



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

15 th May	Rev. Dr Graham Adams	Communion Service
22 nd May	Rev Dr Raj Patta	General Church Meeting will follow the service – lunch will be provided
29 th May	Keith Tonge	
5 th June	Anne Wilde	Celebration Service for the Queens Jubilee. See notices for more info

Additional Services

Tuesday 17 th May at 14:00	Dementia Friendly Service Heaton Moor United Church	Short service followed by refreshments. All welcome
Sunday 5 th June at 14:00	Circuit Service Heaton Moor United Church	

Additional Events at Heaton Moor Church

Saturday 14 th May at 10:00	Christian Aid Coffee Morning
Wednesday 18 th May at 10:00	Moor Than A Good Book
Wednesday 18 th May at 10:30 (takes place weekly)	Coffee Morning – All Welcome
Saturday 21 st May at 13:00	Moor Than Mud – Muddy Church
Tuesday 24 th May at 19:30	Men's Fellowship

Dear Heaton Moor United Church,

Grace and peace to you all in the name of our liberator Jesus Christ. Trust you are all doing well. We had a good break last week visiting my sisters in Greensboro for their house dedication and it was great to spend time with family after nearly four years. Thank you all for your prayers and good wishes.

Thanks to Graham Adams who will be leading our worship this Sunday at church. It has been a good week with lots of catching up and happenings. We had a thank you meal for all the volunteers who helped with the giving away of Easter bags during the Holy Week at the Plough. We also had a good short midweek communion service at church prior to the coffee morning on Wednesday. I was also at the circuit leadership team meeting and the circuit staff meeting during the week. Linda and me were taking communion to the homes of our church friends, and it was good to meet and pray with them this week.

Please do join the Christian Aid coffee morning this Saturday to extend our support and solidarity with the work of Christian Aid. We are also meeting in person for our Leadership team meeting this Sunday after the church service.

Herewith I am sending you the link on the lectionary readings for this Sunday for your kind perusal:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UH9jwwhtkCc&ab_channel=BaptistUnionGB

May you all have a good week and may the peace of God embrace you all. Let us keep upholding in prayers the people of Ukraine.

Thanking you,

Regards,
Raj
12th May 2022

MESSAGE FROM THE CO-EDITOR



Can you believe it's Friday again!

Sticking with our theme at toddlers we made sunflowers this week, here is James proudly showing his off!

Many of you will know I "popped" to Scotland Tuesday/Wednesday to help empty my Grans flat after her passing late last year. As many of you will have experienced this isn't a pleasant task and I admit to feeling a little melancholy as I took an evening stroll along the beach, then suddenly out of the sky appeared this double rainbow! This symbol of God's promise, of love and hope (and I like to think a little something from my Gran) really cheered me up. So if you are feeling a bit down perhaps take a walk and you might see something as equally beautiful to cheer you up, and if you need a walking partner am always happy to oblige.

I returned from Scotland in time for our first Messy Church since lockdown and it was great to have two new families join us who saw our post on social media. Social media is a great way for us to reach people across the community so even if an event at Church isn't something you are interested in it would help us greatly if you could still share the posts amongst your friends and groups.

Am looking forward to the start of our Christian Aid cream teas today with Dementia Friends, and of course our coffee morning tomorrow. It would be lovely to see you all there.

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 – 13:00

Tuesday CLOSED

Wednesday 09:00 – 14:00

Thursday 11:00 – 14:00

Friday 11:00 – 13:00



INFORMATION FOR NOTICES

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? We are also happy to share information about community events you are involved in.

If you have any information you would like to go into the weekly notices, please contact **JoAnne directly** either at the office, mobile 07340 269 354 or email community@heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk

15-21 May 2022

Christian Aid Week

Jean is still pounding the pavement and counting steps towards her target of 300,000 steps walked during May in aid of Christian Aid.

We are still taking orders for cream teas which can be collected at the coffee morning or after Church on Sunday . Please contact Jean

James if you would like one.

Christian Aid coffee morning on 14th May at 10:00.

In addition, our dementia friendly short service on Tuesday 17th May will be in support of Christian Aid. Do come along and join us for a 30-minute service followed by refreshments.

Christian Aid Messy Church



We had our first Messy Church this week since lockdown and this month it was a special Christian Aid themed session. It was lovely to meet new families from the community and take part in activities

sharing how Christian Aid is helping children and their communities around the world.

This picture is us using materials to build a roof for our school – we then poured water on it to see if it was leak proof.

Messy Church is not just for families it is for the whole church, not all the activities are messy! Messy Church is an opportunity for the young and old to come together and share the bible stories and lessons, to learn from each other, and to get to know one another.

It would be lovely to see you at our next Messy Church on Thursday 9th June at 3:30pm.

If you would like to volunteer at Messy Church please let JoAnne know. We have lots of different tasks we need help with.

22nd May 2022 Church Meeting @ 12.00

Check your in box, junk, spam , the reports for the church meeting were sent on Thursday 12th May .



If you didn't get a copy please contact community@heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk DO NOT email me in the office, I am on holiday and won't be reading my emails .

JoAnne and I will be cooking up lunch for you .

See you there

Sharon



There will be a **slightly longer than normal** Interactive service on **SUNDAY, JUNE 5th**.
10.45am to 12.15pm



Including a Platinum Jubilee party refreshments will be served during not after the service.



APPEAL FOR KNITTERS

I have been asked if we have any knitters who can knit pairs of knitted hearts, in these colours only: pink, blue, lemon and red.

If you can help please speak with JoAnne for the pattern.

Worship at Home – Sunday 15 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

Gracious God. We come to you knowing that we are loved by you. Help us to recognise that love and your presence with us as we worship. Amen

Hymn: StF 86 Praise the Lord! You heavens, adore him.

Sing/ Read /pray /proclaim the words or listen to it here <https://youtu.be/8yzfiYtznPo>

Praise the Lord! You heavens, adore him;
praise him, angels in the height;
sun and moon, rejoice before him;
praise him, all you stars and light.
Praise the Lord, for he has spoken;
worlds his mighty voice obeyed;
laws that never shall be broken
for their guidance he has made.

Praise the Lord, for he is glorious!
Never shall his promise fail;
God has made his saints victorious;
sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation;
hosts on high, his power proclaim;
heaven and earth, and all creation,
laud and magnify his name!

*Foundling Hospital Hymns c.1796
from Psalm 148*

Let us pray together

Almighty God.

We adore you. You are our Father and our Mother. In you there is life and all life comes from you. For this we give our thanks and praise.

In Jesus you showed us the way to love. You

died to save us. For this we give you thanks and praise.

Holy Spirit, living breath of God, You make us more like Jesus, you infuse our lives with love. For this we give you thanks and praise.

Yet we know we fail to live your way, we fail to love one another, we fail to show your love to a broken world. We are truly sorry.

Thank you that your gracious words to those who repent and your sins are forgiven. Amen. Thanks be to God.

Today's Reading from the Old Testament

Psalm 148

Today's Reading from the New Testament

Revelation 21:1-6

Today's Gospel Reading:

John 13:31-35

Time to Reflect

"Praise the Lord" the Psalmist calls us. I hope that as you follow this act of worship you have been able to do just that- praise our Lord. I love that this Psalm gives the image of all of creation worshipping God. All of creation being made with a purpose and bringing glory to the God of heaven and earth.

Turning to our Revelation reading we see the image of a newly restored creation. With such suffering in the world that can seem like a pipe dream. How can that be? Is it even possible to live like that? Yet we have the promise of God that God will wipe every tear from our eyes in the new heaven and the new earth. We can praise God for that promise-

the promise of a hope of a great future in Christ. That all will be made new- and all will be well.

In the here and now that can be hard to see but Jesus gave us an idea of how that should look like here and now. He commands us to love one another. He has demonstrated what love looks like in dying for us. This is how the world will know we are his disciples- and will see the promise of a new world through the love we have for one another and the hope we share.

May we spread that hope to a world so desperately in need of it.

Take a time to sit quietly

A time of prayer

Loving God,

We rejoice in your love, we rejoice in your promise of a new heaven and a new earth. While we await that we pray for our world.

We pray for our country as we still try to work out the effects of Brexit and continue to learn to live with COVID. We also pray for those countries yet to have many people vaccinated. Help us to share so that the world maybe safe.

We pray for a world full of war and hatred where there are many tears- may you bring your love. Help us to love even our enemies and to serve you.

Merciful God we pray for your church that we may show your love for one another and to your world. In Jesus name.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father

Hymn: Listen to **'God I look to you' sung by Cathy Burton** or sing a verse of a hymn that comes to mind

<https://youtu.be/IKsKeFoUIE>

A prayer of blessing

Go in the love of God- Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer to spread that love to all people.

Amen

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All

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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://TheBible(methodist.org.uk))

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

Psalm 148

Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!
Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars!
Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for he commanded and they were created.
He established them for ever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,
fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!
Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!
Young men and women alike,
old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.
He has raised up a horn for his people,

praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him.
Praise the Lord!
Revelation 21:1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

John 13:31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'