



# 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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| 26 <sup>th</sup> June | JoAnne Roy 9:30<br>Leo Roberts 10:45                |                            |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> July  | Carol Jack  |                            |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> July | Deborah Symmons &<br>JoAnne Roy                     | Action for Children Sunday |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> July | Rev Dr Raj Patta                                    | Communion Service          |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> July | Sharon Heginbotham 9:30<br>Rev Paul Brewerton 10:45 |                            |

## Additional Services

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| Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July at<br>16:00  | Circuit Service<br>The Ridge | Led by Rev Jon Howard<br>who served at the<br>Methodist Liaison Office in<br>Jerusalem |
| Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July<br>10:00 | Short Communion Service      |  |

## Additional Events at Heaton Moor Church

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| Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June at 10:30<br>(takes place weekly) | Coffee Morning – All Welcome   |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July at 14:00                           | Moor Than Tea – all are welcome to join<br>us for refreshments, quiz and music |
| Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> July                                    | Action for Children Coffee Morning   |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July at 15:30                          | Messy Church   |
| Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> July at 13:00                          | The BIG Muddy Church Picnic  |

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

Dear Heaton Moor United Church,

May the love, grace and peace of Jesus Christ be with you all. Trust you are all doing well and enjoyed the warm weather this week.

Thanks to Leo Roberts who will be leading the service this Sunday at 10.45am at our church. Thanks to JoAnne who will be leading our first bite size service this Sunday at 9.30 am on the theme 'Pride & Prejudice.' This theme is very interesting, seasonal and contextual and I am sure you will be able to attend and partake in it.

This week on Tuesday, I received a phone call from the office to say that I have two guests waiting to see me. I said to Sharon, I will be there in 15 minutes, and reached the church to find two of our dear friends David and Pauline from church waiting for me in my office. Pauline was just back from her holiday from Florida, and so was chatting about it with her. And there Pauline shared that David proposed her before she left for holiday, and they both informed me that they are planning to get married and invited me to solemnize their wedding. I had to reply them wow, what good news and said I will be more than happy to do it and be part of this joyous occasion. They are both happy for me to share this good news in our church newsletter. We will uphold David and Pauline in our prayers and send them all our good wishes and love. Celebrating love is one of the best things in life, and David and Pauline we rejoice along with you and hoping all your plans will go well.

This week I was leading a funeral service of Dennis Taylor from Heaton Mersey Methodist church. I was also at the Edgeley leadership meeting discussing the mission plans of that church. Linda and me did home communion this week.

Next Monday, I was invited to the Methodist Conference at Telford to lead a Bible study on the presidential theme of 'greatest commandment' from a justice perspective.

At home front, Jubi finished his GCSE exams this week, and we are all happy for him.

May you all have a good week and enjoy the weather.

Thanking you,

Regards,

Raj

23.06.2022

# MESSAGE FROM THE CO-EDITOR

Well here we are another Friday - what a lovely week we've had weather wise! I hope you have all been able to enjoy it. The best thing that has happened this week is the news that Raj shared within his letter and I would like to share my CONGRATULATIONS (squeal) too!



It was a busy weekend last weekend with the Lebone Coffee Morning and Muddy Church. We had lots of fun at Muddy Church completing a sensory trail of Psalm 23 - we especially liked walking through the olive oil. Our next Muddy Church will be a BIG picnic and I hope you will join us.

At toddlers our theme this month is nursery rhymes - here is Leo who was very pleased with his clock he made for Hickory Dickory Dock.



With thanks to Betty who led our Dementia Friendly service this week.

I will be at St John's Artisan Market on Saturday with a stall for The Heaton's Churches Partnership - if you are around do pop by and say Hi!

This Sunday is our first bite-size short service - starting at 9:30 for approximately 30 minutes. This service is advertised across our social media channels and if you are on social media do share them with your friends and groups. These monthly services are an ideal first step for people to find out more about worship at Heaton Moor United Church.

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

*JoAnne*

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Heaton's Churches  
Partnership

The next HCP Prayer Breakfast will be on

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July

7:45 for 8:00 – 9:00am

At Heaton Norris Salvation Army Short Street

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)



A big thank you to all who baked, donated or helped in any way towards the Lebone Coffee Morning on 18th June.

Thank you also to those who came and supported so generously. The total raised was £257 which will be shortly be sent to Lebone Village, as their need is still great.  
Stephanie and Janice.



## Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup>

### Action for Children Coffee Morning

10:30 - 12:00

Cakes

Raffle

Books

Toys

& More

Donations of cakes, books (fiction, adults and children's) and toys gratefully received

For more information see Deborah, Stephanie or JoAnne



The Circuit is going to be having a stall at Stockport Pride on 31st July 2022.

Volunteers required to help  
If you can help please contact  
Sharon Heginbotham.

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## PRIDE! & Prejudice

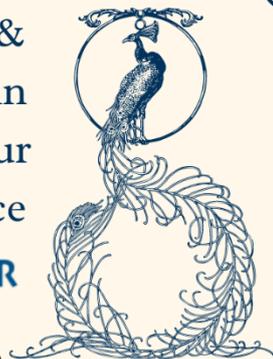
Finding Mr Darcy & Elizabeth Bennett in Church Today at our first bite-size service



Sunday 26th June

9:30 - 10:00

Stanley Rd, Heaton Moor, SK4 4HL



## Worship at Home - Sunday 26 June

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

I cry to God in distress,  
I cry to God and he hears me.  
God, your ways are holy!  
What God is as great as our God?  
You are the God who does marvellous deeds,  
Brought nations to acknowledge your power,  
With your own arm redeeming your people,  
The children of Jacob and Joseph.

Psalm 77: 1, 13-15

### StF 473 Moses I know you're the man

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

<https://youtu.be/yr7YZ203UVI>

'Moses, I know you're the man,'  
the Lord said.

'You're going to work out my plan,'  
the Lord said.

'Lead all the Israelites out of slavery,  
and I shall make them a wandering race  
called the People of God.'

So every day,  
we're on our way,  
for we're a travelling, wandering race,  
we're the People of God.

'Don't get too set in your ways,'  
the Lord said.

'Each step is only a phase,'  
the Lord said.

'I'll go before you and I shall be a sign  
to guide my travelling, wandering race;  
you're the People of God.'

'No matter what you may do,'  
the Lord said.

'I shall be faithful and true,'

the Lord said.

'My love will strengthen you as you go along,  
for you're my travelling, wandering race,  
you're the People of God.'

'Look at the birds in the air,'  
the Lord said.

'They fly unhampered by care,'  
the Lord said.

'You will move easier if you're travelling light,  
for you're a wandering, vagabond race,  
you're the People of God.'

'Foxes have places to go,'  
the Lord said.

'But I've no home here below,'  
the Lord said.

'So if you want to be with me all your days,  
keep up the moving and travelling on,  
you're the People of God.'

*Estelle White (b. 1925)*

### A Prayer

God of Creation, you have always been on the move. You are faithful and sure, yet also constantly transforming, re-creating, bringing fresh order out of chaos.

Humankind is looking, constantly, for an order which can be controlled but finding, constantly, that we are powerless in a world which is so much bigger than we are.

Thank you for the example of Jesus, who understood small world and vast universe. He showed us how to be true to ourselves and to you, even when it costs us. He taught us to love all that you have brought into being; even the mysteries of life.

Forgive and heal us of the arrogance which wants to be in charge. Grant us the assurance in our hearts that we are not only forgiven,

but healed and transformed by your loving mercy and grace. Amen.

**Today's Reading from: Galatians 5:1,13-25**

**Today's Gospel Reading: Luke 09:51-62**

### **Time to Reflect**

Living with settled churches, we easily forget how Jesus' ministry was that of a wandering rabbi.

The Samaritan town rejected this rabbi and his followers who were heading for Jerusalem since they must therefore support the Judaism which looked down on Samaritans for practices which were not entirely authorised; the Samaritans had mingled with people of other faiths, other standards, other ways.

James and John emphasise this rivalry and lack of respect between people of the same nation but opposite sects, which upsets Jesus. Soon he would send them out in twos to discover for themselves that most people are just people, and there's no need to attack one another.

He seems to feel alien in a world which has such different priorities to himself. Everyone seems to expect so much, but will anyone give to him of their time or will there always be other things which come first for them? He seems to reflect on this, and to decide to send out the disciples in less threatening numbers to get alongside the local population as far as that's possible; and to just let people be where they're not welcome; let go of any bad feelings by shaking off the dust.

Sometimes when we think of the gifts of the Holy Spirit we expect people to be angels at all times, but we, too, are human, and have to work things through, often by personal experience. The letter to the Galatians warns people against enslaving themselves to emotions which aggravate situations: let go, and move on. That doesn't mean we should then enslave ourselves to others' expectations of our behaviour. Sometimes we too will get

annoyed. When we live freely, paying attention to God's love and respecting the freedoms of others, we will find the fruits of the Spirit naturally emerge despite our initial reaction. It's not about following rules. It's about our attitude and direction of travel.

What attitudes do we demonstrate towards people who are different to ourselves - who have different values, different ways? How might we respond to the hospitality of a Christian with whom we strongly disagree? Could we show hospitality to those who make us feel uncomfortable?

What does it mean to be 'free'? Does it mean giving in to every desire, or could it mean being open to discover God's love in new situations? Always ready to travel with him in our thinking as much as the disciples travelled the roads with him?

What does freedom mean to you - and how does that freedom impact on the freedoms of others?

*Take a time to sit quietly*

### **A time of prayer**

Loving God, Thank you that Jesus was truly human, as we are, and not just human in form. That he had all the emotions we have, and wrestled with them as we do.

Sometimes, in our distress, our priorities do get confused, and we miss the needs off. Thank you for those who make the time to notice others, and to be there for them.

We pray for the nations where there is division between different groups who despise one another, often because of their shared history. We hold in mind those who are suffering because of war and violence.

We pray for those whose experience of violence is hidden from view, unacknowledged, or imprisoned by fear. We pray for people who make themselves available to help those who hurt in private; and for those brave enough to speak out.

We pray for those who are enslaved by others, or

by their society, or by their own habits, values, or expectations. We thank you for those who help to set them – and us - free.

We hold before you all who are unwell, and all who are grieving.

And we bring you such prayers as you inspire in our hearts with groans too deep for words. ...

Thank you, Lord, that you hear our prayers.  
Amen.

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

*Our Father .....*

### **Hymn: Listen to**

#### **Waymaker**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iJCV\\_2H9xD0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iJCV_2H9xD0)

### **A prayer of blessing**

May the road rise up to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back,  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
The rains fall soft upon your fields,  
And until we meet again  
May God hold you in the hollow of his hand.

*Irish Traditional*

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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. We aim to continue to provide these resources until the end of August 2022.

### **Galatians 5:1,13-25**

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are

obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

### **Luke 09:51-62**

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, 'Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?' But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' To another he said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.' Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'