



# 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*

1 <sup>st</sup> May	Anne Wilde	
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Martin Goddard	
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Rev. Dr Graham Adams	Communion Service
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Rev Dr Raj Patta	General Church Meeting will follow the service – lunch will be provided
29 <sup>th</sup> May	Keith Tonge	

## Additional Services

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> May at 16:00	Eco Circuit Service	Dialstone Lane Methodist Church
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> May at 10:00	Short Communion Service	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May at 14:00	Dementia Friendly Service Heaton Moor United Church	Short service followed by refreshments. All welcome

## Additional Events at Heaton Moor Church

Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May at 10:30 (takes place weekly)	Coffee Morning – All Welcome
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May at 10:00	Moor Than A Good Read
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> May at 14:00	Moor Than Tea
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> May at 19:30 (takes place every other Monday)	Men's Fellowship
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May at 14:00	Ladies Fellowship
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> May at 15:00	Messy Church
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> May at 10:00	Christian Aid Coffee Morning

# MESSAGE FROM THE CO-EDITOR

Happy (almost) May Day!

So, Monday is supposedly the first day of summer . . . as I sit here typing this with my jumper, blanket and thick socks on it certainly doesn't feel like summer!

All groups are now back after the Easter break and it is good to be back with our Dementia Friends and toddlers.

I've been busy this week preparing for Moor Than Tea which takes place next Thursday from 2pm. All are welcome to join us for an afternoon of tea, cake, singing and more!

There's not much to report this week but as always if I can be of any help please contact me.

*JoAnne*

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Office Hours This Week

Monday CLOSED

Tuesday 09:00 – 13:00

Wednesday 09:00 – 12:00

Thursday 11:00 – 14:00

Friday 11:00 – 13:00



Do you have news to share? We'd love to share members news in the notices. Perhaps you've been on holiday, celebrating a birth, need a Prayer? Send your news to [community@heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk](mailto:community@heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk), or let the office know.

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## CORRECTION TO NOTICE SHEET

Monthly short Sunday Services will start from the 1<sup>st</sup> May and not on the 1<sup>st</sup> May.

These half hour services will take place the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month with the first one being the 26<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 9:30am.



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.

15-21 May 2022

## Christian Aid Week

Once again we will be offering cream teas for Christian Aid week, starting at the **Christian Aid coffee morning on 14<sup>th</sup> May at 10:00.**

We are also challenging people to fill a mini-jam jar with £1 coins, fill a jar and exchange it for a cream tea. Jam jars will be available from Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May outside the office.

Jean James will also be completing another challenge through out the week . . .watch this space for more details and how you can donate.

## REQUEST FOR HELP from Rev Liz Rowles



Eleanor is planning to start a coffee morning on the last Wednesday of every month 10:30 until 12 at St. Pauls, starting on 27th April.

The plan is that this will become A Place of Welcome and will happen every week - a bit like "Coffee and Conversation" at St. Johns, but not structured, just a place to meet, have a drink and a chat and possibly some activities, depending on what people want. While she gets this off the ground she would really appreciate some volunteers.



## Messy Church is BACK! 12<sup>th</sup> May at 15:00

Messy Church is for all ages, not just families! Come and join us as we do Church with creativity, hospitality and celebration!

***The Nationality and Borders Bill is to become law despite fierce opposition from many including the faith sector. The Revd Sonia Hicks and Barbara Easton, President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, joined other faith leaders in writing to MPs earlier this month: 'We have made it clear how we feel the Bill fails to uphold the principles and values of the UK by creating hostility and fostering discrimination against some of the most vulnerable people in the world.'***

The Church will continue to campaign for refugees, to find out more about why there is an interesting article written by Hannah Brown, Campaigns and Church Engagement Officer at JPIT. It can be found here

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/news/the-methodist-blog/why-the-church-will-continue-to-campaign-for-refugees/>

## A prayer for guidance

In our quest for peace, we seek your guidance, Lord, to strive for justice.

Our common home is divided by fear and misunderstanding, by greed and lack of compassion. Send your Holy Spirit to comfort the dispossessed, and to give us the wisdom to share their load.

May we offer the migrant and the refugee dignity and fairness, love and the peace of Christ.

Amen

# MOOR THAN

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We invite you to  
join us for an  
afternoon of  
chatting, singing,  
tea and cake!

TEA



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1st Thursday of the month  
Starting 5th May 2022  
14:00 - 15:30



## Worship at Home - Sunday 1 May 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

Almighty God, we gather in your presence once again. Lord, be with us and bless us so that this time of worship may edify us and bring you glory. Amen

### Hymn: StF28 Jesus calls us here to meet him

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yulQuvsFD00>

Jesus calls us here to meet him  
as, through word and song and prayer,  
we affirm God's promised presence  
where his people live and care.  
Praise the God who keeps his promise;  
praise the Son who calls us friends;  
praise the Spirit who, among us,  
to our hopes and fears attends.

Jesus calls us to confess him  
Word of life and Lord of all,  
sharer of our flesh and frailness,  
saving all who fail or fall.  
Tell his holy human story;  
tell his tales that all may hear;  
tell the world that Christ in glory  
came to earth to meet us here.

Jesus calls us to each other,  
vastly different though we are;  
creed and colour, class and gender  
neither limit nor debar.

Join the hand of friend and stranger;  
join the hands of age and youth;  
join the faithful and the doubter  
in their common search for truth.

Jesus calls us to his table  
rooted firm in time and space,  
where the Church in earth and heaven  
finds a common meeting place.  
Share the bread and wine, his body;  
share the love of which we sing;  
share the feast for saints and sinners  
hosted by our Lord and King.

*John L. Bell (b. 1949) and Graham Maule (b. 1958)*

### Let us pray together

God of all, we come to proclaim your  
greatness, to sing of your might and to  
declare your majesty. We lift up our hearts  
and voices to praise you for all you have  
accomplished in Christ.  
We come to praise you for your faithfulness,  
your amazing grace and forgiveness.

We come to acknowledge Jesus as our Saviour  
and master – the way, truth and the life.

We praise you for the constant presence of  
the Holy Spirit in our lives. As we worship you  
today, draw us closer to you and to Christ.

Merciful God, we are ashamed of our  
weakness and faults, selfishness, pride and  
envy, the feeble discipleship and the  
shallowness of our faith.

Help us to live as your people, worthy of our  
calling and bring you honour. In Jesus' name,  
Amen.

*Prayers adapted from Nick Fawcett's 'Prayers for all seasons',  
1 & 2.*

### Today's Gospel Reading: John 21:1-19

## Time to Reflect

Once again, we have a familiar text for this Sunday. I am reflecting on Jesus' question to Simon Peter, "Do you love me?" This question is asked not once, not twice, but three times! Of course, many agree that this is a reversal of Peter's denial of Jesus three times earlier.

*But why did Jesus ask Peter this question?*

*Why did he not ask the other eleven disciples?*

*Was Jesus 'love-sick' after his resurrection?*

*What did Jesus want to convey to Peter?*

*Was it meant to be a clear reminder of Peter's betrayal?*

*Was there something that none of the disciples knew or anticipated...?*

It is worthwhile noting that Jesus used the Greek word '*agapas*' here whereas Peter used the word '*philo*' in his response. Biblical commentators think that after the betrayal, Peter became a little reserved and hence he used reciprocal 'friendly love' ('*philo*') rather than 'unselfish, unconditional, committed love' (*agapas*).

We know from the text that Jesus was not seeking apology or request for forgiveness from Peter; what he was sought was commitment, focus and passion to care for his 'sheep' as this decision would require Peter to be out of his comfort zone throughout his future ministry. It was important for Jesus to restore Peter before his ascension, and also to confirm whether Peter was willing or not! We read, "*Peter was grieved because Jesus said to him the third time, do you love me?*" (v.17).

How will you respond if Jesus appears in your own situation and asks, do you love me? Are you prepared to hear what he tells you to do in our situations?

How much do we commit to Jesus' mission and kingdom? Are we saying to Jesus – what about him, her/others? Churches have changed in all kinds of way recently,

particularly during the current pandemic. So is our commitment to see church function, as it was pre-pandemic time even sustainable? How will those activities further the Kingdom of God? Should our discipleship be focused on maintenance of our church buildings? Let us ask the Lord to give us a renewed vision, a fresh passion and a courageous heart, so that we may do what He calls us to do in the current circumstances.

Take a time to sit quietly

## A time of prayer

All knowing God, we thank you for our calling as your disciples. We acknowledge that your love is beyond our understanding. So we pray for those who feel that they are unworthy of your love... May they be touched afresh as Peter was touched and restored by Jesus.

Lord God, we pray for those whose faith is tested daily due to poverty, persecution or any other difficulty.

May they have the courage to trust in Jesus.

We pray for those too who find Christian faith not relevant, those who are searching you in other things.

May they be moved by the Holy Spirit to 'know' you as St. Paul knew on the road to Damascus.

We pray for the leaders of nations, church leaders and, our Queen and the royal family. May they have your wisdom and discernment to act responsibly and work for the good of all.

We ask all these prayers in confidence and in Jesus' name. Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father .....*

## Hymn: StF674 Would I have answered

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

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

**or sing a verse of a hymn that comes to mind**

Would I have answered when you called,  
'Come follow, follow me!'  
Would I at once have left behind  
both work and family?  
Or would the old, familiar round  
have held me by its claim  
and kept the spark within my heart  
from bursting into flame?

Would I have followed where you led  
through ancient Galilee,  
on roads unknown, by ways untried,  
beyond security?  
Or would I soon have hurried back  
where home and comfort drew,  
where truth you taught would not disturb  
the ordered world I knew?

Would I have matched my step with yours  
when crowds cried, 'Crucify!',  
when on a rocky hill I saw a cross  
against the sky?  
Or would I too have slipped away  
and left you there alone,  
a dying king with crown of thorns  
upon a terrible throne?

O Christ, I cannot search my heart  
through all its tangled ways,  
nor can I with a certain mind  
my steadfastness appraise.  
I only pray that when you call,  
'Come follow, follow me!'  
you'll give me strength beyond my own  
to follow faithfully.

*Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr (1923-2007)*

### **A prayer of blessing**

Gracious God,  
take our faith, flawed though it is,  
our love, poor though it may be,  
and our commitment, for all its imperfections,  
and use us in your service  
to make known your gracious purpose,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Prayer taken from Nick Fawcett, Prayers for all seasons, book 2,  
p. 655, no. 309*

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.

### **Gospel Reading: John 21.1-19**

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup>Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. <sup>4</sup>Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup>That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. <sup>8</sup>But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. <sup>9</sup>When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup>When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup>A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." <sup>17</sup>He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup>Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." <sup>19</sup>(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."