



Heaton Moor United Church

The United Reformed Church and The Methodist Church
working together in partnership



NOTICES July 2025

Sunday Services at Heaton Moor United Church

Services at 10:45 unless otherwise stated

27 th July	Rev Dr Graham Adams	
3 rd August	Martin Bennett	
10 th August	Rev Dr Katie Smith	
17 th August	Rev Phil Dew	Communion Service
24 th August	Deborah Symmons	
31 st August	Rev Paul Brewerton	

Additional Services at Heaton Moor United Church

Thursday 18 th September at 14:00	Short Service	Service followed by refreshments open to all especially those with dementia and their carers
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Services from around The Circuit

Friday 5 th September	Circuit Service at Romiley Methodist Church	Welcome Service for Superintendent Rev. Jan Tate
A reminder there will be no circuit service in August		

Events at Heaton Moor United Church

Living Lounge Warm Space Mondays from 12:00 – 15:00	Lunch at The Living Lounge from 12:00 until 13:30. Finishes 28 th July for until 1 st September
Weekly Wednesday Coffee Morning 10:30	All are welcome
Time To Talk 1 st & 3 rd Thursdays of each month at 14:00	<i>(Previously bereavement support)</i> Next meeting 7 th August 2025
Community Volunteer Information Morning Monday 28 th July from 10:00	See notices – for all those who currently, or are interested, in volunteering at community events
Open Church 18 th -20 th August	Family activities 10:00 until 13:00 each day

Welcome to our fortnightly notice sheet – if you have any news you would like to share please send to JoAnne community@heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk. or notices can be handwritten and left on the community workers desk!

Notices for Sunday:	Emailed/Printed	Latest submission date
THERE WILL BE NO NOTICES IN AUGUST		
7 th September	5 th September	3 rd September
21 st September	19 th September	17 th September

If you no longer wish to receive the notices direct to your inbox you can unsubscribe at any time by contacting office@heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk

Office Hours W/C 27th July

Monday 10:00 – 14:00
Tuesday 10:00 – 14:00
Wednesday 10:00 – 14:00
Thursday CLOSED
Friday CLOSED

Office Hours W/C 3rd August

Monday 10:00 – 14:00
Tuesday 10:00 – 14:00
Wednesday 10:00 – 14:00
Thursday CLOSED
Friday CLOSED

STAFF WORKING HOURS

Please note our administrator, Sharon's usual working days are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Our Community Worker is no longer office based, and Wednesday is a non-working day.

Team Contact Information

- **Church Minister** – Rev Phil Dew 07947 191 661
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- **Church Administrator** – Sharon Heginbotham 0161 431 0262
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- **Community Worker** – JoAnne Roy 07340 269 354
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PLEASE NOTE JO-ANNE IS ON ANNUAL LEAVE FOR THE MAJORITY OF AUGUST PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR ASSISTANCE



Our prayer chain is made up of people who are committed to praying for those who make prayer requests. The guidelines for the prayer chain are that it is focussed and confidential.


Names are passed round the chain with a short, clear message so that prayer requests can be responded to quickly.

If you, or someone you know is in need of prayer and you have their permission to pass on their name then please contact Katy Rowe. Katy can be contacted by phone (either calling or text message) 0785 784 2141

If you would like to join the prayer chain please speak with either Katy or Jean James.

THANK YOU to those that have signed up for the Busy Table, in order to ensure that we have the table covered there is a sheet outside the office to assign yourself to specific Sundays. Any queries please speak with Anne Wilde or JoAnne.

****the busy table** is at the back of church and we hope to be used by both children and adults who may need to “do” things to help with concentration (or distraction!) during the service. Volunteers are needed to be a kind and welcoming person sitting at the table – no preparation or planning is required, do sign up if you are able to help! There is a box entitled BUSY BOX which has resources in for the table, all self-explanatory! **



I ALWAYS THOUGHT ACCOMMODATING CHILDREN IN WORSHIP WAS SECOND BEST TO HAVING A SUNDAY SCHOOL, BUT AS I SEE THE WELCOME THE CHILDREN RECEIVE IN THE BODY OF THIS CHURCH I AM REVISING MY VIEW. ONE OF THE WEAKNESSES OF THE TRADITIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL IS MANAGING THE TRANSITION TO THE MAIN CONGREGATION AT AN APPROPRIATE AGE. SHOULD ALL THIS CONTINUE TO WORK WELL THEN SUCH A TRANSITION WILL NOT BE AN ISSUE FOR THEM.

Magnet Magazine Summer 2025

The above quote is from a recent article in Magnet Magazine entitled *Worship for Families*. It's an interesting article, written by Mike Bassingham a Methodist Minister who previously led the Family Friendly Churches Trust. He writes about his own experience of families within church and it echoes our reasoning for our busy table initiative. It's worth a read <https://ourmagnet.hymnsam.co.uk/articles/137/articles/worship-for-families/> (you may need to create a free account, or contact JoAnne for the article to be sent by email)

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER INFORMATION MORNING

Monday 28th July 10:00 until 11:30.

Information session for those who currently, or would like to, volunteer at our regular events such as Living Lounge and Open Church or would be interested in volunteering at events in Autumn.

This session is part of our commitment to ongoing training of our volunteers ensuring they have the most up-to-date knowledge on our working practices.

Part of the session will be opportunity to have input into our community events! No need to book - just come along!

LIVING LOUNGE - Monday 28th July will be the last Living Lounge for the summer. It would be great if we could offer lunch on Monday 1st September - sadly I am on holiday! I can make arrangements for the food to be delivered but will need 3-4 volunteers on the day. Please speak with me if you can help, JoAnne.

I have received two offer of help for The Living Lounge on 1st September, ideally another 2 would be helpful if you can help please speak with JoAnne



Action for Children.

Thanks to those who contributed to the retiring collection on July 6th and those who attended the Action for Children coffee morning on July 13th. We raised £287.30 in the retiring collection and £385.15 at the coffee morning and sale of cakes on Sunday 13th. The total raised being £672.45.

NOTICE FROM LEADERSHIP TEAM as part of the leadership teams commitment to open governance the minutes from leadership meetings will be posted on the noticeboard (outside the main hall) once they have been approved and signed.

REMINDER last date for return of slips for the stewardship meal is 17th August



Open Church Backpack with Jesus – family activities
18th, 19th and 20th August – 10:00 until 13:00 daily

Community Harvest Meal 25th October

Annual Church Meeting 16th November

Christian Aid Week May 2026 – the team have already begun thinking about how we can support Christian Aid week in 2026 and are looking at the possibility of a plant sale. If this is something you are able to assist with please speak with either JoAnne, Katy Rowe or Jean James!

Re-reading the Lord's Prayer
in the context of the Gaza famine & starvation

Our God, the bread of life,
whose heaven is in feeding the creation,
Your name is now unhallowed, as people in Gaza are
dying of famine and living in starvation,
Your kingdom will only come when there is peace,
justice and equal food for all.
How on earth can your will be done as it is in heaven,
when the aid reaching Gaza is under siege, and the
amount reaching is only a trickle,
with more than 1000 people killed while seeking aid
and 6000 trucks of aid are still waiting to enter Gaza?
Give the hungry their daily bread as we fast for Gaza.
Forgive us of our silence & complacency,
Lead us not into the temptation
of either seeking revenge or
staying neutral on the face of injustice,
But deliver us to share our bread and resources by
standing up for the cause of just peace.
Yours is the kingdom of justice, where wars and
conflict come to an end,
Yours is the power of love, where the hungry are fed,
and the wounded are healed
Yours is the glory, where heaven and earth meet as
righteousness and peace kiss each other,
For now, here and forever and ever. Amen.

raj.patta@methodist.org.uk, 24.07.2025

CIRCUIT SERVICE

'Loving through a broken heart'

Palestine & Israel in the shadow of Gaza & Iran

GUEST SPEAKER: REV DAVID HARDMAN
METHODIST LIAISON OFFICE



'Loving through a broken heart' is a direct quote from a resident of the West Bank. Rev David will share personal stories and images from people in the West Bank and Israel to explore the current reality in the Holy Land.

Through their experiences, we will ask: What should our response be from the UK?

'If only you knew what makes for peace...'

DO COME ALONG TO HEAR MORE

Sunday 27th July 2025 at 6:30pm

Bramhall Methodist Church

There will be a craft stall with goods from the West Bank on sale.

The Methodist Liaison Office in Jerusalem was officially launched in October 2012 to engage the world Methodist family in Christ's ministry of peace, justice, truth, and mercy among all peoples living in the Holy Land in partnership with the Palestinian Christian community.



Methodist Prayer Handbook (Prayers from September) £4.50

Our Story, Our Song

"O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day" Psalm 96:1-2 (NRSVue)

From ancient times, communities have defined themselves by the stories they tell and the songs they sing about themselves. **Our Story, Our Song** calls upon the Methodist people to join in a soul expedition deep into the heart of our calling, journeying afresh into the story of grace and the vocation that God has placed upon us – learning to live, work, pray and play in ways both true to our roots and open to the presence of God in the songs and stories of others.

Katy Rowe will be ordering Methodist prayer books in August and they are slightly cheaper bought in quantities of 10 or more – if you would like Katy to order you one please speak with her.

The 2026 URC Prayer Handbook (prayers from January 2026) £6.99

Touching God

Available from early September, (<https://urcshop.co.uk/touching-god-the-2026-urc-prayer-handbook/>) the 2026 URC Prayer Handbook is the first from new editors Susan Durber and Jonnie Hill.

The United Reformed Church is well known for its hymn writers, but is also notable for writing or creating prayers, especially prayers rooted in the scriptures. Some prayers are freely created in the moment, some crafted for one occasion, and others honed with great care over time to be printed and used on many occasions and in different contexts. We might be wary of fixed forms and authorised prayers, but wherever prayer is heartfelt it may be celebrated and treasured.

The prayers in this 2026 edition come from many and diverse writers, both from within and beyond the United Reformed Church. All of them are shaped by scripture; the lectionary-based prayers in the first part, but no less the prayers for worship together and private devotion in the second part. Many relate to the theme for the year, reflecting on times when God comes close to us and when we, in prayer and in daily life, may come close to God. They have been composed thoughtfully, edited carefully and presented beautifully in the hope that they will find a ready home, whether from a lectern or at a bedside. May they provide words with which to pray, so that God's loving touch may be known.