



# Heaton Moor United Church

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



## NOTICES January 2026

### Sunday Services at Heaton Moor United Church *Services at 10:45 unless otherwise stated*

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> February  | 10:00 Super Sunday<br>10:45 Rev Dr Graham Adams | Intergenerational activities leading into<br>All Age Worship at 10:45 |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> February  | Leo Roberts                                     |   |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> February | Rev Paul Brewerton                              | Communion Service   |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> February | Rev Phil Dew                                    |   |

### Additional Services at Heaton Moor United Church

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| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> February at 18:30 | Ash Wednesday |  |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> February at 14:00  | Short Service | 30 minute service open to everyone, especially those with memory loss and their carers |

### Upcoming Events at Heaton Moor United Church

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| Living Lounge Warm Space (weekly)<br>Mondays from 11:00 – 15:00                                   | Lunch at The Living Lounge from 12:00 until 13:00.                                    |
| Monday Fellowship (fortnightly) from 19:45  | Next gathering Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February  |
| Weekly Wednesday Coffee Morning 10:30   | All are welcome   |
| Time To Talk<br>1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month at 14:00                | <i>(Previously bereavement support)</i><br>Next meeting 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 |
| Messy Church Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February from 15:15 – God Knew Me First                    | Intergenerational Church open to everybody.   |
| Moor Love Weekend<br>13 <sup>th</sup> February from 19:00<br>14 <sup>th</sup> February from 10:00 | Further details in the notices<br>Pre-Loved Clothes Swop<br>Pre-loved table top       |
| Pastoral Visitors Meeting 19 <sup>th</sup> February at 10:00am                                    | Open to all pastoral visitors. For further information please contact Katy Rowe       |

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

| Notices for Sunday:       | Emailed/Printed           | Latest submission date    |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 15 <sup>th</sup> February | 13 <sup>th</sup> February | 11 <sup>th</sup> February |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> March     | 27 <sup>th</sup> February | 25 <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)*

#### Office Hours WC 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb

Monday 10:00 – 14:00  
 Tuesday 10:00 – 14:00  
 Wednesday 10:00 – 14:00  
 Thursday CLOSED  
 Friday 12:30 – 15:30

#### Office Hours W/C 9<sup>th</sup> Feb

Monday 10:00 – 14:00  
 Tuesday 10:00 – 14:00  
 Wednesday 10:00 – 14:00  
 Thursday CLOSED  
 Friday 12:30 – 15:30

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



The funeral for Jean Woodhall will be taking place on the 18<sup>th</sup> February in Shropshire. For those locally who may wish to gather and remember Jean we will be holding a small service at church on this date at 13:30. For further information please contact Jean James

[jeanjames1963@gmail.com](mailto:jeanjames1963@gmail.com)

If you are unable to join us at this time we ask you to light a candle and join us in 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

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The Circuit have designated 2026 as a year of prayer and are asking us to pray for a church each month. During February we are asked to pray for the work of Woodley Methodist Church.

#### **A Prayer for Woodley Methodist Church**

Loving God, we lift before you Woodley Methodist Church.  
Bless its congregation with strength, joy, and faith as they serve you.

Thank you for the welcome shared through Funday Monday  
and for the care and generosity shown through the thrift shop.  
May these ministries be places of kindness, dignity, and connection,  
where your love is felt by all.

Guide and encourage everyone involved,  
and help their work continue to bless the wider community.  
May all they do reflect your grace and compassion.

Amen.

The theme for our Moor Love Campaign 2026 is Pre-Loved! We'll be looking at what it means to be pre-loved by God throughout February 2026.

We've also got some special events planned including a pre-loved clothes swop on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February and a pre-loved table top sale on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February.

### **PRE-LOVED CLOTHES SWOP**

Taking place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February, the idea is simple.

1. Find three items of clothing that still has life left in it but you no longer wear.
2. Register for the event with details of who you are and what clothes you want to swop.
3. Drop your clothes off prior to the event and receive your swop tokens.
4. Come along on the 13<sup>th</sup> February from 19:00 and use your tokens to get some new clothes!

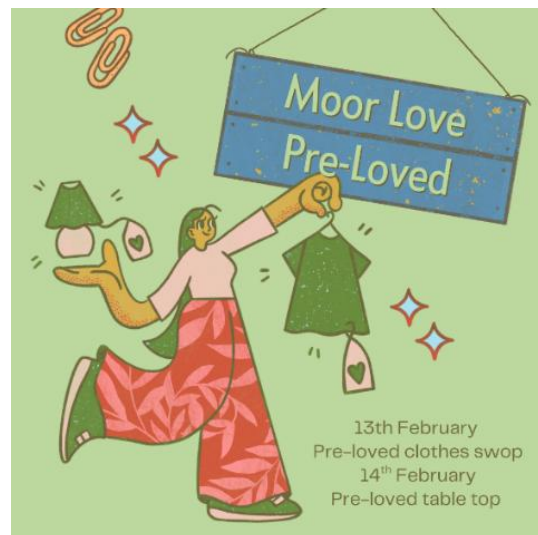
Registration for the event will open on the 12<sup>th</sup> January.

### **PRE-LOVED TABLE TOP - SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 10:00 - 12:00**

Join us on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February as we sell some pre-loved items to raise funds for our church charities.

If you would like your own table at the event to sell your own items please speak with JoAnne.

We are now collecting donations to sell; please bring your bric-a-brac, books, toys etc. to church - donations can be left underneath blessings table (opposite the office door)



## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE SEE SIGN UP SHEET ON THE BOARD OUTSIDE THE MAIN HALL**

As in previous years we encourage you to undertake small acts of kindness during February (well all year really but especially in February!) you could write a thank you note to someone important in your life. Or why not see how many compliments you can give in a day?

# PRE-LOVED BY GOD

**Pre-loved by God**, what feelings, memories, or thoughts does this phrase awaken in you?

For our community worker they are a reminder that we are cherished even before we know it, held in God's love through every moment of our lives.

To explore this further, we've invited members of our worship group to share their personal reflections on what it means to be "pre-loved by God," and we'll be sharing their insights and stories throughout February.

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## **PRE-LOVED.a reflection by Anne Wilde**

*'Grace Isabel'*

*For you Jesus Christ came into the world;*

*For you he lived and showed God's love;*

*For you he suffered death on the Cross;*

*For you he triumphed over death, rising to newness of life;*

*For you he prays at God's right hand;*

*All this for you, before you could know anything of it.*

*In your Baptism, the word of Scripture has come true:*

*"We love because God first loved us."*

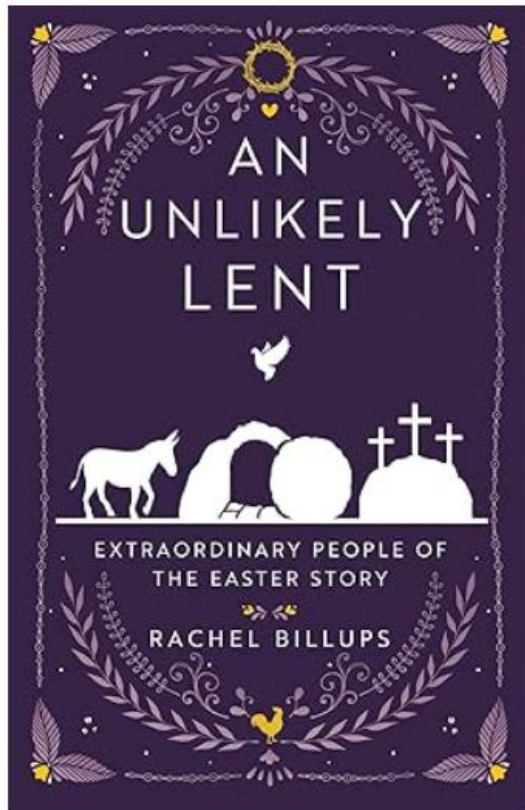
For me these are the most precious words in our Baptismal service.

In the past I've baptised many babies, including my own 4 grandchildren and at that moment, with the baby in my arms and God all around, both in his Spirit and through the members of the congregation, there has been what I can only describe as a moment of profound and mysterious enfolding by the Holy Spirit as I have spoken these words to the baby.

Of course the baby isn't listening, and often not even awake, but the wonder of God's love is proclaimed for them and them alone *"for you Jesus Christ came into the world.....before you could know anything of it..... we love because God first loved us."*

It's mind-blowing stuff and quite beyond anything this world can offer.

It applies to us all and will never falter. Wow!



## Lenten Conversations

We will be gathering for Lenten Conversations on all the Sundays of Lent, except Mothering Sunday. We will begin around 12.30 pm, preceded by a light lunch of soup and a roll. The timing is flexible, but we aim to finish by approximately 1.15 pm.

This year, our conversations will be based on the book *An Unlikely Lent*, which explores the lives of some of the extraordinary people of the Easter story—such as Mary of Bethany, Barabbas, and the women at the foot of the cross. Through their stories, we'll reflect together on faith, courage, and unexpected encounters with God.

No prior knowledge is required! There is also no expectation to read the book and you don't have to attend all sessions!

Everyone is warmly welcome to attend, whether you come for the discussion, the fellowship, or just to share a simple meal. This is a wonderful opportunity to pause, reflect, and journey through Lent together.

## Other Resources for Lent

The Methodist Church **Pause. Breathe. Make space for God.**

Lent is bigger than giving up chocolate. It's about letting go of what weighs us down and being open to what lifts us up. The benefits last longer than 40 days – it's a way of life, and we do it together.

Each week during the Lent the focus is on a simple shift: letting go of fear, control, scarcity, or appearances, and embracing spirit, abundance, dignity, and joy.

Sign up using the link below to receive a short email each week during Lent, as well as daily emails during Holy Week. The emails contain spiritual practices that aim to help you pause, breathe, and rediscover what matters most – through simple habits that nurture faith beyond Sunday.

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/lent/>

**\*\*At the time of printing we do not have information from The United Reformed Church on their Lent Resource for 2026 but we will share once we know. \*\***



## MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

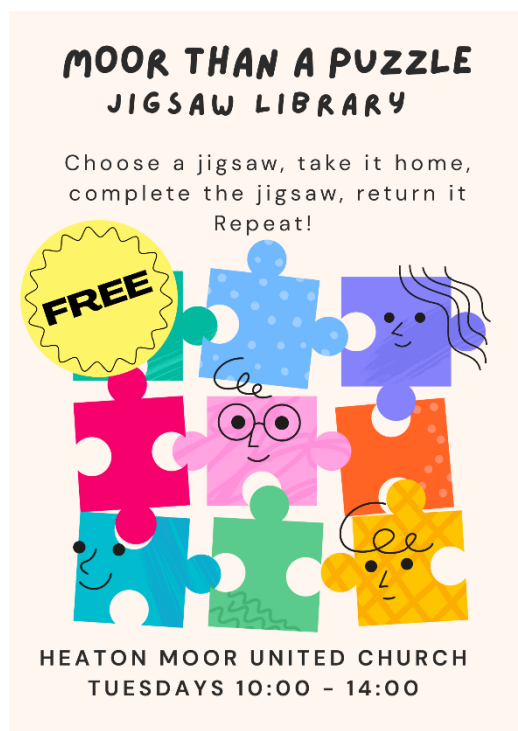
Hi all

As you may be aware historically if hot water was required in the kitchen the immersion heater in the ladies toilet needed to be switched on .

This is no longer required , there has been a boost switch installed in the kitchen, just above the dishwasher . There are instructions next to it on how to use it .

The immersion in the cupboard upstairs in the coffee lounge has also had one fitted .

If you have any queries please speak with me directly. Thanks, Sharon



### MOOR THAN A PUZZLE! Jigsaw Library

With many people discovering - or re-discovering - the pleasure of a good puzzle, we are delighted to introduce a new jigsaw puzzle lending library. Our collection of jigsaws will be available each Tuesday between 10am – 2pm and before/after the service on a Sunday.

The jigsaws are free to borrow\* and you can keep as long as you like – we just ask you complete the sheet so we can keep track of the jigsaws!

In time we hope to be able to have a system where puzzles can be reserved online, and delivered locally for those who are unable to make it to the building.

This is a work in progress so any ideas on how to make it easier for people to access the jigsaws please let me know! We will gladly accept donations of jigsaws so we can keep the stock fresh!

We will also be reintroducing our community jigsaw – so if you want to enjoy a brew whilst working on a puzzle with others then pop along on a Tuesday between 10am – 2pm

\*The jigsaws are free to borrow but if you wish to make a donation specifically for the jigsaw library we are hoping to invest in some XL format jigsaw which are particularly suitable for puzzlers with sight, motor neuron or dementia conditions.