



Heaton Moor United Church

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



NOTICES March 2025

Sunday Services at Heaton Moor United Church

Services at 10:45 unless otherwise stated

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| 9 th March | Lent 1- Sue Beatty | Each Sunday in Lent (except Mothering Sunday) a lent discussion will take place after the service – soup will be served. All are welcome |
| 16 th March | Lent 2 - Rev Dr Graham Adams | Communion Service |
| 23 rd March | Lent 3 - Leprosy Mission Service | |
| 30 th March | Lent 4 - Rev Phil Dew Mothering Sunday | Communion and Baptism Service |
| 6 th April | Lent 5 - 10:00 Family Church 10:45 JoAnne Roy & Deborah Symmons | |

Additional Services at Heaton Moor United Church

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| Tuesday 18 th March 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

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| Sunday 6 th April at Tiviot Dale | Circuit Service Telagu Fellowship | Refreshments from 17:30 service at 18:30 |
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Events at Heaton Moor United Church

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| Living Lounge Warm Space Mondays from 12:00 – 15:00 | Lunch at The Living Lounge from 12:00 until 13:30 Warm space open until 15:00 |
| Messy Church 13 th March from 15:15 | Messy Lent – all are welcome |
| Monday Fellowship Every other Monday from 19:45 | Next meeting 17 th March |
| 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 20 th March 2025 |
| Shroud of Turin Talk 5 th April at 14:00 | See notices for further information |

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 |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 23 rd March | 21 st March | 19 th March |
| 6 th April | 4 th April | 2 nd April |
| 20 th April | 18 th April | 16 th April |

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 9 th Mar |
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| Monday 10:00 – 16:00 |
| Tuesday 10:00 – 16:00 |
| Wednesday 10:00 – 16:00 |
| Thursday CLOSED |
| Friday 10:00 – 14:00 |

| Office Hours W/C 16 th Mar |
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| Monday 10:00 – 16:00 |
| Tuesday 10:00 – 16:00 |
| Wednesday 10:00 – 16:00 |
| Thursday CLOSED |
| Friday 11:00 – 14:00 |

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
office@heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk

Community Worker – JoAnne Roy 07340 269 354
community@heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk

Prayers

The church used to have a Prayer Chain where people who needed prayer could ask for their name to be passed to a limited number of people who would then commit to praying for them. We would like to reinstate the Prayer Chain and are looking for volunteers to join it. If you are interested please speak to Katy Rowe or Jean James so that we can have a chat about how the Prayer Chain will function, particularly bearing in mind the importance of confidentiality. Thank you.

Celebrating the Life of

Philip Vernon Wilkinson

29th Nov 1942 - 7th Feb 2025



Monday 10th March 11:45am
Heaton Moor United Church, Stanley Road,
Stockport SK4 4HL

Following on to
Heaton Moor Golf Club, Mauldeth Road,
Heaton Mersey, Stockport SK4 3NX

Family flowers only please

The celebration of our dear friend Philip Wilkinson will take place at church this Monday at 11:45.

If you are unable to join us, we ask that you light a candle at this time and say the following prayer;

God of Mercy, from whom we
come,

by whose Grace we live, in
whose love we are held at last;
surround us with your presence
that in our grief and loss

we may find assurance and
hope

in the One who died for us and
rose again,

Even your Son, Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen

Church Stewardship Campaign.

We're looking for a team to organise the meal which will launch our Stewardship campaign on September 27th.

The Meal will be free and will be by invitation.

The team **will not** be responsible for providing the catering.

If you feel able to offer your services – men as well as women!!

Please contact Anne Wilde: annewilde2002@gmail.com or 07513289225 or face to face.

Thank You.



A prayer to mark the 5th anniversary of the start of COVID by the President of The Methodist Church

Holy God, you are worthy of all praise, in times of sorrow and loss as well as in times of joy and celebration.

As we recall and mark 5 years since the outbreak of the Covid pandemic in the UK we hold before you

All who died, often without contact with those they loved most dearly

All who mourned under restriction and limits

All who died in care homes, those who gave birth alone and all those who lost their jobs and livelihoods.

We give you thanks for the selfless care of so many in the NHS and care sectors and local services who supported and upheld us at great cost to themselves.

We thank you for all we have learned as a consequence of all that was endured;

the importance of relationships, the value of touch and face to face contact, and access to green spaces and fresh air.

We pray for all those who live with the impact of long covid, for children and young people whose lives were impacted in so many ways, and for local churches.

Hold us in your love and care, God of love, now and forever.

Amen

Worship Survey

As discussed at the last two church meetings, the Worship Committee have compiled a survey. We invite each person (of any age!) who regularly attends worship (at least once a year) at Heaton Moor United Church to complete a copy of the survey and return it by April 13th.

The survey will be available from Sunday 16th March, and should be returned in the box outside the church office.

Living Lounge – Warm Space

The Living Lounge will continue in it's current format to at least Easter!

Lunch will be available from 12:00 until 13:30 from food that we have received through the community fridge initiative. A reminder that this food is from local supermarkets that we have collected to avoid food waste, all are welcome to join us!

Living Well at The Living Lounge will bring different events/activities to The Living Lounge/ As part of this F.I.T Therapy are holding weekly chair exercise classes. For more information, or to book a session please contact them on 07804306742 bookings@core-fundamentals.com – or turn up to speak with a therapist.

**Please note there is a charge for these classes but if cost is a barrier please speak in confidence to JoAnne – community worker, 07340 269 354

Rev Phil will be bringing us a regular “Thought For the Day” with the first one being on the 24th March at 12:45

Steadfastness as Resistance

Voices from Palestine and South Africa

Dr. Lamma Mansour

Revd. Dr. Muther Isaac

Revd. Dr. Sidwell Mokgothu

March 19th 2025

7pm (Palestine & South Africa) - 5pm (UK) - 12 noon (US-Eastern)

Contact office@mlojerusalem.org for joining details



Art, Faith and Justice – celebrating International Women’s Day. 8th March 12:00 – 13:30

The exhibition continues until Tuesday 25 March 2025 1:30pm. Exhibition dates & times Tuesday (11, 18 & 25 March) & Saturday(15 & 22 March) 10:30am-1:30pm

St. Mary's Parish Church for a day filled with inspiration, creativity, and empowerment. This in-person event will

feature thought-provoking discussions, beautiful artwork, and powerful stories of women making a difference in the world. Come together with like-minded individuals to honor the achievements of women from all walks of life. Let's celebrate the strength, resilience, and beauty of women everywhere. See you there!

There are a range of mixed media artworks on show. One of the pieces would encourage visitors to take part. Church member Mei-Yuk’s work is part of this exhibition.

1st March – Community Day

Thank You to all those who attended the community information day last Saturday. I valued all the conversations, questions and debates! You all gave me lots to “ponder” and I am already thinking how future work will be shaped by this event so watch this space!



13th March Messy Church - Lent special!

5th April Shroud of Turin Talk 2pm. See flyer

June 2025 Refugee Week – if you would like to be involved in refugee week at church this year please speak with JoAnne

Changemakers Conference



8th March from 10:30am until 1pm

Changing the world together? What can we do?

Changing the World Together is the title of Christian Aid's Changemakers' Conference for people who want to make a difference.

It's happening live in London on **Saturday 8th March** but is also being streamed around the country and we will be joining in from the comfort of our coffee lounge at church. We will be serving coffee and biscuits from **10 a.m.**

The stream of the meeting will start at **10.30 and finish at 1pm.**

It will include stories of hope from the work of Christian Aid, reflections on 80 years of Christian Aid's activities and achievements, updates on responses to global disasters including work in Gaza, and what actions we can take to be involved and work to make a difference in the world. Everyone is welcome.

Please speak to Jean James jeanjames9363@gmail.com or Katy Rowe katyrowe@gmail.com if you would like to join in, or just come along on the day.

'CREATING HARMONY'
ARTSERVE
REGIONAL DAY
MARCH 8TH

Artserve Members and non-members are all welcome.

**Venue: Dialstone Lane Methodist Church
Offerton, Stockport, SK2 7LQ**

Theme: Creating Harmony.

Time: The day will begin with coffee at 10am and end at 3.30pm.

An opportunity to explore the theme creatively, through various activities.

Although the day is free registration is required.

Please contact Anne Wilde - annewilde2002@gmail.com



Warmly Invite you to a
**SUPPORTERS
COFFEE/PRAYER TIME**

10.00 - 11.15AM TUESDAY 11TH MARCH
HAZEL GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Station Street, Hazel Grove, SK7 4EX

Come and meet the team, hear more and pray for the Lord's work in our local schools, **free refreshments!**

**Church car part at the rear of the church off Wild Street



Come to the next HCP Prayer Gathering



On Saturday March 15th, 8.15 for 8.30-9.30am

At Emmanuel Community Church, Green Lane
Heaton Moor, SK4 3LH

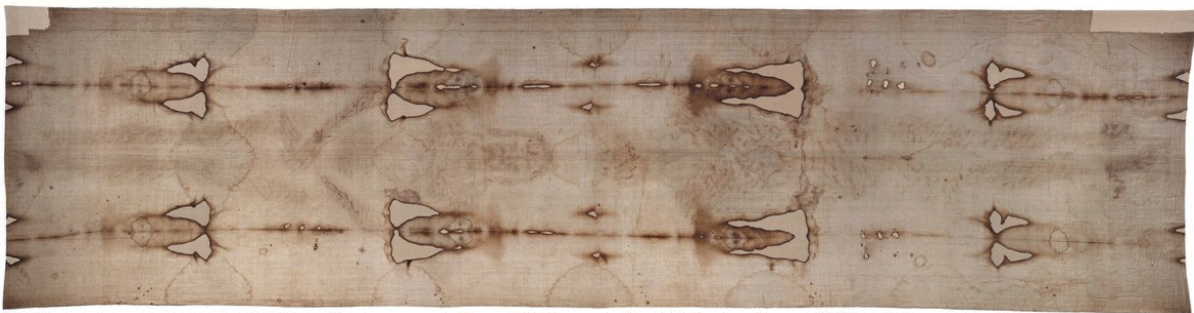
To pray for:-

- Each other
- Each other's churches
- Mission in the Heatons
- Mission in Stockport

The Shroud of Turin: A Scientific Enigma

There are few historical artefacts that have been studied as extensively as the Shroud of Turin. This cloth, which many believe covered the body of Jesus Christ in the tomb, is an enigma which has intrigued historians, artists and scientists ever since the publication of the first photographs taken of the Shroud at the end of the nineteenth century. Since that time, successive generations of experts drawn from a diverse range of specialist fields of study have spent countless hours searching for evidence that could reveal the true nature and origin of this ancient linen cloth. These included a group of scientists who in 1988 radiocarbon-dated a sample of fabric taken from the Shroud of Turin. They concluded that the sample of fabric was produced in the period 1260-1390AD, prompting one of those scientists to declare that, "Someone just got a piece of linen, faked it up and flogged it".

Many people have since accepted this conclusion believing that this brings to an end any debate over the nature and origin of the Shroud. However, even at the time of that fateful dating test, there was already a large amount of historical and scientific evidence that appeared to challenge that conclusion and the amount of this contradictory evidence has increased significantly as a result of ongoing research over the years since that test.



This 60-minute presentation provides an overview of this evidence, focusing in particular on the astounding findings revealed by scientific examinations of the image markings visible on the Shroud, which undermine the claim that a medieval artist could have simply "faked it up and flogged it". It explains why, after having examined the Shroud's image markings and bloodstains, several forensic scientists have concluded that they are consistent with the tortures described in gospel accounts of the crucifixion. The talk also outlines evidence which shows that the Shroud is much, much older than the age indicated by the carbon dating test and explains why that test may have failed to give the true age of this enigmatic cloth.

The presentation will be followed by a Q&A session.

If space permits, the presentation may also include a display which features a full-sized replica of the Shroud of Turin as well as full-sized negative images of the front and back of the body.

**Heaton Moor United Church
Stanley Road
Easter 2025**

Volunteering opportunities over Easter

**We will be looking for help for the
following events and services :**

Coffee Handout Holy Week

Maundy Thursday meal and communion

Soup makers for Lent Study

**There will be sign up sheets on the table
outside the office**

Thank you in advance

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Additional Services and Events

**5/3/25 Ash Wednesday 3.00pm
Communion and Ashing service**

**13/4/25-17/4/25 Holy Week 7.30am to 9.00am
Handout of drinks and hot cross buns**

**17/4/25 Maundy Thursday 6.00pm
Holy Communion with a light meal**

**18/4/25 Good Friday Walk of Witness 10.00am
Start at St Thomas , Finish at St Winifred's**

20/4/25 Easter Sunday Sunrise Service 6.00am

**Lent study will take place after the services on
9/3/25 16/3/25 23/3/25 6/4/25 and 13/4/25
with a soup and a roll**

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**Heaton Moor United Church
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Easter 2025**

Services 10.45

9/3/25 1st Sunday in Lent

Sue Beatty

16/3/25 2nd Sunday in Lent

Holy Communion Rev Dr Graham Adams

23/3/25 3rd Sunday in Lent

Leprosy Mission

30/3/25 4th Sunday in Lent

Mothering Sunday Rev Phil Dew

Baptism and Communion

6/4/25 5th Sunday in Lent

JoAnne Roy and Deborah Symmons

13/4/25 5th Sunday in Lent

Palm Sunday Rev Clare Downing

20/4/25 Easter Sunday

Communion Rev Phil Dew

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