



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

10 th July	Deborah Symmons & JoAnne Roy	Action for Children Sunday
17 th July	Rev Dr Raj Patta	Communion Service
24 th July	Sharon Heginbotham 9:30 Rev Paul Brewerton 10:45	
31 st July	Dave Hardman	

Additional Services

Wednesday 13 th July 10:00	Short Communion Service	
Tuesday 19 th July 14:00	Dementia Friendly Service	All our welcome to our monthly dementia friendly short service

Additional Events at Heaton Moor Church

Saturday 9 th July	Action for Children Coffee Morning
Wednesday 13 th July at 10:30 (takes place weekly)	Coffee Morning – All Welcome
Thursday 14 th July at 15:30	Messy Church
Saturday 16 th 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,

Hope you are all doing well and are enjoying the sunshine. Thanks to Deborah and JoAnne for leading the service this Sunday as Action for Children Sunday. As a church we have been strong supporters of Action for Children and thanks to all who have extended their support to this charity this year.

This week I had the opportunity of meeting our local MP Navendu to discuss about people actively involved in community engagement, and it was a good meeting with him. On Sunday we had a challenging circuit service on the issues of peace in Ukraine, Palestine Israel led by Rev. John Howard, who worked as a Methodist liaison officer in Jerusalem. He called on the churches to continue their solidarity with issues of peace and justice in Palestine Israel. After that service, we went to Manchester festival at Wythenshaw park and heard Matt Redman leading praise and worship, which was an interesting experience.

On Tuesday, JoAnne and myself joined Deacon Annette Sharp and Sue Skidmore in representing our circuit at a 'Not another co-production' event with our yurt at the Science and Industry Museum in Manchester. It was quite an experience as a Christian faith group to be in the public space with other public sector agencies offering a listening space and exploring what it means to 'co-create' along with other partners for transformation.

We also had our circuit leadership team meeting this week, discussing the ministry of our circuit with some signposts for future engagements. I was also at our circuit plan making this week and we got the plan ready for September and October months. On Thursday, I was at London attending the 'theology for all' working group of the Methodist Connexion and it was a wonderful experience exploring theology collectively from different perspectives.

Rev. Grahame Hawley's funeral service will take place on Monday the 11th July 2022 at Rowan chapel in Stockport followed by a thanksgiving service at Marple Methodist Church. Rev. Graham Hawley was a supernumerary minister of the circuit who was passionate about social justice and ministry in the public sphere including Dementia friends. Please keep his wife Margaret and the family in your prayers.

May God's goodness and mercy follow you all in all your endeavours.

Thanking you,

Regards,
Raj
07.07.2022

MESSAGE FROM THE CO-EDITOR



Happy Friday!

It's been another busy week - starting with our Incey Wincey Spider session at toddlers.

On Tuesday, along with Raj and others from the circuit, I was at the Museum of Science and Industry with the yurt taking part in Not Another Co-production Festival. It was interesting talking to organisations from across Greater Manchester who co-produce their services.

I was out and about in the community on Wednesday and Thursday talking about the fantastic work that Action for Children do. We had our second Moor Than Tea event Thursday afternoon and it was great to catch up with old friends and new.

I'm looking forward to the Action for Children coffee morning on Saturday and the service on Sunday.

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

Warm regards


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Office Hours This Week

Monday 09:00 – 14:00

Tuesday 09:00 – 14:00

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Thursday 13:00 – 15:00

Friday 12:00 – 14:00



THIS WEEKEND: Saturday July 9th

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.

If you are unable to make the coffee morning and wish to donate online
please see our Justgiving page

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/heaton-moor-church1>



VOLUNTEERS WANTED

I am looking at opening the Church in August with activities for the community - if you would be interested in taking part and have some time to spare please come along to an initial discussion on Thursday 14th July at 11:30.

If you are unable to make the meeting then please speak with me. JoAnne

Come and join our Messy and Muddy Churches this month.

At Messy Church on the 14th July we will explore the story of Zacchaeus and have some party food.

Then on the 16th July at 13:00 bring a picnic and join us outside for
our **BIG Church Picnic**

HEATON MOOR UNITED CHURCH
Thursday 14th July
Activities from 3:30pm
Followed by party food

Messy Church

Join us as we explore
the story of Zacchaeus

Build a sycamore tree
Catapult Zacchaeus
Make some tree snacks
& more!

HEATON MOOR UNITED CHURCH

Muddy Church

The Great
BIG Picnic

MATTHEW 14: 21
THE NUMBER OF THOSE WHO
ATE WAS ABOUT 5000

Bring a picnic and join us as we wander
and wonder with fishes and loaves!

Worship at Home - Sunday July 10th 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

May God be with us in the stillness and in the routine of our day, and may God give us hope, peace and blessing this day, and all our days.

Hymn: StF8 God with us: Creator, Father

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jkaih98S02A>

God with us: Creator, Father,
bringing everything to birth;
Mother of the whole creation,
fire of stars and life of earth:
down the countless years composing,
from the earth's evolving night,
love's response to love, and forming
mind and soul to seek your light.

God with us: Redeemer, Brother,
Friend for ever at our side,
here, in flesh, you walked among us,
taking up your cross, you died.
Crucified, despised, rejected,
Perfect Love, who shared our shame,
streaming from the cross, your judgement,
full of mercy, clears our name.

God with us: Unwearied Spirit,
from the birth of time and space,
surging through unconscious being,
joyful, Life-Creating Grace:
through the centuries you find us;
you, as God, inspire our prayer;

Life and Power at work within us,
Love for ever, everywhere!

God, Transcendent, far beyond us,
closest Friend, unfailing Guide:
through the ages, wronged, affronted,
in your poor, still crucified!
God with us: convict, forgive us;
by your holy love destroy
all that hinders peace and justice:
fill this aching world with joy!

Alan Gaunt (b. 1935)

Let us pray together

Creator God, you are with us, your people in this world. May your love inspire us and your blessing unite us; that we may bring this day to you in confidence and in joy as we share your light, freedom, hope and forgiveness. We ask our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Today's Gospel Reading: Luke 10 v 25 – 37

Time to Reflect

This passage from Luke's gospel begins with a question from a lawyer and ends up with a question from Jesus. A lawyer stands up to test Jesus and asks Jesus about how he might inherit eternal life. Jesus asks him what it says in the law and the lawyer tells him that the first two commandments, to love God and to love our neighbour are the two most important ones. Jesus commends him for his

answer and tells him that these are the best two of the commandments to live by. The lawyer though wanted to take this further and asked Jesus, 'Who is my neighbour?' to which Jesus replies by telling him and us, the parable of the Good Samaritan. This now a well known parable about a man being robbed, after which religious people go by on the other side leaving the man there until a Samaritan stops and helps, is one which speaks to us today as we ask the same question, 'Who is my neighbour?'. We live in an interconnected world where our knowledge of one another is increased through travel and digital communications. In today's world our neighbour can be someone we see across the world as well as someone across the street. Jesus knew the complexity of the world but he also knew that at the heart of faith is the love of God and that faith encourages us to respond to people as well as to God. The question that Jesus asks of the lawyer at the end of today's Gospel reading shows that Jesus sees faith as having the potential for changing lives in many different ways. He asks the lawyer, 'Who is a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?'. The lawyer replies, 'The one who showed him mercy'. Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise'. Here we see the power of this story which is made more powerful through the intervention of someone who would have been expected *not* to help out because of long standing historical differences. Jesus is showing us through this parable that faith, life and love interact through prayer and practical action which show something of the hope that we find in our world. Perhaps we might revisit how we care for those in need both near to us and across the world, remembering this parable and reflecting too on the Micah challenge, to 'Live justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God'. Here we see that both the Old and New Testaments give us insight into how we might share the way of God through prayer and appropriate practical action in our world today.

Take a time to sit quietly

A time of prayer

Today is Action for Children Sunday. We begin with a prayer written for today by the team at Action for Children

Loving, creator God. Thank you for making us all to shine your light. Give us courage and determination to make a difference to children whose stars are dimmed. Bless the work of Action for Children as they seek to protect and reveal the star in every child. Amen

We pray for all those, especially children, who are caught up in the conflicts of our world remembering the people of Ukraine and many others whose lives are being challenged by the conflicts around them.

We pray for the Church of which we are a part, giving thanks for the faith that we share together. May we continue to be inspired by our faith and continue to celebrate the way of God in our world today.

We pray for those who are important to us; our families, friends and neighbours. We give thanks for them and remember them today.

We pray for those in need, praying for those who are ill, those who live with challenging situations, those who mourn and all who seek peace in their lives this day.

We remember those who have died, giving thanks for them and the deep memories we have of them. May we be given the assurance of hope in the eternal nature of God's love now and always.

A time of silence to add your own prayers

The Lord hears our prayer. Thanks be to God

The Lord's Prayer
Our Father

Hymn: Listen to Beauty for Brokenness (Graham Kendrick)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MO1G-o7Yj-c>

A prayer of blessing

We go into the world to walk in God's light, to rejoice in Gods love and to reflect Gods glory; and may God's blessing and peace go with us.
Amen

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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://methodist.org.uk)

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