



Heaton Moor United Church

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



NOTICES 7th January 2024

Sunday Services at Heaton Moor United Church

Services at 10:45 unless otherwise stated

7 th January	10:00 Super Sunday 10:45 Rev Dr Graham Adams	
14 th January	10:45 Rev Michael Aspinall	
21 st January	10:45 Rev. Dr Raj Patta	Covenant Service
28 th January	09:30 JoAnne Roy – short service 10:45 Rev Katie Smith	
4 th February	10:45 Sue Shillito	

Additional Services

Tuesday 16 th January at 14:00	Dementia Friendly Short Service	Short service followed by refreshments open to all
Friday 19 th January at 19:30	Event at Tiviot Dale	See notices for further information
Sunday 28 th January at 16:00	Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	

Additional Events at Heaton Moor Church

Monday Fellowship 8 th January at 19:45	Peter Aspinall
Tuesday 9 th January at 14:00	Ladies Fellowship
Wednesday 10 th January at 10:30 (weekly)	Coffee Morning – All Welcome
Thursday 11 th January from 15:15	Messy Church
Saturday 27 th January from 10:00	Table Top

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome 2024! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Sadly, I was poorly over Christmas but I'm back to normal now, well as normal as I will ever be!



What fantastic Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services we had - both were truly *all age* worship and I hope you all enjoyed them as much as me and my family did.

The photo shows our Advent Candles on Christmas Day with the second candle remaining unlit. I appreciate this generated a lot of discussion as to why we would not light the peace candle, especially when there is so much conflict around the world.

The Revd David Hardman, Methodist Liaison Officer, Jerusalem, is currently fulfilling his role from the UK and remains in touch with those living in the Middle East. David explained, "Our Christian colleagues in Bethlehem tell us that this Advent and Christmas the lights that normally adorn the birth place of Jesus will remain unlit in memory of those who have been killed in the current

conflict. We are inviting Methodist churches in Britain to leave the second candle of Advent unlit to serve as a reminder that we stand in solidarity with all who are suffering in the Holy Land."

JoAnne

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A reminder that our notices are now sent fortnightly. Notices are emailed and paper copies are available from outside of the office - if you require the information in larger print please speak with the office.

Please send any information to the notices to **JoAnne only**, by email at community@heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk or notices can be handwritten and left on the community workers desk!

Office Hours W/C 08/01/24

Monday 10:00 – 14:00

Tuesday 10:00 – 14:00

Wednesday 10:00 – 14:00

Thursday 10:00 – 14:00

Friday CLOSED

STAFF WORKING HOURS

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

Our Community Worker, JoAnne's usual office days are Tuesdays and Thursday mornings and Wednesday are a non-working day

Notices for Sunday:	Emailed/Printed	Latest submission date
7 th January	5 th January	3 rd January
21 st January	19 th January	17 th January
4 th February	2 nd February	31 st January

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



It is with deepest sympathy that we share the funeral arrangements for two church members, Margaret Ramsden-Smith and Cathryn Marshall.

Margaret Ramsden-Smith
Service of Thanksgiving
11th January 2024 at 2.30
Heaton Moor United Church

Cathryn Marshall
Funeral Service
10th January 2024 at 10.45
Rowen Chapel , Stockport Crematorium

In memory of Margaret and Cathryn we ask that at the times of the services you light a candle 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*



Thursday 11th January from 15:15

All aboard! What is discipleship?

Join us as we board the ships; worship, fellowship and stewardship to find out!

Table Top Sale – Saturday 27th January 10:00 – 12:00

- Volunteers are needed for our table top sale taking place at the end of January, sign up sheet is outside the office. Please also note on the sheet if you are able to provide a contribution to the cake stall.
- If you would like a personal stall at the table top they are £10 and can be reserved through JoAnne
- If you have any items that can go on the church bric-a-brac stall please leave with the office.



SAVE THE DATE!

Moor Love will be back from 4th February!

Open Church 9th – 12th February

Cardiff Methodist Community Choir - Friday 16th February

United Stockport Methodist Circuit Presents
acclaimed singer-song writers

Paul Field & Martin John Nicholls

An evening of stories, songs and solidarity
all proceeds to Hope School, Beit Jala, Palestine

7:30pm Friday January 19th

**Tivot Dale Methodist Church
Stockport SK1 1TA**

Tickets £10

For tickets scan
the QR code
below or follow
the link



<https://bit.ly/PFMJN>



December Update to the Churches

“We bring you good news of glad tidings.....”

The application by the youngest member of the refugee family for a place at his nearest secondary school was turned down at first. This would have meant a long bus journey to the alternative school for a vulnerable boy, and so with our support his parents appealed to the Council.

We are delighted to report that the Council’s Admissions Review Panel have now overturned that initial refusal. This means he will be able to start at his local school, in easy walking distance, at the beginning of this January term.

He’s delighted, and we are too. It means he can restart his education after a break of several traumatic years, and also, he hopes get back to playing football!

Please remember this young man in your prayers as his new life begins.

Remember to keep yourself warm at this time of year!

Good advice, especially if you are newly arrived in damp and overcast Stockport from Lebanon and facing our short days and long nights for the first time.

We have made sure the family have suitable outdoor clothing for our winter but



they need to be warm and cosy inside their home too. So we’re going to spend some money on a few extra blankets, throws and rugs. Maybe you could help?

You can scan the QR Code to make a donation to our Sponsorship Scheme, and so play your part in helping a refugee family resettle in Stockport and build a new life in Britain.