### **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

12 <sup>th</sup> June	Rev Dr Graham Adams	SUPER SUNDAY 10:00 – 10:40
		Service 10:45
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Rev Dr Raj Patta	Communion Service
26 <sup>th</sup> June	JoAnne Roy 9:30	
	Leo Roberts 10:45	
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Carol Jack	
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Deborah Symmons & JoAnne Roy	Action for Children Sunday

### **Additional Services**

Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June 14:00	Dementia Friendly Service	
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July at 16:00	Circuit Service Venue TBC	
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 10:00	Short Communion Service	

#### **Additional Events at Heaton Moor Church**

Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June at 10:30 (takes place weekly)	Coffee Morning – All Welcome
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June at 10:00	Coffee morning for Alzheimer's Society
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June at 19:45 (takes place every other week)	Men's Fellowship
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June at 14:00	Ladies Fellowship
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June at 19:00	Friends of Stockport InterFaith talk by Rev. Ian Rutherford
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> June at 10:00	Lebone Coffee Morning
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> June at 13:00	Muddy Church

Dear Heaton Moor United Church,

Grace and peace to you all in the name of our liberator Jesus Christ. Trust you all had a good time over the jubilee weekend. Thanks to Anne Wild and the team for leading the service on Sunday and for all the activities at church for Pentecost, which I gather was well received and appreciated. Thanks to Graham Adams who will be leading Super Sunday at church this Sunday.

I was at Cliff college festival during the weekend leading a seminar on 'justice flows down like a river,' and glad to see many people attending the festival. I gathered from people how Cliff festival was very instrumental in inspiring people for mission and evangelism.

This week, we had our monthly midweek communion at church, and it was an interesting experience learning some old hymns and songs. I also had conversations about the mission and ministerial prospects at Edgeley this week, and I am excited to be part of the mission engagements there in the new connexional year.

On Saturday, JoAnne, Sharon and myself will be attending the Joint Public Issues Team's 2022 national conference on 'from the ground up: unearthing hope and seeking justice.' On Sunday, the 12<sup>th</sup> June in the evening, we have a testimonial service of Rev. Katie Smith, who will receive her ordination during the Conference later this month. Let us uphold Katie in our prayers and for her ordination.

On Tuesday, the 14<sup>th</sup> June the circuit is organising a mission forum on the theme 'worship' and you are all warmly invited to attend please. The flyer of this event is attached. On Thursday, the 16<sup>th</sup> June the Friends of Stockport Interfaith is organising a lecture on homelessness in Greater Manchester at our church, and if you are interested you are warmly invited to it.

May you all have a wonderful week ahead. If you would like a pastoral visit or home communion, do contact one of our staff team and we can arrange that for you.

Thanking you,

Regards, Raj 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022

## MESSAGE FROM THE CO-EDITOR

Hallo!

I'm back from my holiday in The Netherlands and that is pretty much the extent of my Dutch! I've had a lovely break and am feeling recharged and excited for months ahead.

It was lovely to be able to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee with our Friday playgroup and Dementia Friends, am sorry I missed the Church celebrations on Sunday - it sounded like it was lots of fun.



There is lots of events happening this month; Circuit Mission Forum, Friends of Stockport Interfaith and Leboni Coffee Morning. We will also be having a stall at St John's Summer Fair on the 25<sup>th</sup> June 11:00 - 15:00 as part of Heatons Churches Together it would be lovely to see you at one or all of these events.

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



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## CHURCH GROUPS

Carol Jack and Anne Wilde have both offered to facilitate small church groups. Either fortnightly or monthly. If you are interested in being part of a group please let the office know when is the best day, time (morning, afternoon, evening) for you.

Office Hours This Week

Monday 09:00 – 14:00

- Tuesday 09:00 14:00
- Wednesday 09:00 14:00
  - Thursday CLOSED

Friday 12:00 – 14:00



#### **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 <u>community@heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk</u>

#### A Message of Thanks from Jean



"Thank you very much to all who contributed in any way to raising money during Christian Aid Week. The total raised, including Gift Aid, was £1779.64 broken down as follows.

•Cream Teas £515.10

- •Sponsor for 300,000 steps £409.74
- •Two roads collected House to House £316.80
- •Sunday church collection £35
- •CAF cheque. £50,
- •Online giving. £300, plus Gift Aid £153

I walked 312, 462 and am now 2inches shorter! The warmest of greetings from Christian Aid and many thanks for your generosity and support"

### COFFEE MORNING & CAKE SALE IN AID OF LEBONE VILLAGE



We will be holding a coffee morning and cake sale in aid of Lebone Village, South Africa on Saturday 18th June 10.30-12.00 noon.

Please come along & bring you friends too! All will be very welcome. There will also be an exciting raffle!

If you are able to make a cake/small cakes to donate, they will be most gratefully received. Thank you. Stephanie & Janice

The Circuit Mission Forum is an exciting new addition to the calendar of the United Stockport Circuit. Open to everyone and happening twice a year it aims to give space to focus on the ministry and mission of the Circuit, rather than the business focussed Circuit Meeting. At the last Forum in November, we heard about work with Refugees, the work of the Eco Task Group and the work of MHA to name but a few things.

#### The theme for this Forum is Worship.

Following a general reflection about worship, what it is and why we do it, there will be several practical workshops focussing on different worship related activities such as running café worship, leading Local Arrangement services, Biblical Yoga, and how to ensure worship is truly inclusive.



## Friends of 🛛 🗔 Stockport Interfaith



## 16th June at 7pm

Come and join our bi-monthly meeting with guest speaker Rev. Ian Rutherford, the city centre minister based at Central Hall Manchester. Ian is committed to civic engagement, and amongst other roles, he is the Chair of the Greater Manchester Homelessness Faith Network. Stockport Foodbank are pleased to invite you to a fundraising concert with

# **Crystal Chords**

Saturday June 18th | 7.30pm for 7.45pm Hazel Grove Baptist Church SK7 4EX | Tickets £7

Crystal Chords are a dynamic award-winning Stockport based chorus which enjoys performing 'a cappella' (unaccompanied harmony) and belong to the Ladies Association of British Barbershop Singers.

Tickets available from Crystal Chords (07808 929841) and by post/in person from Stockport Foodbank (address below). Payment, in cash or cheque, with order please. To pay by bank transfer, please call the number below.

Stockport Foodbank Hazel Grove Baptist Church, Station Street Hazel Grove, Stockport SK7 4EX

Tel: 07483 115349 E: foodbank@stockportfoodbank.org.uk www.stockport.foodbank.org.uk



## Programmes available from

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Shirley Megram will also have some programmes for sale at Church on Sunday

> Rotary Organised by Rotary Stockport Lamplighter

## The Good Life



#### Worship at Home - Sunday 12 June 2022 TRINITY 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 Prayer**

God in Three Persons, Blessed Trinity, We ask for your presence to enter this space. We know that, in self-giving love, your very nature teaches us how to love one another. **Amen** (<u>https://fbcmartinsville.com</u>)

#### StF 11: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty https://youtu.be/JwuDSw-9cUQ

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee: holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty, God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see, only thou art holy;there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;

holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty, God in three Persons, blessed Trinity! Reginald Heber (1783-1826) (alt.) Based on Revelation 4:8-11

We bind unto ourselves today The strong name of the Trinity, By invocation of the same, The Three in One and One in Three. We bind this day to us for ever, By power of faith, Christ's Incarnation; His baptism in the Jordan River; His death on the cross for our salvation;

His bursting from the spiced tomb; His riding up the heavenly way; His coming at the day of doom; We bind unto ourselves today... We bind unto ourselves today The power of God to hold and to lead, His eye to watch, His might to stay, His ear to hearken to our need. The wisdom of our God to teach, His hand to guide, his shield to ward, The word of God to give us speech, His heavenly host to be our guard. Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

I bind unto myself the name, The strong name of the Trinity; By invocation of the same. The Three in One, and One in Three, Of whom all nature hath creation, Eternal Father, Spirit, Word: Praise to the Lord of my salvation, salvation is of Christ the Lord. Breastplate of St Patrick, (prayerist.com) Translation: Cecil Frances Alexander

#### A Prayer of Adoration

God, all powerful One We give you praise; we adore You Jesus, meek and majestic We are called your friends, and brothers and sisters, we adore You Spirit, the breath of God In You, we live and move, And have our being, we adore You Blessed, Three in One and One in Three We are not alone, the Strong *Three in One* is with us We are not alone. **Amen.** 

#### Today's Reading is from Psalm 8

#### StF 333, Majesty, worship His majesty https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Zontyn2TjE

Majesty, worship his majesty; unto Jesus be glory, honour and praise. Majesty, kingdom authority, flows from his throne unto his own, his anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus, magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King. Majesty, worship his majesty, Jesus, who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

Jack Hayford

#### Today's Gospel Reading: John 16:12-15

#### **Time to Reflect**

Our passage in John makes the clear connection between Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Jesus promises that the Holy Spirit will come and guide the disciples into all the truth. Not only that, the Spriit will make declaration of the things that are to come. The Holy Spirit glorifies Jesus by taking what Jesus has and giving it to His disciples. Because the Father has given everything into Jesus' hands, then this is also passed on to Jesus' disciples, both early followers and by implication, you, and me. Because there is a symbiotic relationship within the Holy Trinity, there is also an interdependence between us, our relationship to others, and our co-operation with God as the three in One and One in Three.

My husband occasionally asks me how I address God. In other words, how do I pray. Do I tack on 'in Jesus' name' at the end of my prayers? At times, I pray to God, on other occasions, perhaps in emergencies, or if in need of comfort, I pray to Jesus. Rarely, do I pray to the Spirit, although I do pray *in the Spirit*, which is a subtle difference. However, I neglect the Spirit at my peril, for Jesus referred to the Holy Spirit as the *Comforter* and *Advocate*. The Bible also calls the Holy Spirit, the *Paraclete*, or the One who comes alongside us. How good is that? The Spirit also intercedes on our behalf when we cannot find the words (Romans 8:26).

Going back to my husband's question about my manner in addressing God, my answer is this: I don't believe it *really* matters, because if you speak to one, the other(s) knows all about it too. We have a grand-daughter, named Trinity, who thought she was Supergirl when she was younger – even had the costume. Her brother, Joel has so many superhero figurines, I've stopped counting. According to Marvel comic book, there came a day when a group of superheroes banded together to combat the threats none dared face on their own - and on that day, the Avengers assembled.

Perhaps, we might consider the Holy Trinity as this kind of triple superhero, where each seamlessly work together to subjugate the forces of evil. Consider how this view of the Holy Trinity might help you in your prayer life when darkness presents itself in varied forms (i.e., sickness, worry, trials, tribulations, temptations, etc)?

#### Take time to sit quietly

#### A Prayer

God, Jesus, Holy Spirit, we rest in the assurance that you are with us, today and everyday. There is no place you have not been. There is nowhere you will not go with us. This is our assurance. The eternal God and Holy Trinity is with us, today and always. **Amen.** 

#### StF 10, Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eTm2FaJdIoU Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty. Who was and is and is to come, who was and is and is to come.

Lift up his name with the sound of singing, lift up his name in all the earth. Lift up your voice and give him glory, for he is worthy to be praised.

Nathan Fellingham (b. 1977)

#### A Time of Prayer

We pray for an end to the war in the Ukraine. We remember those who have lost their lives, Russians, Ukrainians, and those from other nations. Be present with the ones who suffer. Help the emergency services, medical and humanitarian aids to assist the elderly, and children. **Response: We bind unto ourselves today in the strong name of the Trinity.** 

We pray for all people across this world. For those who are in need due to global warming, leaving their homes in drought, or severe flooding. We ask for your strength for those living in war, disaster, and desperate need. We pray for all Christians everywhere, especially those undergoing severe persecution because of their faith in Jesus Christ. We bind unto ourselves today in the strong name of the Trinity.

We remember the Methodist Church and ask for a way through the damaging effects of Covid-19, and the decades of membership decline. May each one of us remain your faithful servants with a deep commitment to listen and do your will. We bind unto ourselves today in the strong name of the Trinity.

We pray for those who have been bereaved during this past year or two. We remember the family members who have not been permitted to attend funerals or visit loved ones in hospital due to covid restrictions. We pray for those experiencing loneliness, depression, and mental health issues due to isolation. **Response: We bind unto ourselves today in the strong name of the Trinity,** 

#### The Lord's Prayer

And having been bound today in the strong name of the Trinity, we come before God and pray as our Saviour, Jesus Christ taught us,

Our Father .....

#### StF 15, The splendour of the King

#### https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KBD18rsVJHk

The splendour of the King, clothed in majesty; let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice. He wraps himself in light and darkness tries to hide, and trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice.

> How great is our God, sing with me, how great is our God, and all will see how great, how great is our God.

And age to age he stands, and time is in his hands; beginning and the end, beginning and the end. The Godhead, Three in One, Father, Spirit, Son, the Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

> How great is our God, sing with me, how great is our God, and all will see how great, how great is our God.

Name above all names, worthy of all praise; my heart will sing: how great is our God. Name above all names, worthy of all praise; my heart will sing: how great is our God.

> How great is our God, sing with me, how great is our God, and all will see how great, how great is our God. *Chris Tomlin (b. 1972), Ed Cash and Jesse Reeves*

#### A prayer of blessing

We leave this worship time knowing that we are not alone, the Strong *Three in One* is with us. **Amen.** 

#### READINGS

#### Psalm 8

10 LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. 20ut of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger. 3When I look at your heavens, the work of your

fingers, the moon, and the stars that you have established; 4what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? 5Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honour. 6You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, 7all sheep and oxen, and also, the beasts of the field, 8the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

#### John 16:12-15

 ${\bf 12}$  "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear th em now.  ${\bf 13}$  When the Spirit of

truth comes; he will guide you into all the

truth: for he will not speak on his own, but

will speak whatever he hears, and he will

declare to you the things that are to come.

14 He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. 15 All that the Father has is m ine. For this reason, I said that he will take what is mine and decl

are it to you.