



# 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*

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| 27 <sup>th</sup> March | Rev Dr Raj Patta                  | Mothering Sunday Service                                   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> April  | JoAnne Roy & Louise Lee           | Super Sunday<br>Final Lenten study will follow the service |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> April | Palm Sunday                       | Circuit Service<br>St Peters Square at 12:00               |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> April | Easter Sunday<br>Rev Dr Raj Patta | Breakfast Service at 08:00<br>Communion Service at 10:45   |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> April | Carol & Frank Cork                |  |

## Additional Services

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| Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> April at 10:00 | Short Communion Service                                | Short service followed by refreshments. All welcome |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> April at 18:00  | Maundy Thursday  | Maundy Thursday service with food                   |
| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April at 14:00   | Dementia Friendly Service<br>Heaton Moor United Church | Short service followed by refreshments. All welcome |

## Additional Events at Heaton Moor Church

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| Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> March at 09:30                                  | United With Ukraine<br>Short service followed by coffee morning – see notices for further details |
| Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March at 10:30<br>(takes place weekly)         | Coffee Morning – All Welcome  |
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> April at 19:30<br>(takes place every other Monday) | Men's Fellowship  |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> April at 14:00                                   | Ladies Fellowship   |

# United Stockport Circuit of The Methodist Church

## PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

10 APRIL 2022 AT 12:00

St Peter's Square Stockport SK1 1NZ

*All are Welcome as we come together in worship*



### Additional Information

This is an open air service

Seating is limited but you are welcome to bring folding chairs

Two nearest car parks (2 minutes' walk) are at Piccadilly Car Park, SK1 1DY (£1.80 for 2 hours)

Mersey Shopping Centre Car Park, entry via St Petersgate SK1 1HL (40p for 2 hours)

Toilet facilities will be available within St Peter's Church

Dear Heaton Moor United Church,

Hope you are all doing well. It is the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent this week, and as you will know, back in the day, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent, people went back to their 'mother' church, and so we got this tradition of 'Mothering Sunday.' Mothering Sunday greetings to you all. We thank God for those who have mothered each of us in our lives and also remember in prayer for all who finds this Sunday difficult for various reasons.

We had our Circuit meeting this week at Woodley, and it was good to discuss our plans, visions and activities of our circuit. We had our weekly staff meeting to discuss our work here at our church. At our ministers' staff meeting we had street pastors who came to us explaining their work in Stockport, and we discussed about plans to support this ministry. I was also at our presbyteral synod at Openshaw this week, which was again quite encouraging listening to minister's experiences. We are taking home communion to few of our friends on Friday.

On Saturday, as we have 'Uniting for Ukraine' event at our Church, I invite you all to participate and support the cause of peace in Ukraine. Thanks to few friends in the church and community who have expressed willingness to host the refugees from Ukraine, and we hope to have a support group for that project at our church. Thanks to JoAnne for organising this event. Let us continue to pray for the people in Ukraine, and pray that the war will come to an end soon.

Herewith I am sending you the link for the podcast on the lectionary readings for this week:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cXRMLf-VEw&ab\\_channel=BaptistUnionGB](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cXRMLf-VEw&ab_channel=BaptistUnionGB)

May you all have a blessed week.

Thanking you,

Regards,

Raj

24<sup>th</sup> March 2022



# MESSAGE FROM THE CO-EDITOR

Hello Friday!

Remember last week when I was quite pleased about our parent led water activity . . . well it was absolute bedlam - great fun for the children and I have received lots of positive comments from parents but not an activity I will be in a hurry to repeat! I don't say it often enough but THANK YOU to the team of volunteers who help at both Friday and Monday playgroups.

It has been a relatively quiet week as I had two days off - one to work on the Yurt Project and one to take Mum out for afternoon tea. The circuit Yurt project is happening at the beginning of April and hopefully you all know about it - there is more information in the flyer. A few of us had (we did honestly) lots of fun on Monday afternoon having a trial run of putting the yurt up and it got quite a bit of attention from passers-by. Thanks to Sharon, Ian, Bob and Alan for all your help . . . am already thinking of how we can use the yurt for an event at church!



This week was also the National Day of Reflection, organised by Marie Curie, an opportunity to remember those we have lost over the last two years. I had on my sunflower tutu and had some lovely conversations with people in the community. If you, or anyone you know is grieving and needs some support then please speak with Linda about our bereavement support group.

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

*JoAnne*

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Office Hours This Week

Monday 09:00 – 13:00

Tuesday CLOSED

Wednesday 09:00 – 13:00

Thursday CLOSED

Friday 09:00 – 15:00



Sharon is on holiday next week.  
Sharon's duties are being covered by  
the staff team so if you require  
assistance, please contact:

Church Office (answering machine available)

0161 4310262

JoAnne 07340 269 354

Linda 07564839380



Don't forget the clocks change on Sunday – we go  
forward one hour!

Methodist Homes (MHA) is piloting a new workshop with the aim of increasing confidence in talking about death and dying and they need your help to evaluate and improve it. The event is taking place at The Ridge Methodist Church on Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:30am with a light lunch included. For more information see flyer outside the office.



## Super Sunday The Journey

3<sup>rd</sup> April prompt departure at 10:00)

Join us as we travel to Bethany and explore the tomb of Lazarus.  
We will meet with Mary and hear her story of washing Jesus's feet. Finally, we will travel to Jerusalem, perhaps on a donkey?

If you are not feeling up to a journey, then we invite you to take part in our Prayer Walk inside the Church. There will be various stations providing opportunity for all ages to stop and spend time in reflection. The Prayer Walk will be available from 10:00 until the main service begins and there will be opportunity after the service to take part.



For more information on the Yurt project please visit  
<http://stockportyurt.mywebcommunity.org/>

# VOLUTEERS NEEDED

If you can help with any of the following, there is a sign up sheet outside of the office. Or please speak with JoAnne

07340 269 354 or [community@heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk](mailto:community@heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk)

United With Ukraine Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Short Service at 9:30; welcome and duty

Coffee Morning 10:00 - 11:30; kitchen, cake stall and bring and buy stall

Providing items for the cake stall

Holy Week Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April

07:30 - 09:00 daily

Handing out hot cross buns and drinks at The Plough, Heaton Moor Road

Good Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April Walk of Witness

From 10:00

Stewarding the walk of witness

Community Event - After The Egg

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 13:00 - 15:00



We would love to do a celebratory event for the Queens Platinum Jubilee this year on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June. We are looking for a team of volunteers who can help plan and carry out the event – the staff team can help with planning but unfortunately none are available on the day. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact JoAnne as soon as possible. Without volunteers we will not be able to hold an event.

**SMALL GROUPS** at the Church Meeting and other gatherings  
some of the congregation have expressed an interest in getting together in small groups for bible study, reflection, fellowship. If you are available to host and facilitate a small group please let a member of the team know your preferred day and time.

## Who said Saviours Don't Come from Mothers?

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*Exodus 2:1-10*

"Every boy that is born, throw them into the Nile"  
The empire decreed to contain the slaves,  
Moms were fighting death to deliver their sons,  
Only to deliver them into the hands of death,  
The shape of the water was the shape of a new grave  
Streams flowing, were streams burying,  
Tears flowing as babies crying,  
Parents crying as babies thrown to drowning,  
No human came to stop such inhuman act,  
No saviours yet to save those little babies wet.

Who said saviours don't come from mothers,  
Sisters, daughters, aunts, cousins and those 'others'?  
There comes a mother courageous, shrewd,  
creative, daring, loving, to save her child,  
hides him for three months dressing in pink,  
weans him and plans him not to sink,  
then places him in a tarred basket to float on waters,  
turning water graveyard to waters of life.  
A saviour did come in a mother,  
Saving a saviour and all the others of his kind.

Who said saviours don't come from mothers,  
Sisters, daughters, aunts, cousins and those 'others'?  
There comes a sister Miriam, loving, caring,  
Intelligent, smart, watching his brother's life  
Float on waters, that's sucking life to death.  
On finding that he was drawn by a princess,  
She brings a mother to the child convincing the royal woman,  
A mother of her own child now hired to be  
Raise a child of her royal princess.  
A saviour did come in a sister,  
Saving a saviour and all the others of his kind.

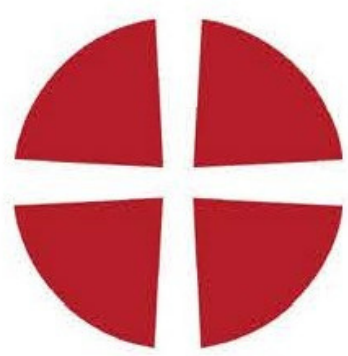
Who said saviours don't come from mothers,  
Sisters, daughters, cousins and those 'others'?  
There comes a royal daughter, whose dad was cruel,  
Yet she comes with a heart full of compassion,  
Risking to save her slaves child, willing to mother him,  
Naming him 'Moses', for she drew him out of waters of death,  
Knowing not that this child will lead a nation to freedom of life.  
A saviour did come in a daughter,  
Saving a saviour and all the others of his kind.



Who said saviours don't come from mothers,  
Sisters, daughters, aunts, cousins and those 'others?'  
There comes an aunt, another slave girl of his kind,  
Working as a servant to her royal princess,  
Who dared the currents of the water to fetch this basket,  
A basket of life amidst the waters of death,  
Skilfully drawing him to the shores,  
placing him in the hands of a new mother, the princess,  
sensing that this little bundle of life will channel a breath of new life to her people.  
A saviour did come in an aunt,  
Saving a saviour and all the other of his kind.

Who said saviours don't come from mothers,  
Sisters, daughters, aunts, cousins and those 'others?'  
God knits the basket of life, by knitting people who we think  
Cannot be saviours, moms, sisters, daughters, aunts, cousins,  
God's mothering is to knit life using the ordinary,  
God's mothering stands for life amidst the waters of death,  
Defeating death and liberating people to life  
Inviting us to channel life in our times filled with lifelessness.  
So look out for a saviour among the ordinary and unthinkable,  
Look for a saviour from mothers, sisters, daughters, aunts, cousins and those 'others,'  
Treating them as equals, respecting and loving them in our fullest.

rev. raj patta  
@Mothering Sunday 2018



**HEATON MOOR  
UNITED CHURCH**

# UNITED WITH UKRAINE

Saturday 26th March

9:30 - 11:30

Stanley Road, Heaton Moor, SK4 4HL

[community@heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk](mailto:community@heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk)



9:30 - 10:00

Short Service

A time to gather in  
prayerful solidarity

10:00 - 11:30

Coffee Morning

Bring & Buy

There will also be space available for people who are thinking of registering or have registered with Homes for Ukraine to talk together

Bring and Buy – brings goods to sell to raise funds for Ukraine. All items will be sold at a communal table and funds raised sent to All We Can Ukraine Emergency Appeal. Families who have signed up to host Ukrainian Refugees may have items for free. All left over items will be taken to charities supporting refugees and asylum seekers.

ALL PROCEEDS TO ALL WE CAN UKRAINE EMERGENCY APPEAL [WWW.ALLWECAN.ORG.UK](http://WWW.ALLWECAN.ORG.UK)



# **THE YURT**

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**6 - 9 APRIL  
MERSEYWAY  
SHOPPING CENTRE**

**Come and share your story, hear familiar  
stories told in new ways, join in with  
wellbeing workshops, sing, dance and more.**

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United Stockport Circuit of  
The Methodist Church

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



## The Yurt Is Coming



The yurt is coming to  
Merseyway Stockport from  
6th - 9th April as part of our  
storytelling project.

If you would like to volunteer  
please contact JoAnne on  
[communityhmuc@gmail.com](mailto:communityhmuc@gmail.com)  
07340 269 354

## WE NEED HELP WITH

Welcoming volunteers  
Workshop support  
Godly Play volunteers  
Messy Church  
volunteers

Yurt set-up/dismantle  
10th April  
Palm Sunday stewards

**Worship at Home - Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022 – Mothering Sunday**

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 Words (Psalm 34:1-3)**

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.*
- 2 My soul makes its boast in the Lord;  
let the humble hear and be glad.*
- 3 O magnify the Lord with me,  
and let us exalt his name together.*

**Hymn: StF 119 – God of Eve and God of Mary**

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LGTFZ7Evvc>

God of Eve and God of Mary,  
God of love and mother-earth,  
thank you for the ones who with us  
shared their life and gave us birth.

As you came to earth in Jesus,  
so you come to us today;  
you are present in the caring  
that prepares us for life's way.

Thank you that the Church, our Mother,  
gives us bread and fills our cup,  
and the comfort of the Spirit  
warms our hearts and lifts us up.

Thank you for belonging, shelter,  
bonds of friendship, ties of blood,  
and for those who have no children,  
yet are parents under God.

God of Eve and God of Mary,  
Christ our brother, human Son,  
Spirit, caring like a Mother,  
take our love and make us one!

*Fred Kaan (1929-2009)*

Let us pray together

Lord, we give you thanks for this day, another opportunity to receive your grace and love, and another opportunity to serve you and share our love with others.

As we come before you in this quiet act of worship, we take a moment to reflect on ourselves and our actions where we have fallen short of your love and glory. Thank you that due to your love and grace we can freely confess to you our shortcomings, knowing that we are forgiven, redeemed, and raised up to serve you again. **Amen**

**Today's Reading from the Old or New Testament: Exodus 2:1-10**

**Today's Gospel Reading: John 19:25-27**

**Time to Reflect**

To me, Mothering Sunday has three aspects to be held in tension. Historically, it was an opportunity to visit the mother church, for people living away from home, to return to visit the mother church, to visit family, to visit mother, maybe even with a Simnel cake in hand. It can be good to return home and reconnect with one's roots and family. Take a moment to reflect on your roots and family and the visits you have made "home", both good and bad. Take time to give thanks for good times and take time to seek forgiveness for difficult visits.

Mothering Sunday has since become an opportunity to give thanks for mothers, and to celebrate the caring, the giving, the sacrificial qualities of mothers, mothering, and

motherhood. We often think of these in the light of the narratives of Mary and Miriam from our bible passages. Take a moment to read these passages and reflect on their love and care in difficult circumstances, it wasn't easy to be Moses' mother or Jesus' mother. Take time to give thanks for your mother, or the person who mothered you. If you've been a mother, take time to give thanks for your child(ren).

As caring people, we are aware that for some Mothering Sunday is not an easy day. There will be those who never knew their mother's love, have lost their mother in tragic circumstances, or had a difficult relationship with their mother. There will be some who longed to be mothers themselves and were denied that opportunity, have been bereaved or had their children taken away. Take time to think of folk in these situations and offer up a prayer for comfort and healing from their pains and struggles. If this is your situation, pause to remember that you are love and are being prayed for today, and take comfort in God's love.

Often, we think only of God as Father, but there are also beautiful images of God as Mother in our bibles, and we finish with an image of God as a mother in Hosea 11:3-4. God: "Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I who took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them." Take a time to sit quietly and ponder on God's love as our Mother.

### **A time of prayer**

Lord we pray on this Mothering Sunday for Mothers all over the world including our own. We pray for mothers where life is difficult, trying to protect their children in places of strife, famine, and war, for mothers despairing in poverty, for mothers facing illness or bereavement. We give thanks for

mothers and all their love and care. We give thanks for new mothers and pray for strength and grace in caring for their children. We grieve for those who have not known their mothers, have had difficult relationships with their mother, or lost their mother. We pray for those who have been unable to be mothers or had opportunities to mother snatched from them.

Lord we pray your love and grace, comfort, and healing into all the places and situations it is needed. Amen

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

*Our Father .....*

**Hymn: Listen to Great Are You Lord**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uHz0w-HG4iU> or sing a verse of a hymn that comes to mind

*Verse:* You give life You are love  
You bring light to the darkness  
You give hope You restore ev'ry heart that is broken. And great are You Lord

*Chorus:* It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise  
We pour out our praise  
It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise to You only

*Bridge:* And all the earth will shout Your praise. Our hearts will cry these bones will sing. Great are You Lord  
**(REPEAT)**

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### **A prayer of blessing:**

May God Almighty, Father and Mother to us all, make her face shine upon us all. May Jesus, our high priest, and brother, walk with us always. May the Holy Spirit of God fill us and help us to minister to others to his praise and glory. **Amen.**

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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)

### **Exodus 2:1-10 - Birth and Youth of Moses**

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

### **John 19:25-27**

And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.