - 23rd Dec 2021

www.stockportcircuit.org.uk

Check the Circuit Website
for details of Zoom Link

Worship at Home - Sunday 14 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

Holy God,
we gather with people in every time and place
to worship you.
Grant us the assurance that you are with us
and join us all together by your Spirit.

Amen.

Hymn: StF 117 "Sing praise to God who reigns above" [selected verses]

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

[Sing praise to God who reigns above \(StF 117\)](https://www.methodist.org.uk/sing-praise-to-god-who-reigns-above-stf-117)
[methodist.org.uk](https://www.methodist.org.uk)

Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation;
with healing balm my soul he fills,
and every faithless murmur stills:
to God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power has made
that will he ever cherish,
and will, unfailing, soon and late,
with loving-kindness nourish;
and where he rules in kingly might
there all is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away,
but, through all grief distressing,
an ever-present help and stay,
our peace, and joy, and blessing;
as with a mother's tender hand,
he leads his own, his chosen band:
to God all praise and glory!

O you who name Christ's holy name,
give God all praise and glory:
O you who own his power, proclaim
aloud the wondrous story.
Cast each false idol from its throne:
the Lord is God, and he alone:
to God all praise and glory!

Johann Jakob Schuetz (1640-1690), Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897) and Honor Mary Thwaites (1914-1993)

Let us join with one heart and mind to give
God praise and glory.

Let us pray

To the God-in-community, we praise you. We
are held in your palm and connected within
your great company.
To the God of undiminished light, we praise
you that in the depths of our night, you are
light.

To the God of infinite love, we praise you that
all love is sourced in your fathomless depth.
To you, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, we
offer our praise to your glory.

Amen.

Today's Reading from the Hebrew Bible:

Micah 4:1-8

Today's Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

Time to Reflect

I wonder what emotions Remembrance
Sunday stirs in you. Perhaps pride of the
service and sacrifice of a family member. Grief
for a life cut short and opportunities missed.
Lament that we perpetuate war as a way of

trying to solve conflict even though we often commit ourselves to “never again.”

Our readings today remind us that God dreams of a day when guns of killing will be refashioned into tools to tend the earth and Jesus had a word of blessing for the peacemakers who will be the children of God.

Images that suggest that war is not God’s ideal but a symbol of how our stubbornness and pride, our pursuit of power takes us away from God’s ideals. But more than that, they are images of a hope that can be realised when we commit to live in peace and always pursue peace.

What are the metaphorical, or literal, weapons you can re-fashion into gardening tools? Only when we do that is there is a chance of “never again.”

Take a time to sit quietly

A time of prayer

For our prayers, we invite you to read quietly the words of Marjorie Dobson’s hymn: By a monument of marble (StF 131)

By a monument of marble,
or a simple wooden cross,
here we gather to remember
sacrifice and tragic loss.
Blood-red poppy petals flutter,
each a symbol for a life,
drifting in a crimson curtain,
shadow of our constant strife.

Hold a silence to remember all who have died because of war

Solemn silence now surrounds us
as we stand in memory.
Why must factions stir up conflict?
This eternal mystery
troubles hearts and stirs the conscience,
urges us to think again;
face the curse of confrontation,
yet reduce this searing pain.

For the sound of war still thunders

through our planet, on this day.
Every hour new victims suffer,
even as we meet to pray.
God, we need your help and guidance
in our constant search for peace.
Move us on to new solutions
as we pray that wars may cease.

Marjorie Dobson (b. 1940)

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn: Listen to Beauty for brokenness

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=08utbDFP9AE>

or sing a verse of a hymn that comes to mind

Beauty for brokenness,
hope for despair,
Lord, in your suffering world
this is our prayer.
Bread for the children,
justice, joy, peace,
sunrise to sunset,
your kingdom increase!

Shelter for fragile lives,
cures for their ills,
work for all people,
trade for their skills;
land for the dispossessed,
rights for the weak,
voices to plead the cause
of those who can't speak.

*God of the poor,
friend of the weak,
give us compassion we pray:
melt our cold hearts,
let tears fall like rain;
come, change our love
from a spark to a flame.*

Refuge from cruel wars,
havens from fear,
cities for sanctuary,

freedoms to share.
Peace to the killing-fields,
scorched earth to green,
Christ for the bitterness,
his cross for the pain.

Rest for the ravaged earth,
oceans and streams
plundered and poisoned —
our future, our dreams.
Lord, end our madness,
carelessness, greed;
make us content with
the things that we need.

Refrain

Lighten our darkness,
breathe on this flame
until your justice burns
brightly again;
until the nations
learn of your ways,
seek your salvation
and bring you their praise.

Refrain

Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)

A prayer of blessing

May the peace-pursuing God be gracious to us
and bless us,
and make God's face to shine upon us.

Amen.

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We are grateful to all the Ministers and Local Preachers from
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://The Bible (methodist.org.uk))

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

Micah 4:1-8

Peace and Security through Obedience

In days to come
the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the
mountains,
and shall be raised up above the hills.
Peoples shall stream to it,
and many nations shall come and say:
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between many peoples,
and shall arbitrate between strong nations far
away;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more;
but they shall all sit under their own vines and
under their own fig trees,
and no one shall make them afraid;
for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.

For all the peoples walk,
each in the name of its god,
but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God
for ever and ever.

Restoration Promised after Exile

On that day, says the Lord,
I will assemble the lame
and gather those who have been driven away,
and those whom I have afflicted.
The lame I will make the remnant,
and those who were cast off, a strong nation;
and the Lord will reign over them in Mount Zion
now and for evermore.

And you, O tower of the flock,
hill of daughter Zion,
to you it shall come,
the former dominion shall come,
the sovereignty of daughter Jerusalem.

Matthew 5:1-12

The Beatitudes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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