



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

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| 13 th March | Paul Beatty | Lenten Studies will follow the service for those who wish to join |
| 20 th March | Rev Dr Graham Adams | Communion service |
| 27 th March | Rev Dr Raj Patta | Mothering Sunday Service |
| 3 rd April | JoAnne Roy & Louise Lee | Super Sunday |
| 10 th April | Palm Sunday | Circuit Service St Peters Square at 12:00 |

Additional Services

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| Tuesday 15 th March at 14:00 | Dementia Friendly Service Heaton Moor United Church | Short service followed by refreshments. All welcome |
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Additional Events at Heaton Moor Church

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| Saturday 12 th March at 10:00 | Litter Church |
| Wednesday 16 th March at 10:30 | Coffee Morning – All Welcome |
| Wednesday 16 th March at 19:00 | Interfaith Event see notices |
| Monday 21 st March at 19:30 (takes place every other Monday) | Men's Fellowship |

Dear Heaton Moor United Church,

Grace and peace to you all. Lenten seasons' greetings to you all. Hope you are all doing well.

Thanks to Paul Beatty who will be leading our service this Sunday. Our Lenten study course has begun last Sunday, and if you are interested, please do join us as we are gathering after our Sunday service at church with a soup and a roll. If "And can it be" is one of your favourite hymns, at our Lenten study we are studying this hymn, one verse each week. You can download the study material from our circuit website on this link:

<https://www.stockportcircuit.org.uk/lib/F633171.pdf> The circuit is also offering the Lent course on Zoom, on the same hymn, on Thursdays at 7pm and again if you are interested you can join in those sessions as well.

I was happy to celebrate the International Women's Day this week with some courageous women of faith from our church. It was good to take holy communion with Linda to a home where we gathered for prayer and fellowship. On Wednesday I was explaining about church and Christian faith to some year 5 school children from Didsbury Primary School along with Hannah from the Christians in Schools Trust (CiST). I should tell you it was a really interesting experience, and I was amazed at the kind of questions they were asking. We also had an extended ministerial staff meeting at the Ridge discussing and planning about the life and mission of the circuit, which was again a very fruitful time. We also had a plan making session filling in the plan for the circuit for the months of May and June.

Next week, we have our Friends of Stockport Interfaith gathering on Wednesday, the 16th March at our church, and we will work with clay at this event. Do let us know if you need a visit or home communion, and we can arrange it for you.

Let us continue to pray for the situation in Ukraine, and pray that the war will come to end.

Herewith I am sending you the link of the Politics in the pulpit podcast for this week and you can listen to it on this link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AhX1qnjDUtY&ab_channel=BaptistUnionGB

May you all have a good week ahead and may God's peace and love be with you all.

Thanking you,

Raj

10.03.2022

MESSAGE FROM THE CO-EDITOR

Happy Friday!



It's been a relatively quiet week with Sharon being on holiday! This week at toddlers we have been playing "boats" with cardboard boxes - I'm not sure who had more fun me or the toddlers!

Last Friday, Raj, Sharon and I joined the Men's Fellowship for their annual meal at The Alma Lodge Hotel. We had a lovely couple of hours with good food and lovely company. Thank You to the Men's Fellowship for inviting us.

On Saturday we had our Fair-Trade Coffee Morning - a huge THANK YOU to the volunteers for all your help on the day. Over £450 was raised on the day for Fair Trade so a fantastic turn out. We were also joined by our MP Navendu Mishra and it was good to be able to share with him the work of the Church.



The Lent study group began on Sunday and will be taking place again this week after the service. This is the circuit lent study which is also happening over zoom on Thursdays.

I apologise that the information about the study taking place hasn't been clear, attached with the notices this week is a flyer with all the details of Easter services and events.

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

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Office Hours This Week

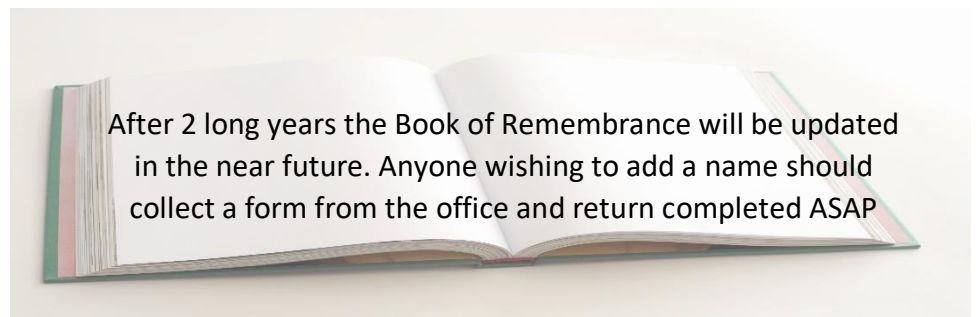
Monday 09:00 – 14:00

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Wednesday 09:00 – 14:00

Thursday CLOSED

Friday CLOSED



After 2 long years the Book of Remembrance will be updated in the near future. Anyone wishing to add a name should collect a form from the office and return completed ASAP



LITTER CHURCH

Our next litter Church will be on

Saturday 12th March

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

Please Note – there is no facility to reply to the group emails we send out. If when you hit reply on an email regarding church and the address reads Heaton Moor United Church (thenmedia.co.uk) the email will not be delivered. Please use the following email address for team members:

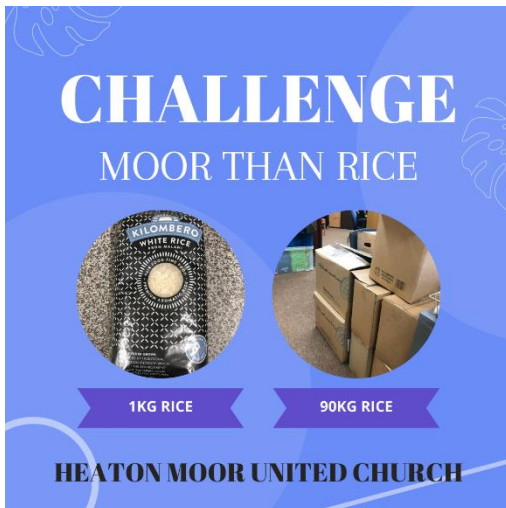
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So far we have sold 50 bags of rice – thank you to all who have purchased so far. We hope to sell a total of 90 so please share details of our challenge with friends!



In Malawi secondary school education is not free and often far too expensive for the majority of the population to afford. This means that less than one in three children is able to attend school. 90kg of fairly traded Kilombero Rice is all it takes to enable a farmer to send their child to secondary school for a year. As a Church we have taken up the challenge to sell 90kg of rice to help JTS and their partnership with farmers in Malawi. You can help make a difference by buying one (or more!) bags of rice. We are asking for a suggested amount of £3 per bag of rice. Rice will be available on Saturday at the Fair-Trade coffee morning. If you are unable to make the coffee morning but would still like to purchase please contact JoAnne or the office.

Bereavement support group

Here at Heaton Moor United Church

We will be running a bereavement support group.

The next session will be 24th March at 10-30 till 12-30.

So if you have experienced the pain of grief and loss, come and join us.

No need to book just turn up. Tea and coffee will be provided

Contact Bernice on 0161 442-6217 or Linda Fleming

The Bravura Concert scheduled for the 19th March has had to be postponed. Further details will follow once a new date has been set.



Our Wednesday morning coffee group have sent another generous donation of £100 to Jo's cervical cancer trust. Jo's cervical cancer trust help to improve the lives of women affected by cervical cancer and cell changes.

HELP NEEDED

Coop Funeral Care Heaton Chapel have been a collection point of donations for Ukraine, we have been so overwhelmed with the generosity of the public, we have so many clothes where we desperately need as many volunteers as possible to get through the many urgent essentials so needed to be bag up as fast as possible, our office times are Monday to Friday 9-5.

Please contact the Coop 0161 432 0818 directly if you can help.

Friends of
Stockport Interfaith



**Together with Clay
16th March at 7pm**

Come and join our bi-monthly meeting where we will be working with clay to express our discussions.

HEATON MOOR UNITED CHURCH

EASTER INFORMATION

Ash Wednesday

2nd March at 11.00 am

Palm Sunday

**10th April (No Service at HMUC) Circuit Service in
St Peter's Square, Stockport SK 1NZ at 12.00pm**

Maundy Thursday

14th April at 6.00pm Food will be served

Good Friday Walk of Witness

**15th April : Starting at 10.00am at St Thomas'
Church, Heaton Chapel finishing at St Johns
Church, Heaton Mersey, who be holding a service
at 11.30am**

Easter Sunday 17th April

Breakfast service at 8.00am

Communion Service at 10.45

**Lenten Study group after the services at
Heaton Moor United Church on 6th March, 13th
March, 20th March and 3rd April with Soup and a Roll**

**Lenten Study Group on Zoom on 10th March, 17th
March, 24th March, 31st March and 7th April at
7.00pm ; Zoom can be found at**

www.stockportcircuit.org.uk on the calendar.

www.heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk



Heaton's Churches
Partnership



Come to the next HCP Prayer Meeting

On Saturday March 19th 2022,
7.45 for 8.00-9.00am

At Heaton Moor United Church on the
corner of Stanley Rd and Heaton Moor Rd
SK4 4HL

To pray for:-

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

Worship at Home - Sunday 13th March 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.

Opening Prayer

Loving God, we come into your presence. Still our hearts and minds from all that would distract us. In stillness and quiet let us know your presence with us as we prepare ourselves to worship you. Amen.

Hymn: 357 Jesus the name

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZSeAYKG-8Ko>

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

Jesus -- the name high over all,
in hell, or earth, or sky!
Angels revere, and nations fall,
and devils fear and fly.

Jesus -- the name to sinners dear,
the name to sinners given!
It scatters all their guilty fear,
it turns their hell to heaven.

Jesus -- the prisoner's fetters breaks,
and bruises Satan's head;
power into strengthless souls it speaks,
and life into the dead.

O that the world might taste and see
the riches of his grace!
The arms of love that compass me
would all the earth embrace.

His only righteousness I show,
his saving grace proclaim;
'tis all my business here below
to cry: 'Behold the Lamb!'

Happy if with my latest breath
I might but gasp his name;

preach him to all, and cry in death:
'Behold, behold the Lamb!'

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Let us pray together

Today we come to worship you all creating God. Be with us now as we come to you in prayer.

We thank you for your presence with us in the week that has passed and we are sorry for the times when we have not heard you speaking to us.

We thank you for the gifts we have received from you so many and bounteous that we can not name them all. We are sorry for the times when we have not acknowledged your generosity to us.

We offer you the week ahead with all that is holds may we be more aware of you speaking to us and be aware of all your wonderful gifts that you bless us with each day. May we more closely follow the path you would have us follow. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Today's Gospel Reading: Luke 13 31-35

Time to Reflect

Today's reading starts with something we are not used to, the Pharisees warning Jesus about the danger to himself. We are so used to reading about the Pharisees arguing or disapproving of Jesus' actions it is not often that they are protective of him, perhaps something we wish that they were. Does Jesus take any notice of the warning – no he

rejects their message, and showing no fear sends a powerful message back to Herod by calling him a 'fox'. The use of fox was symbolic of three things – foxes are cunning animals, they kill for pleasure and most inflammatory they are worthless and insignificant creatures. Jesus calling Herod a fox is certainly not a way of calming the situation.

Jesus intends to continue his work for three days before he turns his attention to Jerusalem. Again, he turns to animal imagery this time a hen gathering her brood under her wings. It's been shown that during a farmyard fire some animals once they realise they cannot escape, they turn their attention to protecting their young – hens being one such animal. Hens that have burnt to death have been found with their young alive and well under their wings. They have given their lives to protect their youngsters. Jerusalem is a city where there is harm and destruction and Jesus wants to be like those hens and gather and protect, however the people are scattering in different directions and take no notice of the impending danger or the warnings of the one who could save them.

Jesus' destiny is to go to Jerusalem, risking the threats of the foxes and adopting the role of the hen gathering together those in danger to himself. Whether they will accept his offer is another matter. Rejecting him they also rejected God's offer of love. Jesus reaches out but he will not force himself on Jerusalem.

For us God offers us his love and protection but will not force himself on us. He offers us his kingdom, but we have the choice to accept or reject his offer.

Take a time to sit quietly

A time of prayer

Using the image of gathering under the protective wings we bring before God those who we wish to pray for at this time- they may include the ill and bereaved, the homeless, those who are afraid...

Offer them all to God's loving protection.

Loving God as we have brought before you in pray those people, places and situations that we are aware of we ask you will gather all under your protection. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father

Hymn: Listen to

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gownwF6DGo>

A prayer of blessing

We have come together in to worship you in song, words, and prayers. Now as we go our separate ways may we know your constant presence with us whatever the week ahead might hold for us.

And the blessing of God, Father Son and Holy Spirit be with us and remain with us for evermore. 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.

Luke 13 31-35

The Lament over Jerusalem

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³² He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, ^[a] 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when ^[b] you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"