



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

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| 13 th July | Rev Phil Dew | |
| 20 th July | Rev Dr John Parry | Communion Service |
| 27 th July | Rev Dr Graham Adams | |
| 6 th August | Martin Bennett | |

Additional Services at Heaton Moor United Church

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| Thursday 17 th July 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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| 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

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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 14:00 |
| 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 17 th July 2025 |
| Voice in Achord Friday 11 th July at 19:30 | See notices for more information |
| Action for Children Coffee Morning Saturday 12 th July from 10:30 – 12:00 | Help raise vital funds for the work of Action for Children |
| Keep Christians Talking Bible Study Planning – Tuesday 22 nd July at 10:00 | See notices for further information |
| 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 |

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 |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 27 th July | 25 th July | 23 rd July |
| 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 13th July

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

Office Hours W/C 20th July

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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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.

Praying for Palestine – each week we display prayers from Sabeel Wave of Prayer – for more information on the work of Sabeel visit www.sabeel.org

This week Katy Rowe shares this poem, a heartbreakingly beautiful testimony, written by Doctor Ezzideen in Gaza – it's heartbreaking but we share it to remind us all why we all need to keep on being a voice for justice for the Palestinians.

There is no internet.

No signal. No sound. No world beyond this cage.

I walked thirty minutes through ruins and dust. Not in search of escape, but for a fragment of signal, just enough to whisper, “We are still alive.”

Not because anyone is listening, but because to die unheard is the final death.

Gaza is silent now.

Not with peace, but with obliteration.

Not a silence of stillness, but of smothering.

They severed the last cable.

No messages leave. No images enter.

Even grief has been forbidden.

I passed the corpses of buildings, of homes, of men, some breathing, some not.

All of them erased by the same hand that erased our voices.

This is not a siege of bombs alone.

It is a siege of memory: a war against our ability to say, “We were here.”

The bombing never stopped, especially in Jabaliya

It won't let me post the whole thing

Tell them to read Deuteronomy 28

They shell the streets where children beg for food.

They shell the lines where mothers wait for flour.

They shell hunger itself. No food. No water. No exit.

And those who try, those who reach for aid, are struck down.

People die here, and no one knows.

Not because the killing paused, but because the killing of connection succeeded.

The internet was our final breath.

It was not a luxury; it was the last evidence of our humanity.

Now it is gone.

And in the dark, they massacre without consequence.

I found this faint eSIM signal as a dying man finds a flicker of flame.

I stood beneath a broken sky, risking death, not for rescue, but to send this.

A single message. A last resistance.

If you are reading this, remember: we walked through fire to say it.

We were not silent. We were silenced.

**And when the cables are restored,
the truth will bleed through the wires,**

and the world will know what it chose not to see.

THANK YOU to those that have signed up for the Busy Table, in order to ensure that we have the table covered there is 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!**

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.



Open Church Backpack with Jesus

18th, 19th and 20th August – 10:00 until 13:00 daily

Community Harvest Meal 25th October



COFFEE MORNING

Raising vital funds for the work of Action for Children

12TH JULY
10:30 - 12:00

Cakes, jigsaws,
pound stall & more!



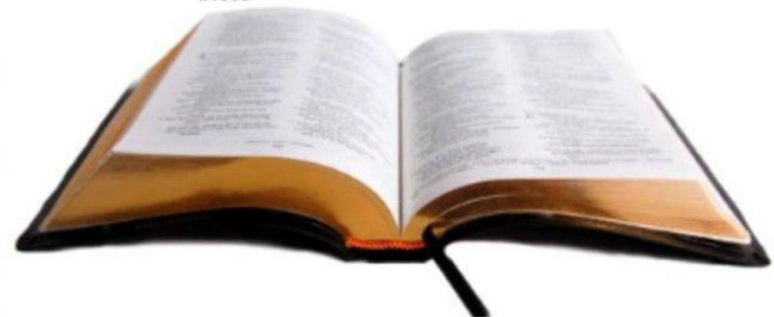
www.actionforchildren.org.uk

Bible study planning meet

Tuesday 22nd
July 10am-11am
The Patio Room
to discuss future
Bible study
plans . Everyone
welcome .

Thank you for all
the
support, guidance
and attendance
in our 4 sessions
of Ruth this
summer term
you are all
greatly
appreciated. God
bless

If you would like
to join the Bible
Study leading
team or have a
say in when the
next sessions
are, what we
should study next
or simply want to
know more
please join us
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The Worship Group are pleased to share the outcome of the Worship survey with everyone.

Thank you to everyone who completed a survey. 45 surveys were received with the majority of the responses given by the older and most frequent attenders in our congregation. The majority are 'Somewhat' or 'Very satisfied' with the worship as it is offered at present. Most people like a mixture of traditional and contemporary styles of worship. Several people commented that they appreciated the variety of preachers.

As a result of the survey the Worship Group are taking the following actions:

Hearing & Seeing: microphones will be checked each Sunday and the speaker in the Coffee Lounge will be switched on. A large print copy of the readings will be provided for the reader. Also, a request has been sent to the Preachers' meeting that training in voice projection and articulation be considered, and PowerPoint presentations comply with Circuit Policy re font size and background colour.

Other styles of worship: Anne will rerun the sessions on 'Searching for God in the West End' in the Autumn, at a date, time and place to be arranged. JoAnne will explore the possibility of a Taizé service one Sunday evening in the late Autumn. A Love Feast will take place at a later date. Other suggestions will be considered.

Children and Family Worship: Trying to work out how we cater for modern families appropriately in 2025 is an ongoing challenge. We need to make sure that they are made to feel welcome in every situation. We are grateful to JoAnne and Graham that we are able to offer specific family worship at times other than 10.45 on Sundays. However, we must strive to include those who choose to attend at that time. We will ask the Circuit to designate the first Sunday of the month as All-Age Worship and have small tables at the back of church each week with items to engage children during the service. We intend compiling a rota of volunteer adults willing to sit at the tables to welcome and encourage the children. The Coffee Lounge will continue to be available to be used as a Crèche with toys available for small children.

A further Worship Survey is proposed to target families in particular.

Activities and Interaction – The survey revealed that some members prefer a style of worship which allows for more interaction than our usual pattern provides. We will encourage preachers to include some kind of optional interaction where possible. However, we are aware that neither all preachers nor all members of the congregation would feel comfortable with this on a regular weekly basis.

If you have any further questions or wish to see the results in more detail, please contact Deborah Symmons or Anne Wilde. *Thank you.*

A CONCERT OF LIGHT MUSIC FOR A
SUMMER EVENING

WITH

VOICES IN ACHORD

MIXED VOICE
A CAPPELLA ENSEMBLE
CONDUCTOR: JAMES GILLETT

FRIDAY 11TH JULY 2025

7.30PM

Heaton Moor United Church
Stanley Road

Heaton Moor, Stockport, SK4 4HL

Tickets: £10 on the door
interval refreshments

choral classics by:
Gershwin, Cole Porter, Elgar,
Ralph Vaughan Williams, Finzi,
and many more....

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