



# Heaton Moor United Church

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

*Services at 10:45 unless otherwise stated*

23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Rev Dr Graham Adams	
30 <sup>th</sup> January	Rev Dr Raj Patta	
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Rev Dr Graham Adams	10.00 Super Sunday followed at 10.45 service
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Jill Barber	
20 <sup>th</sup> February	Rev Paul Brewerton	Communion service
27 <sup>th</sup> February	Rev Raj Patta	

## Additional Services

Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January at 2:30pm	Celebrate Christian Unity with Coptic Christians	Service at The Coptic Orthodox Church of St Mary & St Mina. More information in the notices
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## Additional Events at Heaton Moor Church

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> January at 19:30 (takes place every other Monday)	Men's Fellowship
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> January at 10.30	Coffee and a Chat
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February at 10:00	Moor Than a Good Read

Dear Heaton Moor United Church,

Grace and peace to you all. Trust you are all doing well and are keeping safe. Thank you all for your prayers, phone calls, cards and emails to us as a family last week when we were unwell. We are well now and have returned to our 'normal' this week. Thank you for your love. Thanks to Paul Brewerton for leading my service on the 9<sup>th</sup> Jan, even though I have requested him at the very last minute.

Thanks to Graham Adams who will be leading the service this Sunday at church. This week we were back on the run again with our activities. On Monday we have had the chance of meeting the new Deacon who will join our circuit from September for town centre ministry, and we are looking forward to her joining us on our circuit team.

For the next twelve weeks, I will host for the Join Public Issues Team's Politics in the Pulpit podcast and will be engaging in a conversation with various guests on the weekly lectionary texts. These are some fascinating preaching resources and you can listen to it on this link: <https://politicsinthepulpit.podbean.com/e/episode-36-revd-michaela-youngson-for-23rd-january/>

It so good to be at the Dementia service on Tuesday in the afternoon, singing along some good hymns. I should make a special mention about Jean James, who led this service, for she led it with so much grace and creativity. Thank you, Jean. We also had our circuit local preachers and worship leaders meeting this week discussing on the partnership between them at services. Glad to note that two of our colleagues Sharon and JoAnne will soon begin their worship leaders course, and we wish them all God's blessings in their future endeavours.

We as a staff team met this week to discuss our plans and activities running up to Lent and Easter. As always, our staff meetings are full of ideas and full of energy. So proud of our team for all that they offer and contribute. On Wednesday, we had our circuit ministers away day at the Ridge to plan our mission engagements. Again, a fabulous staff team and it is a real delight to be working with all of them.

As Heaton Churches Partnership, we had our meeting this week at the Coptic Orthodox Church, and it was a fascinating experience listening to their faith experience, tradition and history. We too planned for our forthcoming events.

On Friday, we are organising a prayer vigil for Tonga, and if you are interested, please do join to express your solidarity and prayers with the people of Tonga. The details of the event have already been sent to you yesterday.

Sending you our prayers and good wishes. We are planning to start our home visits and to do home communions again, and let us know if you need a visit. We have also planned a mid-week monthly once short communion service, and the next one is on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February at 10am.

Thanking you,

Regards,

Raj

20<sup>th</sup> January. 2022

# MESSAGE FROM THE CO-EDITOR

Happy Friday Everyone!

I'm hoping that your Monday wasn't too Blue, I was wearing my blue tutu and am certain that contributed to my fantastic day!



We continue our theme of bugs at toddlers - this week we are looking at beetles. We have had lots of fun playing in our sensory tray with different textures and listening to a story about Jonathan the beetle who didn't like being little.

On Tuesday we held our monthly dementia friendly short service. These service as dementia friendly in that we have volunteers from our dementia friends' group in attendance and they are short services, usually 30 minutes, which always follow the same format. They are open to all, and we would welcome you at our next service on the 15<sup>th</sup> February.

At our staff team meeting this week were finalising the arrangements for Easter and we will shortly be sharing these with you. We also discussed the Easter Walk of Witness at our Heaton's Churches

Together meeting on Thursday and are just waiting the green light from the council and we will share the route. This month we met at The Coptic Orthodox Church of St Mary and St Mina and after the meeting Father Bashoy gave us a tour of the worship space - it was incredibly interesting and I encourage you all to attend the service taking place there on Sunday, see more information further in the notices.

Last Friday we had a visit from Ellie at dementia friends' group. Ellie is a pet therapy dog and was brought by her handler Vanessa. It was wonderful to watch the interaction between Ellie and the group, she was such a success she will now be making monthly visits.




As always if I can be of any help please do not hesitate to contact me

*JoAnne*

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## Office Hours

Monday 10:00 – 14:00

Tuesday 10:00 – 14:00

Wednesday 10:00 – 14:00

Thursday CLOSED

Friday 12:00 – 14:00



Another bulb picture- thank you Deborah

LOST GLOVE a single black glove has been found in the kitchen,  
if you have lost a glove it is now in the office



The Nationality and Borders Bill is now in the House of Lords.

**Find out how you can raise your voice for change.**

The Nationality & Borders Bill is now in the House of Lords, where it will undergo further scrutiny. There are still opportunities to influence the Bill, and everyone can get involved.

**Write to your MP:** Every MP still has the chance to vote on the bill. Engaging with your MP is important to ensure that they hear all perspectives.

An example letter is attached to the notices for you to use to send to our MP, Navendu Mishra. It can be posted to him at his Westminster address; House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA or email [navendu.mishra.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:navendu.mishra.mp@parliament.uk)

For more information visit

<https://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/nationalityandbordersbill/meet-your-mp-nationality-and-borders-bill>

DON'T FORGET I have put some orange hearts on the entrance table and encourage you to write your messages of support for refugees on one for me to display in Church.

Are you playing #Wordle? Message @RevKatieSmith or @rajpatta to join their WhatsApp group where we can compare our results and challenge ourselves to ask how the word speaks about our faith.

Wordle is a free game where you have six tries to guess a five-letter word through deduction. There is one word every day, which is the same for everyone. The new puzzle is released every day at midnight. Each time you guess a word, the letters will turn green, yellow or grey to indicate if it is in the correct spot. Green means the letter is in the right position, yellow means the letter appears somewhere in the word but not in the current position, and grey means the letter isn't in the word at all.



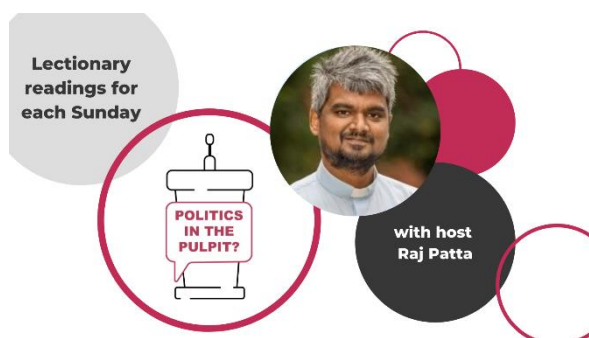
To start the year Church Action on Poverty are inviting us to a fun quiz evening on Zoom. We'll get the chance to meet other Church Action on Poverty Supporters, enjoy a fun, friendly quiz and learn a bit more about Church Action on Poverty and their plans to mark their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

### 31 January, 7:30pm–9:00pm, online

The quiz is designed for teams of 4–6 people. If you would be interested in being part of a Heaton Moor United Church Team please contact JoAnne, [community@heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk](mailto:community@heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk)

Alternatively, you can register your details and Church Action on Poverty will assign you to a team with other individual participants.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/anniversary-quiz-celebrate-church-action-on-povertys-40th-year-tickets-240004338437>



visit <https://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/politicsinthepulpit>

For JPIT's weekly podcast that explores the connection between the Bible and politics. The new host is none other than our own Rev Raj Patt! Raj will be joined by preachers, thinkers, theologians and practitioners to explore how we can bring the lectionary together with issues of peace and justice. Politics in the Pulpit is a chance for anyone and everyone to dive deeper into the issues present in our society and world. **Celebrating Tutu's Legacy –**

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January 4-5:30pm

A Zoom event to promote the new book *Ecumenical Encounters with Desmond Mpilo Tutu* (Regnum Books 2021) with speakers from South Africa, Germany and the UK.

<https://www.sabeel-kairos.org.uk/memorial-service-to-celebrate-the-life-of-desmond-tutu/>

This Sunday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January is World Leprosy Day. Here is The Leprosy Mission Prayer – we are still collecting pennies to support The Leprosy Mission. The box is outside the worship space or pennies can be handed in to the office.

Almighty Father, the give of life and health, look mercifully on those who suffer from leprosy.

Stretch out you hand to touch and heal them as Jesus did during his early life.

Grant wisdom and insight to those who are seeking the prevention and cure of the disease.

Give skill and sympathy to those who minister to the patients.

Reunite the separated ones with their families and friends

Inspire your people with the task set before the Leprosy Mission that it may never lack either the staff or means to carry on its healing work.

In accordance with your will and to the glory of your holy name

We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, your Lord. Amen



# INVITATION TO A SERVICE TO CELEBRATE **CHRISTIAN UNITY** WITH COPTIC CHRISTIANS **SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY at 2.30pm** at



## **The Coptic Orthodox Church of St Mary and St Mina Heaton Moor Road, Stockport, SK4 4PB**

At this service we will unite with Christians from all different traditions in Greater Manchester to praise Jesus for our unity with Christians around the world, and particularly with those in Egypt and other Islamic dominated societies. The service will be supported by Rt. Rev. John Arnold - RC Bishop of Salford, The Right Reverend Sam Corley - Anglican Bishop of Stockport and Cllr Adrian Nottingham, Mayor of Stockport.

Prayers for will be offered in several languages with the service and hymns in English.



Organised in conjunction with The Maranatha Community  
Questions and preliminary information on 0161 282 5523 or 07504 130749

Dear Navendu Mishara MP

I am writing to you today regarding the Nationality & Borders Bill, which is currently in the House of Lords.

As my MP, I hope that when the Bill returns to the House of Commons, you will support changes to the bill to make it fairer and more compassionate towards those seeking sanctuary in the UK.

As it stands, the bill will make it more difficult for many people to obtain refugee status, particularly if they have had no opportunity to get to the UK except by irregular routes. This will do little to deter dangerous travel to the UK by those who are already vulnerable and instead put them more at risk.

In particular, I ask that you support amendments which:

- **End the two-tier system** – the bill proposes a differentiated approach towards refugees and asylum seekers, based on how they reached the UK. Under government plans, asylum seekers who reached the UK via irregular routes would not have access to the same rights and support as those who come via government schemes. This is hostile and unfair to those who are already vulnerable. It is imperative that this approach is changed.
- **Support the implementation of safe and accessible routes to the UK** – the government have argued that the harsh measures can be justified because there will be safe new government approved routes to claim asylum. However, these are not currently in place and the government have given no indication as to what they will look like. Clear targets and deadlines need to be established for getting schemes in place, which will enable the UK to take our fair share of asylum seekers, and have broad acceptance criteria in order to be accessible.
- **Support family reunion** – since the closure of previous resettlement schemes, the UK has limited options for family reunion for those seeking asylum. Family reunion is an important way of enabling unaccompanied minors to reach their family, and ensuring that people can be reunited with those they love. Generous provision should be established for family reunion.
- **End offshore detention** – the bill seeks to change the rules around where asylum claims can be processed, so that asylum seekers can be held outside of local communities and even in other countries. There is a lot of evidence of how damaging isolated reception centres can be for the health and wellbeing of asylum seekers. It is important for wellbeing and future flourishing that asylum seekers are given opportunities to integrate into the community from the earliest opportunity, and able to be supported by voluntary and community organisations and faith groups. Changes should be made to the bill to support a community based model.
- **End criminalization of asylum seekers who come via irregular routes** – the bill seeks to criminalise claiming asylum if you have travelled to the UK via an irregular route. This is a hostile and uncompassionate way of treating people who have often had no other options to seek safety when fleeing persecution. Changes should be made to the bill to alter this harmful approach.

I hope that you will choose to support these changes, and will advocate for a fair and compassionate asylum system in the UK.

Your sincerely,

Lumli Lumlong, *Thousand Hands Man*, 2019



Exhibition curated by Mei Yuk Wong and Ian Vines

# The Art of Protest

## The Story of Hongkongers

Featured Artists:

***Juarts, Ka, Lumli Lumlong,  
and Mei Yuk Wong***

3 – 27

February 2022

Thursday, Friday & Sunday 1-4 pm

Saturday 1-6 pm

Castlefield Gallery New Art Spaces: Warrington

24 Sankey Street, Golden Square, Warrington, WA1 1TD

This project is funded by Arts Council England,  
supported by Castlefield Gallery and Culture Warrington.



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# FREE Activities

Pop Up Museum, former USC unit,  
in between WHSmith and Waterstones, Golden Square, Warrington WA1 1UZ.

## 12

February, Saturday

Lantern Making  
Drop in Family Workshop  
with Juarts

1-3 pm

## 19

February, Saturday

Felt Art  
Drop in Family Workshop  
with Mei Yuk Wong

1-3 pm

## 27

February, Sunday

*booking required*

Artist Talk: "To Shoot, or to be  
Shot" with Lumli Lumlong

2-3 pm



Mei Yuk Wong, HK/UK, 2021

\*All children must be accompanied by an adult.

\*All activities are free.

For booking and enquiries please contact [artexhk@outlook.com](mailto:artexhk@outlook.com)

## **Worship at Home – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022**

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.

### **Call to Worship**

We are called to be a part of Christ's team the Church. God is glorified when we can depend on each other.

### **Hymn: StF403 God is love**

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

<https://youtu.be/yz8ESRxoAOM>

God is love: his the care,  
tending each, everywhere.  
God is love -- all is there!  
Jesus came to show him,  
that we all might know him:

*Sing aloud, loud, loud!*

*Sing aloud, loud, loud!*

*God is good!*

*God is truth!*

*God is beauty! Praise him!*

None can see God above;  
neighbours here we can love;  
thus may we Godward move,  
finding him in others,  
sisters all, and brothers:

Jesus came, lived and died  
for our sake, crucified,  
rose again, glorified;  
he was born to save us  
by the truth he gave us:

To our Lord praise we sing --  
light and life, friend and king,  
coming down love to bring,  
pattern for our duty,  
showing God in beauty:

*Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)*

### **Let us pray together**

We praise and adore you, Creator God.  
Young and old,  
women and men,  
of all races, cultures and nations  
we praise and adore you.  
We praise and adore you Jesus, our  
Redeemer.

With those who have gone before us,  
those who will come after us  
and those around us today  
we praise and adore you.  
We praise and adore you Holy Spirit.  
For your guiding and inspiring,  
for your warming and abiding  
we praise and adore you.  
We praise and adore our God,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

We give thanks for the community of your  
Church, O God.  
For differences in gifting and serving,  
for the marvellous variety at the heart of who  
we are.  
for the example and inspiration of your  
faithful people  
and most of all for the life, death and  
resurrection of Jesus  
we offer to you our deepest gratitude.  
Amen.

We call to mind the ways in which we have  
fallen short of your expectations for us.  
For the times when we put our needs before  
others, forgive us.  
When we fail to listen to the wise words of  
others, forgive us.  
When we do not want to be a part of any  
group or team, forgive us.

We rejoice that Jesus gives us his gracious word: 'Your sins are forgiven'. Amen

### **Today's Reading from the New Testament**

1 Corinthians 12.12-31a

### **Today's Gospel Reading:**

Luke 4.14-21

### **Time to Reflect**

*If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it.*

Once upon a time I had a hero. An all American boy who rode a bike. Who suffered a terrible cancer and yet was able to come back a winner. Who had the grace to say it's not about the bike. Who even took a cameo role in a film as himself, an inspiration.

This hero was embodied in his team. He was only as good as his trainer, physio, mechanic, dietician, manager and doctor. They had to act as one body and each play their part.

*In the church God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, also those having gifts of healing, those able to help others, those with gifts of administration, and those speaking in different kinds of tongues.* In the Church we all have our roles, our tasks to perform.

My hero was invited to talk not just to an audience, but to millions who would watch listen and hear. He admitted the truth, his whole career was based on dishonesty, clever cheating and innumerable lies, like a lance through the heart of all that had appeared to be good and honest and was not.

In contrast Jesus went into the Synagogue in the place where he was known best and read from the Prophet Isaiah. By this reading from the past he proclaimed not what he had done, but what he was like, what was going on and what he would do. His words proved to be

good, honest and reliable. He was who claimed to be.

It's kind of sad when you lose a hero. It's great though to be a part of God's church and to share with others in Christ's team.

Take a time to sit quietly

### **A time of prayer**

In this week of prayer for Christian Unity we pray for the Church in every part of the world. That the Church will be united in mission and service to the world.

We pray also for the world, knowing that for resources to be equally shared the world has to be made up of equals. We pray for an equalization of the wealth and well being of our world.

Having reflected on how good it is to feel part of a team, we pray for those who feel left out of the church or cast aside by society. We pray for those on the margins and for those who work for inclusion.

We call to our minds those we know who are unwell, at home or in hospital.

We remember with thanksgiving those who have been important to us on our own journeys of life and faith. We pray that in the fullness of time you will bring us with them into God's house with many rooms, where all can live together in eternal peace and unity.

Our prayers we offer in Jesus' name. Amen.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Our Father .....*

**Hymn: Listen to** StF663 I, the Lord of sea and sky

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2zr9SMm1gII>

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord.  
Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord,  
if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain;  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts are satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

*Daniel L. Schutte (b. 1947)*

### **A prayer of blessing**

May God the Father bless us.  
May God the Son bless us.  
May God the Holy Spirit bless us.  
So may the blessing of God who is one in  
three and three in one bind us together in  
unity, now and forever. Amen.

Original Materials by Edwin Adam Wells

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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))

### **1 Corinthians 12:12-31**

#### **New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised Catholic Edition**

##### **One Body with Many Members**

12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

14 Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. 15 If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. 16 And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. 19 If all were a single member, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many members, yet one body. 21 The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' 22 On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; 24 whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, 25 that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. 26 If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. 28 And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? 30 Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? 31 But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

### **Luke 4:14-21**

#### **New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised Catholic Edition**

##### **The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry**

14 Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. 15 He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

#### The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth

16 When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, 17 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

18 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me

to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,

19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

20 And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21 Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'