

# Window on the Moor



**Heaton Moor United Church**

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# Welcome

Quite often I am asked, which church do I attend. When I reply Heaton Moor United Church on Stanley Road, the response I always get is, the one with the gorgeous window. Garry and I were at an editorial meeting chatting about this, and we felt that this should be reflected in our magazine and came up with the idea of calling it: Window on the Moor. We hope you like the name change. There are a few more changes that have happened, did you notice that this is for 2 months? It will now be issued 6 times a year instead of 4, also it will be a slimmer version. The diary dates are now covered by the monthly plan (copies on the hall table). Unfortunately, it is too costly to produce Window on the Moor in colour, however if you wish to receive your, by e-mail instead of a paper copies, you can see it in colour. Just let your pastoral visitor know or the office know and that can be arranged. We hope you like the changes.

Enjoy! The Editorial team, Garry and Sharon

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## Dear Friends

Pentecost is a very significant period of time in the liturgical calendar of the Church, a time to renew our faith in Holy Spirit, a time to be refreshed by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and a time to rejuvenate our dedication in making the relevance of Church felt by communicating in the tongues of the localities of our times. The first Pentecost as recorded in New Testament happened at a time, when there was fear, peace-less-ness, timidity, and perplexity among the disciples of Jesus Christ. At that very stroke of the Pentecost, as the resurrected Christ ascended into heavens, the Holy Spirit poured down on the creation, the disciples of Jesus Christ came open and the Church went out. It was noted that the day of Pentecost is a celebration of the birthday of the Church, for the genesis of Church as a communion of people in God, Church as a movement of people in God began from that very day of the Pentecost.



In the gospel of John, in 14<sup>th</sup> Chapter from 15<sup>th</sup> verse, we see Jesus promising to send Holy Spirit as an advocate to this world in the context when the disciples were troubled in their hearts after the last supper episode in the previous chapter. Jesus in 16-17 verse says, *“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another*

*Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.*” According to the Johannine Jesus, Holy Spirit is the successor of his ministry of advocacy, for that is the reason it is recorded as ‘another’ Advocate.

According to Jesus, the characteristic of the Holy Spirit is to be a successor of the ministry of advocacy. It was only in the early Church the gifts of the Spirit and the fruit of the Spirit came into emphasis, otherwise for Jesus, Holy Spirit is the successor of advocacy. Jesus’ life and ministry has always been on the advocating for the rights of the outcastes, the rights of the children, the rights of women and the rights of those that have been on the margins of the society. Therefore, Holy Spirit succeeds Jesus Christ in carrying forward the mission engagements of advocacy, defending the rights of the vulnerable and those that been pushed to the margins. Therefore, the promise of Holy Spirit is to see that mission is in progress, the reign of God is in progress, and that we as celebrants of Pentecost, are called to be part of joint heirs with Jesus Christ in the mission of advocacy, whom Jesus gave us to lead with.

Pentecost is a time to implore on to the mission engagements of advocacy as part of our Christian calling, striving for justice and peace in our own localities and contexts.

Wishing you all a very meaningful season of Pentecost, Raj .



In May, Dorothy Mason celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

She would like to pass on for all the cards and good this milestone birthday. It for her to feel the love and



thanks to all her friends wishes she received on meant so much to her support provided by the

church family that she is such a large part of.

## **Moor than...Tea and Cake**

**Wednesday  
19th June and 17th July  
3pm to 4:30pm  
Heaton Moor United Church  
on Stanley Road**



**Join us for an afternoon of chatting,  
singing, dancing and tea and cake!**

**Come on your own or with a friend.**

**A warm welcome awaits you!**





**HEATON MOOR UNITED CHURCH PRESENTS:**  
**CANTUS BRAVURA**  
**AN AWARD WINNING CHOIR**  
**A CELEBRATION CONCERT**  
**SATURDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JUNE 2019 at 7.30pm**  
**ADMISSION £5.00 ADULTS , £1.00 CHILDREN**  
**ALL PROCEEDS TO: PARKINSONS and LEBONE VILLAGE**  
**[www.heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk](http://www.heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk)**

## Cantus Bravura

Cantus Bravura are a single choir based in Sale, with members coming from far and wide. Their ages range from 8 to 80!

The choir did a successful tour of the Isle of Man in April 2019.

Their director, Daphne Sumbler is a former Head of Music at Sale Grammar School and was the choir trainer for the Commonwealth Games in Manchester (2000) she now divides her time teaching privately running

choirs and choir workshops and is a choir director for the “Choirs at Sea” programme on cruise ships.

Using the mantra “if you can speak you can sing” The Choir is open to all ages, voices and abilities. New members are always welcome. There are no auditions and no music reading skills are necessary. Rehearsals are run as vocal workshops with an emphasis on having fun whilst developing individual ability working together as a group. Repertoire covers a wide range of musical styles and genres. Cantus is made up of Daphne’s students and provides a framework for developing ensemble and musicianship skills as an integral part of their musical training. Students have frequent opportunities to perform individually in small ensembles e.g SILK featuring students working at Grade 8 and diploma level.

Cantus members can be found in the National Youth Choir, the Halle Youth and Childrens Choirs. Several have gained choral scholarships at Oxford and Cambridge and continue to sing with us when their schedules allow. Some have performed professionally on stage and screen, many perform with amateur musical theatre and drama groups. A significant number have gone on to careers in music or performing arts.

by Gwyneth Mason



**Rev Graham Adams**



### **What`s worship for?**

What is the purpose of worship? In a book called '*You are what you love*', the author suggests that, rather than worship being what we do for God, it's mainly about what God does for us. In worship, God impacts on us – or that's the theory!

In particular, God seeks to re-shape our 'desires'. They are a natural part of being human, but, as Jesus taught us to pray, God urges us to desire 'the kingdom, or God's will, being done on earth as in heaven'. So, when we worship, God is helping us to fulfill this requirement.



This means that to worship takes courage! Not only because there's always a chance you might be annoyed by something – or by me! (Who doesn't get annoyed sometimes!) Seriously, though, we should appreciate that churches have sometimes caused hurt, so it would take real bravery for some people to come to worship. But more generally, whenever we worship, we are being exposed to the challenge of God's desire for us to help change the world. A terrifying responsibility!

So, worship is not only about giving people a flavour of the church's *fellowship*. It should also give a glimpse of the church's *vision*: that we desire God's kingdom on earth.

But *how* does God nurture this in us? Different people are affected by different things: sermons, prayers, hymns. Children also value different things: opportunities to play, explore, imagine, touch, listen, speak, create. But churches haven't always appreciated that many adults, too, value creativity and interaction. So, Worship needs to be varied. Our recent developments, 'Super Sunday' and 'Café Church', are examples of this. Through these things, we're creating more inclusive space for people to grow in different ways, adults and children together. I appreciate that these are still quite new, much as traditional worship isn't familiar to many others. But

we shouldn't be concerned only with how God affects us, but should offer different ways for God to work through other people.

After all, to desire the kingdom is not only to desire a renewed world outside of the church, but involves desiring a renewed church in which all sorts of people can experience that vision. This is the challenge for us: to create worship which holds diverse people together in love, and through which we may all experience God's desire for a renewed world.



## Coffee morning

Heaton Moor United Church  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 10.30am-12 noon

Cakes to eat or take away  
Books. Raffle. Pound stall.  
Please come and bring your friends

*Donations of cakes and biscuits  
very welcome from 10am on the day*

**By doing what's right.  
By doing what's needed.  
By doing what works.**

# Charity News

This years Church Focused Charities are :

 PARKINSON'S<sup>UK</sup>

Parkinsons & Lebone



Funds for these charities are raised through Church events that are held through the year.

The Fund Raising group select the charities in the Autumn for the following year.

Have you got a charity you would like to raise funds for? If so let Gary know by June 30<sup>th</sup> so it can be considered for 2019/2020 fund raising focus.



This year's Christian Aid Week raised :

£1003.5 Of which £350.75 was gift aided

Thank you to all the envelope collectors, breakfast servers and donators



The Francis House collection amounted to £462 for year 2018. Noreen Baillie also reported to the recent Spring Fund Raising meeting an interesting fact that since we started the yearly collections in 1992, we have collected an amazing

£19,525,40p

## **Obituaries of Heaton Moor United Church**

### **John Hunter 1932-2019**

John was born in South Shields in February 1932. He and his twin brother, George, were the youngest of a large family of boys. As a young boy he joined the local mission and enjoyed proclaiming the gospel and worshipping in the open air. He played the side drum in the band (he was too slight for larger instruments!).

When John reached working age, he joined the Merchant Navy and travelled widely. At the age of 25, John married his childhood sweetheart, Audrey. They had met when he was a paperboy delivering newspapers to her parents' house in South Shields. They were married for 57 years until Audrey's sudden death in 2014. When John left the Merchant Navy he worked as a City Missioner in London and then Manchester. He then went to University and trained as a Baptist Minister. Later he became a teacher of religious studies in Hartlepool. He was a keen cricketer and always followed the English team. John and Audrey 'retired' to Heaton Moor in the early 90s in order to be near their daughter, Deborah, and to help with

the nurture of their grandsons John and Edward. They joined what was then Heaton Moor Methodist Church. John used to take services and preach in Heaton Moor United Church and other churches within the Stockport Circuit. He joined the Men's Fellowship. Whenever there were Bible Study courses John would join in. He often led at the Bible Studies which Jim and Barbara Lowe used to host during Lent. From its inception John and Audrey were faithful members of the prayer group. John would also take his turn in leading that. Both at the prayer group and Bible Studies John would often draw things together by quoting from poetry or Scripture, quietly helping everyone to gain the most from the theme of the day. He had the gift of being able to pray spontaneously and from the heart – because that is what he did every day.

When he was able, John would join in the annual Good Friday Walk of Witness; and he and Audrey would come and join in the annual carol singing outside the Co-op at Moor Top. At the Christmas Fairs and summer galas John would help on the book stall – reading many of the books before he sold them.

John was grief stricken by Audrey's unexpected death – not angry or bitter – but just profoundly sad. He found his comfort from the devoted care which

Deborah and her family provided. He continued to come to church whenever he could. He continued to make drinks for Bouncing Babies on a Friday. But sadly, he became ever more frail and developed Parkinson's Disease.

Four words summarise John – quiet, gentle, wise, and saintly. We learned much from his example. His life was an expression of love – love for his Lord and love for his family. We extend our sympathy to Deborah, son-in-law, Rob, John and Edward.

### Hilda "Joyce" Scott

22nd November 1921 to 18<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Joyce was born November 22<sup>nd</sup> 1912 in Cheadle Hulme and came to Heaton Moor in 1928 moving into Gladstone Grove where she lived for the remainder of her life.

In 1942 she was conscripted to the Auxiliary Service for 4 years, serving in the Middle East, Africa and England.

In 1948 Joyce married the boy next door, Dick Scott. They had two children, Rosemary was born in 1949 and Anne born in 1953. Once the girls were



grown up, Joyce returned to full time work in 1970, retiring in 1981.

Joyce enjoyed being a Grandma, Great Grandma and Great-Great Grandma, she was well loved by all the grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Dick and her were very involved in the Heaton Moor Congregation Church. Her father was a deacon and Dick held the treasurers post for several years. Joyce took on the pastoral visitor role, which was enjoyed by everyone as she was a wonderful and caring visitor.

Joyce had a very strong faith which kept her going and she was very appreciative of the visits by Phillip Hunt and Paul Brewerton to her home to give her communion when she could no longer attend church. She was a joy to visit as the visit was always filled with humour and laughs and when you left you felt much better than when you had arrived. She was such a good friend to me and so sadly missed.

God Bless, Rest in Peace

Jan Smith



*You are invited to join us for a*

# **STRAWBERRY CREAM TEA**

at

Heaton Moor United Church

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2.30 – 4.30pm**

*in aid of*

Lebone Village, South Africa

*& funding the*

Church Handicraft Stall

£5.00 per person

**ALL WELCOME**

