



# Heaton Moor United Church

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## Sunday Services at Heaton Moor United Church

*Services at 10:45 unless otherwise stated*

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
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Rev Dr Raj Patta	Communion Service

## Additional Services

Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June 14:00	Dementia Friendly Service	
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July at 16:00	Circuit Service The Ridge	Led by Rev Jon Howard who served at the Methodist Liaison Office in Jerusalem
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 10:00	Short Communion Service	

## Additional Events at Heaton Moor Church

Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> June at 10:30	Lebone Coffee Morning
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> June at 13:00	Muddy Church
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June at 10:30 (takes place weekly)	Coffee Morning – All Welcome

**\*\*Men's Fellowship will return in September 2022, meeting fortnightly on a Monday evening**

Dear Heaton Moor United Church,

Trust you are all doing well. I write this letter straight after participating in the Friends of Stockport Interfaith meeting on Thursday at our church on issues of homelessness and what can faith communities offer. Thanks to Ian Rutherford, Methodist minister from Manchester Central Hall and who has been closely working with Andy Burnham, the mayor of Greater Manchester on homelessness. The challenge Ian offered to faith communities was to translate compassion into campaigning and strive to make housing a human right for all people. Thanks to JoAnne for organising this event.

We had a good time at the Joint Public Issues Team's national conference on Saturday listening to various voices for justice today. On Sunday we had our leadership team meeting discussing the life and witness of our church. We also had an interesting Circuit mission forum on the theme of worship this week, with inputs on inclusive worship, Local Arrangements, Biblical Yoga and Café worship. I was also at a meeting this week discussing about the partnerships of Methodists and URC in our moving forward.

One of our circuit minister's Rev. Katie Smith will be ordained on the 26<sup>th</sup> June at the Methodist Conference and we had a great testimony service of Katie last Sunday. Can we please uphold her in our prayers.

Next week is Refugee Week (20-26 June) and let us kindly remember people who are seeking sanctuary in our country so that may we as a nation be welcoming and hospitable in receiving them.

May we all have a good week and if any of you want a pastoral visit or home communion, please do let us know, so that we can arrange it for you.

Thanking you,

Regards,

Raj

16.06.2022

# MESSAGE FROM THE CO-EDITOR

Happy Friday

I'm writing this in the very early hours of Friday morning and the temperature is already at 18 degrees not sure how I will manage if the temperature hits the expected 27 degrees this afternoon.

Raj, Sharon and myself spent last Saturday in London attending the Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) annual conference. It was an opportunity to hear about the work they are involved in and how we as individuals and Churches can do more. <https://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/> For me there was a specific phrase that resonated with me "get angry" and it made me think are we angry enough about the injustices in the world around us? Are we angry enough to strive to do more? This thread followed into our Friends of Stockport InterFaith talk by Rev Ian Rutherford on the subject of homelessness who challenged us that along with compassion we need to campaign. Campaign for the changes that are needed so that everyone has a safe, appropriate and affordable home.

On Tuesday I attended the Mission Forum on Worship where we heard that worship is very much part of the mission of the Church - it is through worship where many people will have their first interaction with church. At the evening there were workshops on biblical yoga, ensuring worship is inclusive, local arrangements and café worship. I found the event interesting not only as a church member but as a worship leader in training.

We have a busy weekend at church with our Lebone Coffee Morning on Saturday followed by Muddy Church. This month at Muddy Church we will be having a wander through Psalm 23 and wondering some big questions. It would be lovely to have you join us, you don't have to get muddy you can just have a drink and a chat!

As always if I can be of any help please let me know

*JoAnne*

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To donate online please visit

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/trek26peakdistrict26miles-moorthanatrek>

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

### Rev'd Graham Hawley

Dear Friends,

It is with great sadness that we have to tell you about the death of the Rev'd Graham Hawley. He passed away peacefully last Thursday evening at Stepping Hill Hospital following a fall.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Margaret and his family at this time.

Deacon Annette Sharp

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

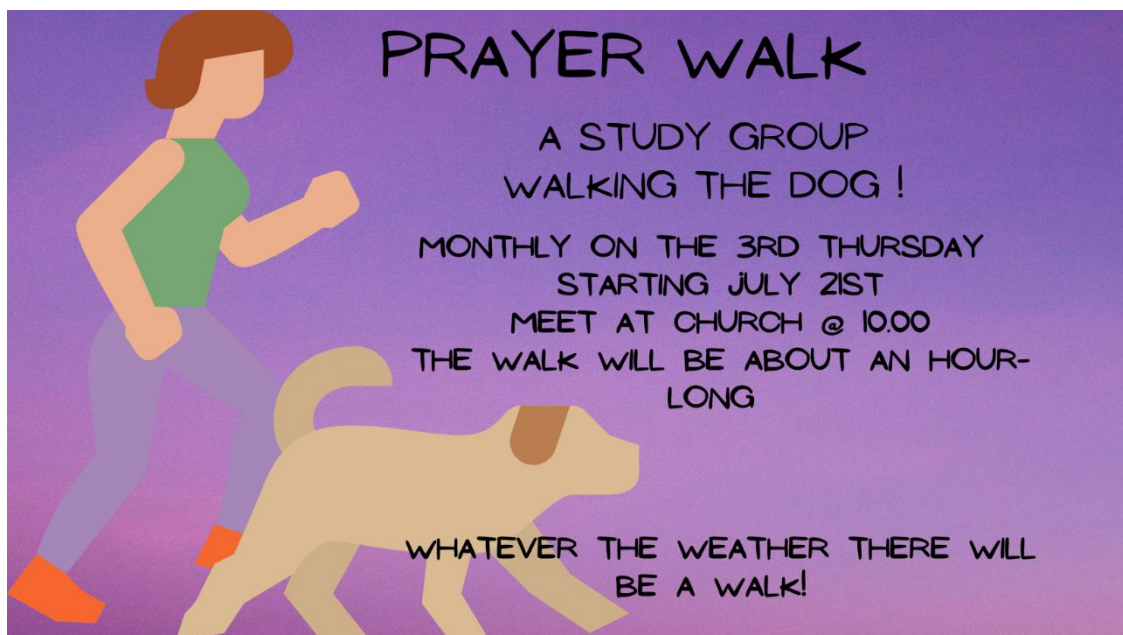


We will be holding a coffee morning and cake sale in aid of Lebone Village, South Africa on

**Saturday 18th June 10.30-12.00 noon.**

Please come along & bring your 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





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Mei Yuk Wong & Ian Vines



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**Creative Collage Workshop**

**with Ian Vines**

**Sat 9 July 2-4pm**

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**Booking and enquiries:**

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### **FESTIVAL TIMES\***

**FRIDAY 4PM - 9.45PM**

**SATURDAY 2PM - 9.30PM**

**SUNDAY 2PM - 9.30PM**



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**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY:** The whole site is open

**BATTLE OF BRITAIN FLY PASTS:** Hurricane: Saturday 2.15pm (approx.)  
Lancaster Bomber: Sunday 2.20pm (approx.)



## **Worship at Home – Sunday 19 June 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**

O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land.

O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

### **Hymn: STF 693 Beauty for brokenness**

<https://youtu.be/08utbDFP9AE>

Beauty for brokenness,  
hope for despair,  
Lord, in your suffering world  
this is our prayer.

Bread for the children,  
justice, joy, peace,  
sunrise to sunset,  
your kingdom increase!

Shelter for fragile lives,  
cures for their ills,  
work for all people,  
trade for their skills;  
land for the dispossessed,  
rights for the weak,  
voices to plead the cause  
of those who can't speak.

God of the poor,  
friend of the weak,  
give us compassion we pray:  
melt our cold hearts,  
let tears fall like rain;  
come, change our love  
from a spark to a flame.

Refuge from cruel wars,  
havens from fear,  
cities for sanctuary,  
freedoms to share.  
Peace to the killing-fields,  
scorched earth to green,  
Christ for the bitterness,  
his cross for the pain.

Rest for the ravaged earth,  
oceans and streams  
plundered and poisoned --  
our future, our dreams.  
Lord, end our madness,  
carelessness, greed;  
make us content with  
the things that we need.

### **Refrain**

Lighten our darkness,  
breathe on this flame  
until your justice burns  
brightly again;  
until the nations  
learn of your ways,  
seek your salvation  
and bring you their praise.

### **Refrain**

*Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)*

## **Let us pray together**

God of earthquake, wind, and fire, God of healing touch and uniting love, God of our ancestors, neighbours, and grandchildren, God of deafening silence and quiet harmonies – We are drawn by Your Spirit calling out to our own souls, for You are the source of all life, the home to which we will return.

In You we find strength and comfort, safety and courage. May all that is in us, praise You, O God!

We are crafted in Your divine image: we rejoice; we fall short of Your perfect love: we lament; we contribute to the pain of others: we confess; we fear what we do not understand: we repent.

In our return to You, welcoming God, we seek Your healing, transforming touch, knowing You will not withhold it, not now, not ever: praise be to You, O God! Amen

**Today's Reading from the New Testament –**  
Galatians 3: 23 - 29

**Today's Gospel Reading –** Luke 8: 26 - 39

## **Time to Reflect**

There are a lot of questions in today's Gospel reading! After crossing the Sea of Galilee in a boat and calming the storm en route, Jesus and the disciples arrive in the Gentile land of the Gerasenes.

There they meet a vulnerable man – demon possessed, naked, cast out from the town, living alone among the tombs. He doesn't ask for help or healing, rather, Jesus unprompted commands the evil spirit to leave the man. The evil spirit objects, recognising Jesus as the Son of the Most High God, and asks Jesus to leave it alone. And it admits it is not one spirit but many, a legion.

Whatever we think of demons, they were intensely real to this man and the people of Gerasa. This man was suffering from violent mental illness, he was too dangerous to be

among people, he could break free of all the restraints they placed on him. People were terrified of him, but Jesus faced him calmly. Who are the people we are scared of? Who do we choose not to associate with because of our fear?

When Jesus cast out the demons into the pigs, the man sees visible evidence that he is freed. He regains his right mind, he dresses in clothes, and he sits calmly at Jesus' feet – adopting the posture of a disciple. When Jesus freed the man from the spirits that possessed him, he also freed the people from the threat the man had posed to them. But they still weren't happy.

Why do we find it difficult to believe in the possibility of change and redemption? One of our less pleasant human attitudes is the willingness to continue to condemn people because of what has happened previously. To keep them locked up in our perceptions of the past. Think of the difficulty convicted prisoners have on release from prison to convince people that they have changed.

This story is not just a healing miracle; Jesus comes with cosmic power. He has just calmed the powers of nature, calming the wind and the raging waves; here He casts out the demons, the powers of evil. Jesus comes to challenge and cast out every power that prevents people living fully and freely. This challenges us to think of the powers that destroy a human life today. Think of those enslaved by addictions. Think of those who are haunted by the past, tortured by their memories – survivors of abuse, sexual, physical, and emotional – the abuse continues in the mind long after the physical act has ceased.

The people of the neighbourhood do not celebrate when the man is restored to full health; their fear continues to hold them captive. Jesus sends him back to live among his former neighbours to witness to them of what God has done for him. The man, knowing who has healed him, goes about

proclaiming what Jesus has done for him,  
witnessing to Jesus, the Son of God. Do we?

Take a time to sit quietly

### **A time of prayer**

For our world and its pain and uncertainty,  
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For our nation, our Queen and our  
government, Lord in your mercy, hear our  
prayer.

For the city, town or village in which we live,  
and those who serve us in body, mind and  
spirit, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

On those who are frightened, unwell, alone,  
or overwhelmed. On our church, on other  
churches we share with and the Church  
throughout the world, Lord in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.

For each of us, right now, longing for love,  
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

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

*Our Father .....*

**Hymn: Listen** STF 655 We cannot measure  
how you feel

<https://youtu.be/OrNoQisGbDw>

We cannot measure how you heal  
or answer every sufferer's prayer,  
yet we believe your grace responds  
where faith and doubt unite to care.  
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross,  
survive to hold and heal and warn,  
to carry all through death to life  
and cradle children yet unborn.

The pain that will not go away,  
the guilt that clings from things long past,  
the fear of what the future holds,  
are present as if meant to last.  
But present too is love which tends  
the hurt we never hoped to find,  
the private agonies inside,

the memories that haunt the mind.

So some have come who need your help  
and some have come to make amends  
as hands which shaped and saved the world  
are present in the touch of friends.  
Lord, let your Spirit meet us here  
to mend the body, mind, and soul,  
to disentangle peace from pain  
and make your broken people whole.

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

### **A prayer of blessing**

May God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, go with us  
now. May God's Spirit be on us, on those we  
love, and on those for who we should pray,  
thisy and always.

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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)

### Galatians 3: 23 – 29

23 Before the coming of this faith, we were held  
in custody under the law, locked up until the faith  
that was to come would be revealed. 24 So the  
law was our guardian until Christ came that we  
might be justified by faith. 25 Now that this faith  
has come, we are no longer under a guardian.

26 So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God  
through faith, 27 for all of you who were baptized  
into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28  
There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor  
free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one  
in Christ Jesus. 29 If you belong to Christ, then you  
are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the  
promise.

Luke 8: 26 – 39

26 They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. 27 When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs. 28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don't torture me!" 29 For Jesus had commanded the impure spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places.

30 Jesus asked him, "What is your name?"

"Legion," he replied, because many demons had gone into him. 31 And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.

32 A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission. 33 When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

34 When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, 35 and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. 36 Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. 37 Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left.

38 The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, 39 "Return home and tell how much God has done for you." So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.