



# Heaton Moor United Church

The United Reformed Church and The Methodist Church

working together in partnership



## NOTICES 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### Sunday Services at Heaton Moor United Church

*Services at 10:45 unless otherwise stated*

21 <sup>st</sup> January	10:45 Rev. Dr Raj Patta	Covenant Service
28 <sup>th</sup> January	09:30 Carol Jack – short service 10:45 Rev Katie Smith	
4 <sup>th</sup> February	10:45 Sue Shillito	
11 <sup>th</sup> February	10:45 Deborah Symmons	Hymns of Love – see notice sheet
18 <sup>th</sup> February	10:45 Rev Dr Raj Patta	Communion Service

### Additional Services

Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January at 19:30	Event at Tiviot Dale	See notices for further information
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> January at 16:00	Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February at 14:00	Dementia Friendly Short Service	Short service followed by refreshments <b>open to all</b>
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> February from 17:00	Circuit Service – Communication Sunday at Tiviot Dale	Food from 17:00 Community hymn singing at 18:00 service at 18:30
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> February at 17:00	Agape (Love Feast)	See notices

### Additional Events at Heaton Moor Church

Monday Fellowship 22 <sup>nd</sup> January at 19:45	Michael Woodhall
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January at 10:30 (weekly)	Coffee Morning – All Welcome
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> January from 10:00	Table Top
Monday Fellowship 29 <sup>th</sup> January at 19:45	Tales from the classroom (Arnold & Andrew)
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February from 15:15	Messy Church
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Open Church see notices
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February at 14:00	Ladies Fellowship

# MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Hello everybody!

I'm writing this from the office and the weather is currently -1 - I do hope you are all taking care in this cold spell.



To help stop the myth about Blue Monday (supposedly the most difficult day of the year) at toddlers this week we made some tipping teapots and encouraged people to get together over a brew (or a drink of their choice) and connect with family and friends.

Wel all have good days and bads days, and they are not dependant on what the date is! If you are having an especially bad day the Samaritans can be contacted on 116 123.



Our warm space is available every Monday 10am - 2pm and there's always someone to have a drink and a biscuit with then, or if you'd like a chat outside of these times contact our community worker, JoAnne 07340 269 354 or [community@heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk](mailto:community@heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk)

As always if I can be of any help please do not hesitate to contact me

*JoAnne*

07340 269 354` [community@heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk](mailto:community@heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk)

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](mailto:community@heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk) or notices can be handwritten and left on the community workers desk!

## Office Hours W/C 22/01/24

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

JoAnne will be on annual leave week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> January please contact the office in her absence.

Notices for Sunday:	Emailed/Printed	Latest submission date
4 <sup>th</sup> February	2 <sup>nd</sup> February	31 <sup>st</sup> January
18 <sup>th</sup> February	16 <sup>th</sup> February	14 <sup>th</sup> February
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	1 <sup>st</sup> March	28 <sup>th</sup> February

*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](mailto:office@heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk)*

## Table Top Sale – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

For clarity a table top sale is a sale of a mixed collection of things that people no longer want, especially in order to make money for an organization. The items for sale are arranged on tables!



### 'Hymns and Readings of Love'.

The service on February 11<sup>th</sup> is a local arrangements service and will have the theme of Love - the Love of God for us, our love of God, love of our neighbours.

If you would like to propose a favourite hymn with the theme of Love please put it down on the list in the main hall, outside the office or on the noticeboards! Alternatively please let Deborah know directly on 432 6069 by February 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Prayers for Israel-Palestine

### Methodist Liaison Office Weekly Update and Prayer Meeting

Join Methodists from around the world to pray together for Justice and Peace in the Holy Land. Every Wednesday from 6pm (UK time) for 40 minutes. Each week there will be updates and theological reflections from local voices and MLO staff members followed by the opportunity to pray together. To join please email [office@mlojerusalem.org](mailto:office@mlojerusalem.org) and you will be sent joining instructions.

Loving God

I see the news and I am afraid.  
Violence is spiralling out of control.  
I don't know what to think or feel.  
The temptation to fall into hatred,  
or despair feels very close at hand.

Help me to remember that nothing in all creation  
can separate me from your love that I know in Jesus.

May your perfect love for me cast out my fear  
and free me to discern what is mine to do  
amidst the chaos of this suffering world.

**Amen**



### ONLINE with Your Space – Winter Wellbeing

As the cold snap sets in you might find yourself not wanting to get out and about very much but still wanting to chat with like minded people.

If this is you why not join us next Monday evening for our Winter Wellbeing event on zoom?

Sign up here <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/winter-wellbeing-tickets-778414608047?aff=oddtcreator>

**MOOR LOVE**, which takes place throughout February, is about flooding our neighbourhood with symbols of love. In the past we have seen window decorations, chalk pavement drawings, handed out love sweets to strangers, pinned hearts to trees and of course last year we shared our gonks! Now in its 4<sup>th</sup> year will you join us to show the love?

This year we are going back to basics and want to flood Heaton Moor with hearts; they could be knitted hearts, paper hearts, recycled craft hearts, heart drawings, green hearts in support of The Climate Coalition, or orange hearts for solidarity with Refugees – let your imagination run wild!

As last year there will be opportunity to come together and craft items as part of this initiative this year on 30<sup>th</sup> January from 10:00 until 12:00 at Heaton Moor United Church, no need to book, just come along!



### SAVE THE DATE!

**Open Church** 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> February. 10<sup>th</sup> February will be a community day including a food collection challenge! 11<sup>th</sup> February we will be hosting a Love Feast (see below)

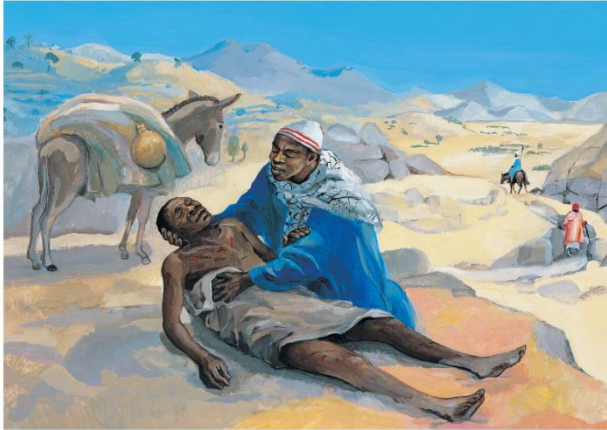
**Cardiff Methodist Community Choir** - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

The Love Feast, or Agape is a Christian fellowship meal recalling the meals Jesus shared with disciples during his ministry. The service expresses the koinonia or sharing, belonging and fellowship enjoyed within the body of Christ.

We will be hosting a Love Feast on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 17:00



# Go and do likewise



Local Information

**Sunday 28th January 16:00**  
**Heaton Moor United Church**  
Stanley Road, Heaton Moor, SK4 4HL

*All are welcome to join us in prayer  
and refreshments*

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024  
[www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer](http://www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer)



## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Thursday saw the start of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - Heaton's Churches Partnership will be holding their annual service for the week of prayer on January 28th at 16:00 at Heaton Moor United Church and all are welcome.

Each day, across social media, we will be sharing the prayer provided by an ecumenical team from Burkina Faso who have prepared this year's material. More information, including daily commentary, questions and go and do ideas can be found at [www.ctbi.org.uk](http://www.ctbi.org.uk)

God of Life,  
You have created us to have life,  
and life in all its fullness.  
Help your wounded Church to be a  
source of hope and healing.  
As we follow Jesus' way with  
determination, may we lead others to you.  
We Pray in Jesus name. Amen.

### ONLINE EVENT

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 18:30 with Your Church

In the parable of the Good Samaritan, the lawyer asks Jesus two biggies: "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" and "Who is my neighbour?"

Join Your Church as Ruth Watson leads explorations about the answers we would give as would be followers of Jesus.

Zoom meeting ID 965 1457 5443 and the Passcode YourChurch



*Go then and do likewise...*

**A Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service**

Meeting ID: 965 1457 5443  
Passcode: YourChurch



## United Christian Singers



Is an ecumenical choir gathered from all around  
Greater Manchester and beyond.

Ages range from 20+ to 80+.

We welcome all abilities, musical and physical.

Our repertoire is modern Christian musicals.

Our rehearsals are held centrally just off the M60. Jt. 23  
on Monday evenings at the venue below.

We offer concerts across the region during Advent and Spring.

We make no charge but ask that concerts are used for  
Christian mission or charity fundraising.



We are holding a Taster Evening on **January 29<sup>th</sup> 2024**

From **7:30 pm to 9:30 pm**, with a short break for tea/coffee/biscuits.

At **Trinity Church Audenshaw Road, MANCHESTER M34 5WP**

If you enjoy singing do come and give us a 'try-out' there's no charge

Remember singing is good for you!!

OR Contact *Anne Wilde* [annewilde2002@mail.com](mailto:annewilde2002@mail.com)



Heaton's Churches  
Partnership

## Come to the next Prayer gathering



On Saturday January 20<sup>th</sup> 2024,

7.45 for 8.00-9.00am

At Emmanuel Community Church, 55, Green Lane, Heaton Moor SK4 3LH

To pray for:-

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

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>



## Volunteer Opportunities in the North West England District

The Bolton and Rochdale, Cumbria, Lancashire, Liverpool, and Manchester & Stockport Districts have agreed to form a single **North West England District** from 1 September 2024.

There were formal consultations with the Circuit meetings and the Synods of four Districts – Bolton & Rochdale, Cumbria, Lancashire, and Liverpool with the intention of bringing the proposal to the Methodist Conference of 2023. Following that Conference's agreement to the merger, Manchester & Stockport joined the conversations and voted via its Circuit Meetings and Synod in Autumn 2023 to become part of the new structure.

Some **context**: we have worked together as a North West region for many years, not least through the work of the Learning Network, but also in regular meetings and conversations. This is also in the context of a quite dramatically reduced membership across the whole region. It is evident that this membership will continue to decrease if the present trends continue. The structures we have within the five Districts are seen to be too large and cumbersome for the present reality, where we see falling numbers and decreased membership.

We are not intending simply to bolt the existing five Districts together, but rather to take this opportunity to do things differently, to create a different sort of structure where we collaborate more effectively, and specifically create Hubs that will help to serve the Circuits more effectively. The Hubs will each contain a number of subfunctions to connect people with particular interests and commitments together, to help resource local Circuits.

Three Hubs have been agreed:

**Mission and Leadership** (led by the District Chair)

**Administration and Compliance** (led by a lay District Secretary)

**Ministry and Vocation** (led by a lay or ordained District Secretary)

Some of the roles within the Hubs will be full time, some will be part time, and most will be voluntary. As well as these Hubs there will be four Mission Areas, focusing on specific geographical areas, namely groupings of Circuits to enable contextual approaches to mission, but without the governance responsibilities that the current Districts hold. There will be much more flexibility and freedom and opportunity to do things differently, essentially to focus primarily on mission.

The Revd Dr James Tebbutt has been nominated as Chair of the North West England District, and the other District leaders are also being recruited. Conversations will be taking place with the postholders presently employed in each of the current Districts about the new arrangements. The Expression of interest Form being shared with this document is intended to help encourage and recruit the volunteers needed to contribute to the functions and purposes of the new District.

**Mission** is what it is all about. There will be Mission Area Leads who will support the Mission Areas, who will be Deputy District Chairs. Their aim will be to promote mission across their area by connecting relevant parties and helping them to work together, enabling local relationships and initiatives to flourish, and ensuring more than anything else a real emphasis on mission. They will be presbyter appointments and each Mission Area Lead will have a representative role across the Mission Area. It is anticipated they may be part time appointments sitting alongside another presbyteral role (which could be within a local Circuit or some other chaplaincy role for example).

Finance is hugely important, and a Finance Subgroup is beginning to look at the budget, respecting the earlier commitment to be at least cost neutral (subject to inflation, or agreement to use realised assets for further resources if required to support circuits). It is anticipated that the paid posts and the work of the District Hubs will be funded from the current Connexional monies or from existing assessments, with wise use of available District Advance Fund or other available Trust monies to fund particular initiatives.



## Volunteer Opportunities in the North West England District

Each of the current Districts relies heavily on **volunteers** filling many roles. If the volunteers were not there, the Districts would not be able to function, just as Circuits and local churches cannot function without volunteers.

The North West England District, although it will have a new structure, will be equally reliant on volunteers. Some of the tasks and roles will be the same as they currently are but some will be different. You are being invited to respond to what God may be calling to you to at this time, through this opportunity to express an interest in doing one or more of these voluntary tasks and, by so doing, to help develop and fulfil the work of the new District. This expression of interest will be subject to further exploration and safer recruitment, and so involves no final obligation at this point; but please do consider what you may be able to offer for, thank you.

The **current list of functions and tasks** is set out below (together with an occasional explanatory note: fuller explanations can be found in original Appendix 2 'Proposed North West District Governance and Hub Functions' to the formal consultation, a copy of which can be provided on request to: [nwedcommunication@outlook.com](mailto:nwedcommunication@outlook.com)). Some groups/networks will work at District level, others may have subgroups or networks that some of the time are also focused pragmatically in Mission Areas.

The **roles** required in most cases include both officers (chair, convener and/or secretary) as well as committee, group or network members (so various possibilities can be assumed, even where not stated). Please consider and indicate on the Expression of Interest Form whether you might be willing to become a member of a group or network, and whether you might also be willing to lead, convene or be a secretary for it.

What follows might seem to be a long list, which does reflect that there are many tasks to be done to help support Circuits and Mission, nonetheless, please simply find your way to exploring or offering for the roles, tasks or activities that might appeal to you. Thank you.

### **DISTRICT LEVEL:**

- Synod: some will be members by virtue of their office, others will be representatives elected by their Circuits (the numbers required will be confirmed in Spring 2024)
- District Policy Committee (DPC) (which is the District Trustee body, and the key body between Synods): member/District trustee
- Scrutiny Group (a group that will support the processing of applications to the DPC)
- Other small groups, e.g.: Appointments/Nominations committee (for ministerial and lay appointments to district posts), District Leaders Reference and Support group(s): these groups will be partly filled by postholders in other roles, but expressions of interest are also welcome

### **HUBS:**

#### **Mission & Leadership**

- City & Towns: those interested in engaging in city-centre churches, urban, suburban, town ministry networks (which will be configured according to interest)
- Communications (to connect and share good news, including through social media, website, etc.).
- Eco Church – champion(s) and network
- Ecumenical – officer(s) and network
- Formal Education liaison (with Methodist schools, and the education sector generally, including Further/Higher Education)
- Global Relations/Partnership link groups
- Inter/Multi-faith relationships
- Methodist Heritage
- Mission Development (developing/supporting the District Mission Plan & initiatives)

## **Volunteer Opportunities in the North West England District**

- New Places for New People (and Fresh Expressions, Pioneering & Planting generally) – connecting existing District NPNP people & groups and supporting existing or new projects
- Public issues and social responsibility (advice & promotion, linking also to JDS in Ministries & Vocations Hub)
- Rural churches and mission – convener and network
- Stationing – District/Mission Area Lay stationing reps

### **Administration and Compliance**

- Finance – Treasurer, Finance Committee
- Grants Committee
- Lay Employment Committee (to advise on/approve Lay Employment matters)
- Property – Committee/subgroups regarding e.g. consents, manses
- Reconciliation & Complaints Support
- Safeguarding Group – Circuit Safeguarding Officers, plus other relevant and interested parties
- Other Governance and Compliance matters: Archives; Disability Access advice; Food Safety; GDPR – District and Mission Area Data Champions; Health & Safety Advice (may be linked to Property)

### **Ministry and Vocations**

- Authorisations for recognised ministry or lay presidency
- Candidates for Ministry support
- Chaplaincy – forums/networks to connect and project support for various types of chaplaincy
- Children and Youth (including 3Generate ambassadors) – connecting and supporting these groups and their leaders
- Continuing Ministerial Development and M.D.Review
- Justice Dignity Solidarity/Equality, Diversity and Inclusion
- Local Lay-Pastors and wider Lay Worker support
- Local Preaching & Worship Leading support and network
- Probationers and Early Years Ministry Group(s) support
- Reflective Supervision support
- Relationships with significant partners (Action for Children, All We Can, Christian Aid, Learning Network, Methodist Homes for the Aged, Methodist Women in Britain)
- Sabbaticals – secretary and panel/groups

*Hubs & Governance Subgroup, on behalf of the Regional Review Group, v4 – 9.1.24*