



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

17 th July	Rev Dr Raj Patta	Communion Service with Baptism
24 th July	Sharon Heginbotham 9:30 Rev Paul Brewerton 10:45	
31 st July	Dave Hardman	
7 th August	Leo Roberts	

Additional Services

Tuesday 19 th July 14:00	Dementia Friendly Service	All our welcome to our monthly dementia friendly short service
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Additional Events at Heaton Moor Church

Saturday 16 th July at 13:00	The BIG Muddy Church Picnic
Wednesday 20 th July 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,

The peace which passes all understanding guard and guide your hearts in the knowledge of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Trust you are all doing well and are coping with the heat during the week. Stay safe and take care. This Sunday we have our Holy Communion service at church along with a baptism.

On Monday I was part of the team leading the funeral service of Rev. Graham Hawley, one of the supernumeraries in our circuit, and it was a beautiful service. One of the moving experiences of that service for me was when three of us as Methodist ministers carried the coffin of Graham as pall bearers as our gratitude to all his ministry to the Methodist Church.

This week, I was at MHA Adlington House in Heaton Chapel leading their Wednesday service for the residents, and it was a great opportunity to meet some of our church members there. We also had our mid-week Communion service at Church on Wednesday.

On Thursday, it was lovely to visit Pat Simister and join in her 91st birthday celebrations organised by her nieces. Pat sends her love to all the friends at church. It was a wonderful occasion celebrating her birthday.

Herewith I am sending you the link of a reflection that I have written for the Political Theology Network blog on the lectionary reading for this week for your kind perusal.
<https://politicaltheology.com/turning-a-prosperous-image-upside-down/>

Next Sunday we as a family are travelling to India to visit our family after four years for four weeks, and appreciate your prayers. We will be back by the end of August. Rev. Cathy Bird, our superintendent minister will be available to attend to any pastoral emergencies during this time. For any other things, do contact our office. May you all have a good summer.

May God's peace and grace be with you all.

Thanking you,

Yours in Christ,

Raj

14th July 2022

MESSAGE FROM THE CO-EDITOR

Happy Friday from a very hot community worker!



I hope you have been enjoying the hot weather this week - hopefully it will remain nice for our BIG PICNIC tomorrow - bring your own picnic to church tomorrow from 13:00 for what's set to be a lovely afternoon.

This week at toddlers we have been looking at Humpty Dumpty - making egg shell pictures, using plasters to stick Humpty Dumpty together again and building/knocking down walls.

On Wednesday I accompanied Raj to Adlington House where he led their weekly short service. It was lovely to join some of the residents there and reflect on the story of the good Samaritan.

We had Messy Church again on Thursday where we had lots of fun building catapults and seeing how far we could fly various items - surprisingly the lego Zacchaeus went the furthest. We used food to make the image of Zacchaeus in the tree and even though I had forgotten the white chocolate nobody seemed to mind that the end result didn't look quite like the picture example!

That's all for this week if I can be of any help, please let me know

Warm regards

JoAnne

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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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Thank You to all those who have said they can help at our

Open Church week in August - the Church will be open from

8th August - 12th August, 10am - 2pm daily

Please let JoAnne know if you have availability to help during the week - variety of things needed help with, setting up, making refreshments, talking/listening to visitors, helping with children's activities and more!



THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Action for Children Weekend. We raised a fantastic £516

(£313 from the coffee morning, £193 from the retiring collection and £10 online)



We have also received a Thank You letter from Lebone Village this week, thanking us for our recent donation. I have attached the letter to the notices and here is a picture of the children they sent.



Members of the Church spent time with

Pat Simister this week celebrating her special birthday



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

THIS SATURDAY - BIG PICNIC

At 13:00

**With music provided by our very own
Pauline and David**

The URC are holding a Zoom event – Holy Land? Learning about Israel & Palestine. 25th July, 5:30pm – 9:00pm, this includes discussion time and dinner break.

If you want a good introduction to why there is ongoing conflict in the “Holy Land” come and hear both sides with a focus on solutions, including a Q&A with member of the wonderful “The Parents Circle”.

Email urcinterfaith@urc.org.uk for the zoom link.



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5 July 2022

Dearest friends at Heaton Moor United Church, Andrew and Janice

Re: Donation to Lebone Village

First of all, I need to just say THANK YOU! Such simple words that need to convey immense gratitude and humility for your loyal support always.

With extreme gratitude, humility and understanding of the impact in these financially tough times, I would like to say "Thank You" for your loyal and continued support. You have influenced the Lebone children's lives in such a massive and positive way and words cannot express our appreciation. You are all truly an inspiration in this world.

I pray you understand when we say this comes from our hearts and we are in awe of how our prayers have been answered in these tough times to make ends meet. Although these victories may seem small on a national and international stage, you know that they are not. That's why you give continually and faithfully, and why the kids we serve are the products of your generosity. Please convey our gratitude to all involved for their generosity to our children and on all of their behalf as well I repeat again and again

"ke a lebua" (thank you in Sesotho).

What a blessing to all of our children here at Lebone Village when people respond to our needs as you have done. Again, thank you for all you do for our kids and being a part of their lives.

Thank you, thank you, thank you ALL

With our love, In His Service

Cyndy Bosman
Executive Manager

Striving to put God's love into action by giving vulnerable children, youth, our community HOPE

Heaton Moor United Church

General Church Meeting

Sunday 22nd May 2028

Minutes

Attendance (28) and apologies (12) (see Appendix 1).

Chair: Raj Patta (RP)

Secretary: Deborah Symmons (DS)

1. Linda Fleming (LF) opened the meeting in prayer

2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 27th February 2022**

These had been previously circulated. They were accepted and signed by RP.

3. **Matters arising**

- ***Life and witness of the Church***

A discussion on the life and witness of the Church post-pandemic was led by Graham Adams (GA) at the February meeting. RP read out some follow-up questions which GA had sent by e-mail (as he was unable to attend the meeting). The first was a request for an update on what had happened since February. Carol Jack, Anne Wilde and Alan Scott (AS) had offered to host regular small meetings. Sharon Heginbotham (SH) will promote these via the newsletter to gauge interest. In addition, SH offered to co-ordinate walk and talk sessions; and LF and JoAnne Roy (JR) have set up a bereavement group for those within the church and the wider community. GA's second suggestion was to explore 'who we are' as a church now. There was a general discussion as to whether any more action was needed in response to GA's concerns. The consensus was that there was much going on within the church – new activities and old. Opportunities for one-to-one conversations with those feeling isolated or disconnected would be taken up by Pastoral Visitors and any need for further support would be relayed to the Church staff team. It was noted that new people were joining the church and that the pastoral support network is strong. AS reassured the meeting and spoke of the welcome he had felt as a new member joining towards the end of the pandemic.

- ***Sunday coffee***

SH had not received enough offers of help to set up a regular rota. Instead there is a sign up sheet. So far there had been coffee each Sunday. If there is a week with no volunteer then there won't be any coffee that week.

4. **Report from the Leadership Team**

A report from the Leadership Team was circulated in advance (see Appendix 2). There were no questions. The team were thanked for their work.

5. **Report from the Property Committee**

A report from the Property Committee was circulated in advance (see Appendix 2). Roy Dudley Southern provided an update with regards to the roof repairs. The scaffolding firm have been unable to commit to a definite date to start the work. If the start of work is delayed such that it cannot be completed before Christmas, then it will be deferred until 2023. There were no further questions. The Property Committee were thanked for their work.

6. Finance Officer's report

The finance officer's report and the accounts for September 2021 to March 2022 were included in Appendix 2. SH also provided an update on communications with Epworth Investments about transferring some of our investments. There were no questions. SH and the Finance Committee were thanked for their work.

7. Community Worker Report

JR gave a verbal report. Much of her time prior to Easter was taken up with organising the yurt, on behalf of the Circuit, in the centre of Stockport. She thanked church members for their support of the yurt activities. Messy Church and Muddy Church sessions were held in May. JR encouraged church members to support these events. She reassured members that, despite their names, little mud or mess was involved! The afternoon tea dance will restart in July. There were no questions. Members applauded JoAnne and thanked her for her work.

8. Worship Committee Report

A report from the Worship Committee was circulated in advance (see Appendix 2). There were no questions. The Worship Committee were thanked for their work.

9. Minister's concerns

RP reported that he is now in his 5th year in the United Stockport Circuit and that his invitation is coming up for renewal. Members thanked him for his service and applauded him. RP also reported on activities during Lent and Holy Week – the distribution of over 10,000 Easter cards; the coffee and hot cross bun distribution from the Plough; the Good Friday Walk of Witness (which had over 100 participants). He thanked members for their support.

10. News from the Circuit and URC

A deacon, Janet Amey, will be joining the Circuit staff in September. She will be based in the town centre (Tiviot Dale). She and Raj will form a team serving the town centre, Heaton Moor, Heaton Mersey and Edgeley. Discussions about the future of Tiviot Dale are ongoing now that NHS Test and Trace have moved out. For now, the circuit office is based there. The Circuit have leased space at Bright House in the town centre. The space is renamed 'Cactus'.

11. Any other business

DS read out a letter from Jim Lowe in which he tendered his resignation as Honorary Treasurer, Chair of the Finance and Fundraising Committees, and member of the Leadership Team. Members expressed their appreciation of his many years of service and asked that a gift and card be sent to Jim. DS will write the card and SH source the gift. As the church must have an Honorary Treasurer, Carol Jack has agreed to take on this role on a temporary basis. The Leadership Team vacancy will be advertised to the membership and an election held at the next church meeting. The other vacancies created by Jim's resignation will be considered and nominations made by the Leadership Team.

Sue Jones asked for volunteers to join the Communion Steward rota. Jean James, Carol Jack and Louise Lee offered.

12. Date of next meeting

2nd October 2022

The meeting closed with the grace.

Signed.....

Date.....

Church meeting

Attendance List

Sunday 22nd May 2022

Peter Aspinall		Apologies
Michael Ball		
Cynthia Bayley		Graham Adams
Harold Bayley		Eileen Aspinall
Dawn Bowes		Pauline Chatham
Bob Docherty		Pat Davies
Roy Dudley Southern		Susan Docherty
Garry Evans		Malcolm Earnshaw
Valerie Evans		Margaret Evans
Linda Fleming		Sue Jones
Sharon Heginbotham		Marilyn Miller
Carol Jack		Shirley Sharp
George James		David Smith
Jean James		Peter Williams
Arnold Jones		
Beryl Jones		
Louise Lee		
Gwyneth Mason		
Elaine Mitchell		
Helen Race		
JoAnne Roy		
Alan Scott		
Alan Shore		Chair
Carol Shore		Raj Patta
Dorothy Smith		
Deborah Symmons		
Beryl Whitehead		
Janet Williams		



Heaton Moor United Church

Church Meeting

22nd May 2022

Heaton Moor United Church
Church Meeting 22th May 2022
Agenda

1. Opening Devotions
2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 27th February 2022 – to be approved and signed
3. Matters arising
 - Life and witness of the church – Graham Adams (Report to follow)
 - Sunday coffee
4. Leadership Team Report - Questions
5. Property Committee Report - Questions
6. Finance Report – Questions
7. Community Worker Report – Questions
8. Worship committee report - Questions
9. Minister's concerns – Raj Patta
10. News from the Circuit and URC
11. Any other business – to be notified to Raj Patta or Deborah Symmons by 22nd May
Correspondence received
12. Date of next meeting

Heaton Moor United Church: Leadership Team Meeting Report

Church Meeting: Sunday 22nd May 2022

Members: Bob Docherty, Peter Aspinall, Mark Field, Arnold Jones, Roy Dudley-Southern, Carol Jack, Sue Jones, Jim Lowe, Ian Shore, Michael Ball, Jan Southworth, Sharon Heginbotham (Minutes), Ex officio: Raj Patta (Minister)

The Leadership Team meets monthly with the exception of August and December, during which an emergency meeting can be convened if required. The regular agenda comprises any news, updates, changes and problems with regard to Finance, Property, Community Work, Worship, Pastoral Work, Lay Work, Circuit feedback, URC Feedback and Methodist Conference feedback, with an opportunity to discuss any other business that might arise.

Since the last Church Meeting in February 2022, there has been 1 Leadership Team Meeting.

2022

February: There was no Leadership Team meeting.

March: Michael Ball and Jan Southworth were welcomed onto the Leadership Team. Ian Shore and Mark Field have completed their terms and Arnold Jones has resigned; thanks were given for their services to our church. The Property and Worship Team will provide respective Reports for the church meeting. Sharon Heginbotham and JoAnne Roy have started their Worship Leader studies with Andy Stoker; Carol Jack and Deborah Symmons are their respective mentors. The Palm Sunday Circuit Service in St Peter's Square saw around 200 attendees, the atmosphere was good and deemed a success by all who were there. The Easter services in the Moor and the walk of witness were well attended. There was a question at the last meeting about increasing Lay Worker hours in our church; however, following a detailed examination of job descriptions, it was felt that our church is in a good position regarding lay employees.

April: The meeting was cancelled at short notice as a quorum could not be reached; the May meeting is next week.

HEATON MOOR UNITED CHURCH

CHURCH MEETING 22ND MAY 2022

PROPERTY REPORT

The Property group have met twice since the last Church Meeting

Our meeting on March 18th was just a regular bi-monthly meeting to discuss general matters.

Amongst these were that there were problems with the office phone system brought about by the rearrangement of our administrative staff's work positions. A solution was found, but there are still quirks with this. So it has been decided to purchase some new equipment to better cope with the demands of daily business.

We also have been having ongoing maintenance and repair problems with vacuum cleaners, resulting in the purchase of one new Henry vacuum, and the disposal of the two failing units.

The upgrade work upon the lift has finally been completed.

Our meeting on the 22nd February was with the architect and builder who are going to be involved with the roof project, to discuss the finer points, including legal requirements, insurance cover and timescales etc.

The more observant of you will have noticed that the scaffold build has not yet commenced. This is due to manpower problems at the scaffold company. We now hope that this will commence in early June, although no exact date has been proffered by them. Once the scaffold build has commenced we anticipate that the length of the project could take up to four months.

Ian Anderson

Chair of Property Group

10th May 2022

Finance Officer Report Church Meeting 22nd May 2022

The financial position of the church is improving as covid restrictions are being lifted.

Lettings

The lettings have returned to pre covid levels, in fact we have a couple of new groups who are regularly using the building.

There are very few time slots now available for booking, which is good. The hall is being booked regularly for parties as well .

Giving

The amount received through giving either on a Sunday or through Standing Orders, have remained constant through the last 3 years . Thank you for your continued support for the work of the church.

Utilities

There is a large difference from last year to this year , as the invoice from the Circuit for the Gas and Electric hadn't been paid at the time of doing the accounts. Even though fuel costs are raising the church is protected at the moment as we are on a fixed rate until October . The circuit is looking at getting the best deal they can when the contract comes up for renewal .

Review of our reserves

The finance group has been working with the URC, to explore better ways to ensure we are getting the best returns on our investments. This has involved meeting with 2 investment companies to see what they can offer us . The group decided to go with Epworth who are an ethical investment company. They are owned by CFB, Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church . <https://www.epworthinvestment.co.uk/> if you wish to read about them.

Before deciding where and how much to invest, the finance group has reviewed the financial position of the church for the next 5 years. Once this has been agreed by the leadership team, this could be shared at a future church meeting.

I will be attending the meeting, so any questions can be raised then about the financial position of the church .

Sharon Heginbotham (Finance Officer)

Charity no. 1134270

Heaton Moor United Church

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Year to March 2022

All fund codes consolidated

	<u>Turnover year to date</u>	<u>Turnover last year to date</u>
Voluntary Income		
C1100 Donations received	597.11	1,374.00
C1101 Collection Sunday	3,121.50	3,964.70
C1200 Gift aid tax claimed	5,772.04	9,803.40
C2100 Grants received	180.00	0.00
C2300 Standing Orders	20,382.36	20,228.00
C3201 Family Worker	99.00	0.00
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	30,152.01	35,370.10
Activities for Generating Funds		
C3100 Fundraising events	2,050.80	1,987.70
C3300 Lettings	10,431.55	3,721.99
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	12,482.35	5,709.69
Investment Income		
C4200 Interest received	2,844.05	2,604.19
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	2,844.05	2,604.19
Charitable Activities Income		
C5100 Sundries	1,687.48	533.63
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	1,687.48	533.63
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	47,165.89	44,217.61

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Year to March 2022

All fund codes consolidated

	<u>Turnover year to date</u>	<u>Turnover last year to date</u>
Fundraising Trading Costs		
D3160 Fundraising gifts given	120.00	1,000.00
D3300 Goods for resale	583.19	0.00
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	-703.19	-1,000.00
Charitable Activities Costs		
D5100 Gifts/grants to individuals	380.00	0.00
D5120 Gifts/grants to organisations	15.29	1,339.84
D6100 Salaries and wages	18,993.84	21,720.56
D6190 Other payroll costs	12.00	0.00
D6520 Travel expenses	63.50	0.00
D7100 Heat & Light	554.70	2,242.28
D7250 Water	222.70	169.76
D7300 Insurances	2,737.12	2,573.99
D7400 Caretaking	2,357.13	1,333.31
D7500 Maintenance	4,133.40	2,876.82
D7510 Repairs	2,394.00	0.00
D7900 Other premises costs	507.94	101.05
D8200 Telephone/fax/email	100.99	809.18
D8300 Postage	31.71	330.36
D8310 Stationery	553.58	954.61
D8311 Circuit admin costs	400.00	0.00
D8312 Lay Workers Expenses	828.22	826.89
D8313 Coffee costs	328.55	0.00
D8314 Ministers Expenses	0.00	28.00
D8320 Printing/photocopying	410.00	472.19
D8410 Website	416.99	372.59
D8420 Publicity costs	99.99	0.00
D8500 IT costs	688.73	781.14
D8510 Equipment purchases	90.19	882.00
D8520 Equipment repairs	0.00	78.00
D8990 Flowers costs	494.52	384.36
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	-36,815.09	-38,276.93
Governance Costs		
D9300 Bank charges	45.00	0.00
D9330 Other fees	1,388.57	1,121.02
D9331 M&M and Circuit Share	27,500.00	25,000.00
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	-28,933.57	-26,121.02
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	-66,451.85	-65,397.95
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TOTAL SURPLUS/DEFICIT	-19,285.96	-21,180.34

Worship Committee Report

May 2022

The Worship Committee comprises Raj Patta, Graham Adams, Carol Jack, Louise Lee, Deborah Symmons, Sharon Heginbotham and JoAnne Roy. Anne Wilde and Paul Brewerton have recently joined us. We meet approximately once a quarter. Our first task is usually to review the services for the last quarter – particularly ‘special’ services such as Christmas and Holy Week services. We also draft a plan for the next quarter. This mainly involves scheduling the communion services, Super Sunday and special services according to the season. In line with URC tradition we fill approximately half the services by direct invitation. The other half need to dovetail with the Methodist Circuit plan. We also take responsibility for organising short study courses – usually a couple of times a year. The most recent was the Lenten study course which took place after the service on Sundays. We also have general discussions about forms and styles of worship and the spiritual needs of the congregation.

Worship at Home – Sunday 17 July 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 we sit in your presence this day Lord, as we open our hearts to your word and our minds to your will may we hear you speaking to us and feel you ever near us. Amen.

Hymn: StF254 Seek ye first the kingdom of God

Sing/ Read /pray /proclaim the words or listen to it here <https://youtu.be/MAqSD7XIkPc>

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you;
Allelu-, alleluia:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
allelu-, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
seek and ye shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto to you;
Allelu-, alleluia:

We shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord;
Allelu-, alleluia:

Karen Lafferty (b. 1948)

Let us pray together

Almighty God the wonders of your creation surround us and we are reminded everyday of your power and your presence.
We thank you for all you have given us, this world and its inhabitants, for all who love or

care for us and all those we have been given to love and care for.

But beyond wonder and thanks lies love, we love you Lord, we love you with all our hearts, minds and souls and we want you to know that love, to feel that love just as we know and feel your love for us everyday.
Amen.

Today's Gospel Reading: Luke 10:38-42

Time to Reflect

To live with your sister as an adult is a complicated dynamic, (believe me I know), division of labour never seems fair to either sister and of course you both have your own set of priorities. So, I feel for these two sisters, Mary who wants nothing more than to sit at the feet of her Lord and learn and Martha who is desperately trying to be the good hostess and care for her guest.

Martha is clearly frustrated by the lack of help from her sister and I have no doubt like all good sisterly living arrangements she made her feelings clear. Not of course by walking over and asking for Mary's help because she really shouldn't have to ask, Mary after all knows she should be helping. No, the sisterly way to deal with this is to ensure your sister knows you are annoyed by her failure to play her part as you expect. You ensure she is aware that you are working hard by being obvious in your work. You put dishes down firmly so you can be heard working, you make sure your sister can see you rushing back and forth and of course you grunt, groan and sigh so she can hear your pain at the situation. It

takes a lot of time and effort to do it right and not only be noticed but guilt your sister into performing her share of the duties but it usually works.

Mary however ignores Martha's efforts and so Martha breaks a rule of both sisterhood and Jewish hospitality, she tries to get her guest to take sides in their dispute and I'm sure she's disappointed when he does so by taking Mary's side. Martha is told she is "distracted by many things" while Mary is described as having "chosen the better part".

It's not that Jesus thinks Martha shouldn't welcome or care for her guest it's that she's become so distracted by the duties, her annoyance at Mary and her search for attention, she has forgotten to actually pay her guest the attention he deserves and listen to his words.

The need for others to see how poor Martha must do it all while her sister does nothing has eclipsed Martha's need to see and hear Jesus, she's so busy trying to get everyone to notice how hard she is working to welcome the Lord she isn't paying him any real attention at all.

So, what happens, does Martha choose the better part as well, drop her duties and sit at the feet of the Lord or return to her hostess duties and try to concentrate on her tasks rather than Mary's lack of involvement. We'll never know, Luke doesn't feel the need to conclude the story.

I like to think the sisters sat together at the feet of their Lord and listened before both getting up and doing the washing up but I'll never know.

What I do know is that all of us have a little of Mary and a little of Martha in us, we have so much to do with the demands of family, world and church and we sometimes wish others would notice just how much we do and maybe appreciate it or even help us with it. But what we need, what we really need and

sometimes allow ourselves is to stop, sit in the presence of our Lord and listen to his voice.

The washing up is going nowhere, the dust will not grow legs and walk, the lawn will still need mowing tomorrow so when Jesus comes close and speaks to you stop, listen, be with him, it is the better choice.

Take a time to sit quietly

A time of prayer

Loving Lord, speak your words of love and peace into our world we pray.

Speak where violence rules and wars destroy
(Pause to pray)

Speak where homes are torn from families
(Pause to pray)

Speak where children die
(Pause to pray)

Speak where people flee for their lives or struggle to build new ones
(Pause to pray)

Speak where sickness or suffering of mind, body or soul bring pain
(Pause to pray)

Speak as your church works for a better world
(Pause to pray)

Speak Lord, your words of love and peace into our world. That our world may be changed.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father

Hymn: Listen to Word of God speak

https://youtu.be/4JK_6osCH74

A prayer of blessing

May we sit in your presence this day and always Lord. Hearing your voice, held in your love and guided by you in all we do.

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

Luke 10:38-42

Jesus Visits Martha and Mary

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so, she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴² there is need of only one thing.^[a] Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'