



# Heaton Moor United Church

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



## NOTICES March 2026

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

1 <sup>st</sup> March	Rev Katie Smith	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent
8 <sup>th</sup> March	JoAnne Roy	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Rev Dr Graham Adams	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent, Mothering Sunday & Communion Service
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Rev Paul Brewerton	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent
29 <sup>th</sup> March	9:30 Jerusalem Street Party 10:45 Rev Dr Katie Smith	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

### Services from around the Circuit

Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March at 14:00 at Tiviot Dale Methodist	World Day of Prayer	A service for everyone, this years materials are from Nigeria. Refreshments will be served after the service
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### Upcoming Events at Heaton Moor United Church

Living Lounge Warm Space (weekly) 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> March
Weekly Wednesday Coffee Morning 10:30	All are welcome
Time To Talk 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month at 14:00	<i>(Previously bereavement support)</i> Next meeting 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
Fundraising Meeting Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March at 14:30	See notices for further information
Big Brew Coffee Morning Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> March from 10:00	Coffee morning to raise funds for Fair Trade
Heatons Churches Partnership Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March at 11:30	Meeting to discuss Walk of Witness arrangements – all interested in the partnership welcome
Steal Away Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March at 19:30	A talk by Rev Dr John Parry – an alternative understanding to Afro-American Spirituals. See notices for further information
Bravura Concert Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> March at 19:30	Award winning choir presents Spirit of the Sea 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](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> March	13 <sup>th</sup> March	11 <sup>th</sup> March
29 <sup>th</sup> March	27 <sup>th</sup> March	25 <sup>th</sup> March

*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> March
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> March
Monday 10:00 – 14:00
Tuesday 10:00 – 14:00
Wednesday 10:00 – 14:00
Thursday 13:00 – 15:00
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 Administrator** – Sharon Heginbotham 0161 431 0262  
[office@heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk](mailto:office@heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk)
- **Community Worker** – JoAnne Roy 07340 269 354  
[community@heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk](mailto:community@heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk)



- 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.

We received the sad news this week that church member Barbara Coppock has passed away after a long illness. Please hold her family in your prayers.



As many of you will know our dear friend Michael Woodhall passed away on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February.

There will now be a joint funeral for both Jean and Michael in Boningale on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 13:00.

For those locally who may wish to gather and remember Jean and Michael we will be holding a small service at church on this date.

We will gather from 12:45 in the worship space and light our Peace candle at 13:00 in-line with the family service taking place in Boningale.

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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### **A Prayer for the COVID Day of Reflection**

Loving God,

Six years on, we pause to remember.

We remember those who lost their lives,  
and those who still carry grief in quiet and unseen ways.  
We remember the fear, the sacrifice, the courage,  
and the kindness that sustained us.

For those still living with illness or loss, bring comfort.  
For those who served and cared for others,  
bring strength and peace.

Do not let us forget what this time taught us,  
our shared vulnerability,  
our deep need for one another,  
and the power of compassion.

Lead us forward wiser and kinder,  
committed to building a more caring and hopeful world. Amen

**COVID-19  
DAY OF  
REFLECTION  
8 MARCH 2026**

## **FUNDRAISING MEETING 11th March Patio Room 2.30pm**

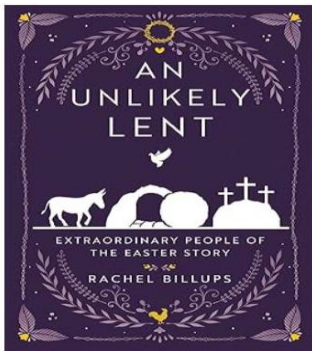
This meeting is for anyone interested in fundraising, in addition to those who are responsible for a charity.

Please bring any fundraising ideas you may have along with you to be shared at the meeting.

Those who are responsible for a church charity i.e.: Christian Aid, Leprosy, Eve Project, Action for Children and Lebone, please bring with you a total amount of funds raised for your charity during the church financial year September 2024 – August 2025 along with a brief report about your charity.

If you are unable to attend, please email your totals raised for the year and brief report to Janice Barber [jhb10@outlook.com](mailto:jhb10@outlook.com) or give a copy to either Stephanie or Janice beforehand.

Thank you, Stephanie and Janice



### **Lenten Conversations**

We will be gathering this Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March, after the service, for our first Lenten Conversation. We will be meeting each Sunday in Lent except for 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, and 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.

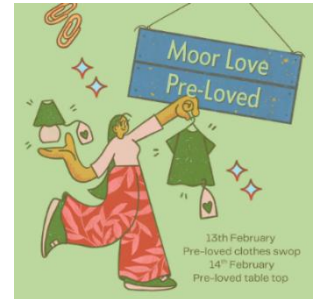
# MOOR LOVE

We will be sending just over £400 to Stockport Without Abuse from our Moor Love events.

After events like this the question “How did it go?” is always asked and it can be easy to answer this question with how many people attended or how much was raised.

However, when I review events the question I ask is “What was I trying to achieve?” and Moor Love’s aims were:

- ♥ Encouraging random acts of kindness
- ♥ Exploring what it means to be “pre-loved” by God
- ♥ Connecting with the wider community
- ♥ Supporting Stockport Without Abuse
- ♥ Building volunteer engagement



As you read my reflection of Moor Love I hope you will agree these aims were met successfully!

## Pre-Loved Events - A Reflection

Over the weekend of the 13<sup>th</sup> February, we held two *Pre-Loved* events as part of our wider campaign encouraging random acts of kindness and reflecting on what it means to be pre-loved by God, while also raising funds for Stockport Without Abuse.

The two events looked very different, and both showed us something important.

Our Pre-Loved Clothes Sale was small in attendance, with one person coming along, but that person had travelled from Heald Green to be with us. We were able to have meaningful conversation and offer genuine welcome. Our volunteers also had time to connect and even enjoy a little well-earned care themselves!

The Pre-Loved Table Top Sale saw 33 people attend, 27 of whom were from the wider community rather than church. It was wonderful to welcome so many new faces and to have good conversations, including some thoughtful reflections on what it means to be “pre-loved” by God.

Across both events:

- 11 volunteers gave their time and energy
- 5 families shared random acts of kindness they had carried out
- We saw encouraging engagement with our Pre-Loved posts on social media
- Funds were raised to support Stockport Without Abuse, over £400

Success doesn’t always look the same. Sometimes it’s breadth, lots of people through the door. Sometimes it’s depth, one person feeling seen and valued. We’re thankful for both.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated, came along, shared kindness, or supported the events in any way.

# PRE-LOVED BY GOD

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

Our final reflection on what it means to be Pre-Loved by God is from Rev Katie Smith.

## **PRE-LOVED.a reflection by Rev. Katie Smith**

One of my very favourite bits of liturgy comes during the baptism service when the person being baptised is told:

*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 is fulfilled:  
'We love, because God first loved us.'*

For me, this sums up what it means to be pre-loved by God – God has been at work loving us for our whole lives and even before. We cannot earn or lose God's love, because God's very nature is love.

When we hear these words said over a small child, we can't help but agree: it seems obvious that a baby is to be loved simply because they are. Perhaps though we become a little less sure when we think about ourselves with all our mistakes and faults, perhaps we are not loveable any more?

When Jesus met the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4:1-26) she found out that Jesus knew all about her life and the things that made her ashamed and led her to avoid the other women of the village. Jesus knew that she had had five husbands and was living with a man who wasn't her husband. This foreknowledge was not simply a mind-reading exercise to show God's power. Rather it showed her that Jesus's offer of living water was for her was love for her just as she was.

Psalm 139 sums up God's knowledge of us. God knitted us together in our mother's wombs, perceives our thoughts from afar and knows our words before they are even on our tongue.

Whatever highs and lows our lives have had, those baptismal words still hold – Jesus came into the world, lived died and rose again for each one of us. Next time you are at a baptism, listen out for those words and know that they are for you and every person in the place as much as for the one being baptised.

We are pre-loved, we are loved now and we will be loved forevermore.



## FAIR TRADE COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 10:00 – 12:00

Do come along and join us for our Fairtrade coffee morning, we will have stalls from Stockport Fairtrade Group selling items as well as the usual cakes\* and refreshments.

We're also hoping that this event will be an opportunity for our community to stand up for change together – we want to use this as an opportunity to push for changes to the UK trade system and help Transform Trade's fight for a fashion watchdog. We've invited our local MP and

Councillor to the event to share news of the campaign.

\*CAKE MAKERS required – if you can bake a cake and bring along on the Friday 13<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon or Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> in the morning please let JoAnne know\*



Heaton's Churches  
Partnership

## Come to the next HCP Prayer Gathering



On Saturday March 21st, 8.15 for 8.30-9.30am

At Emmanuel Community Church, Green Lane

To pray for:-

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



# BRAVURA

An award-winning intergenerational choir  
Presents

## Spirit of the Sea

**Saturday 28th March 2026, 7:30pm**

Heaton Moor United Church  
Stanley Road  
Stockport  
SK4 4HL

**Tickets on the door**

Admission £8

Children under 10 free

Refreshments included in ticket price

All proceeds to:

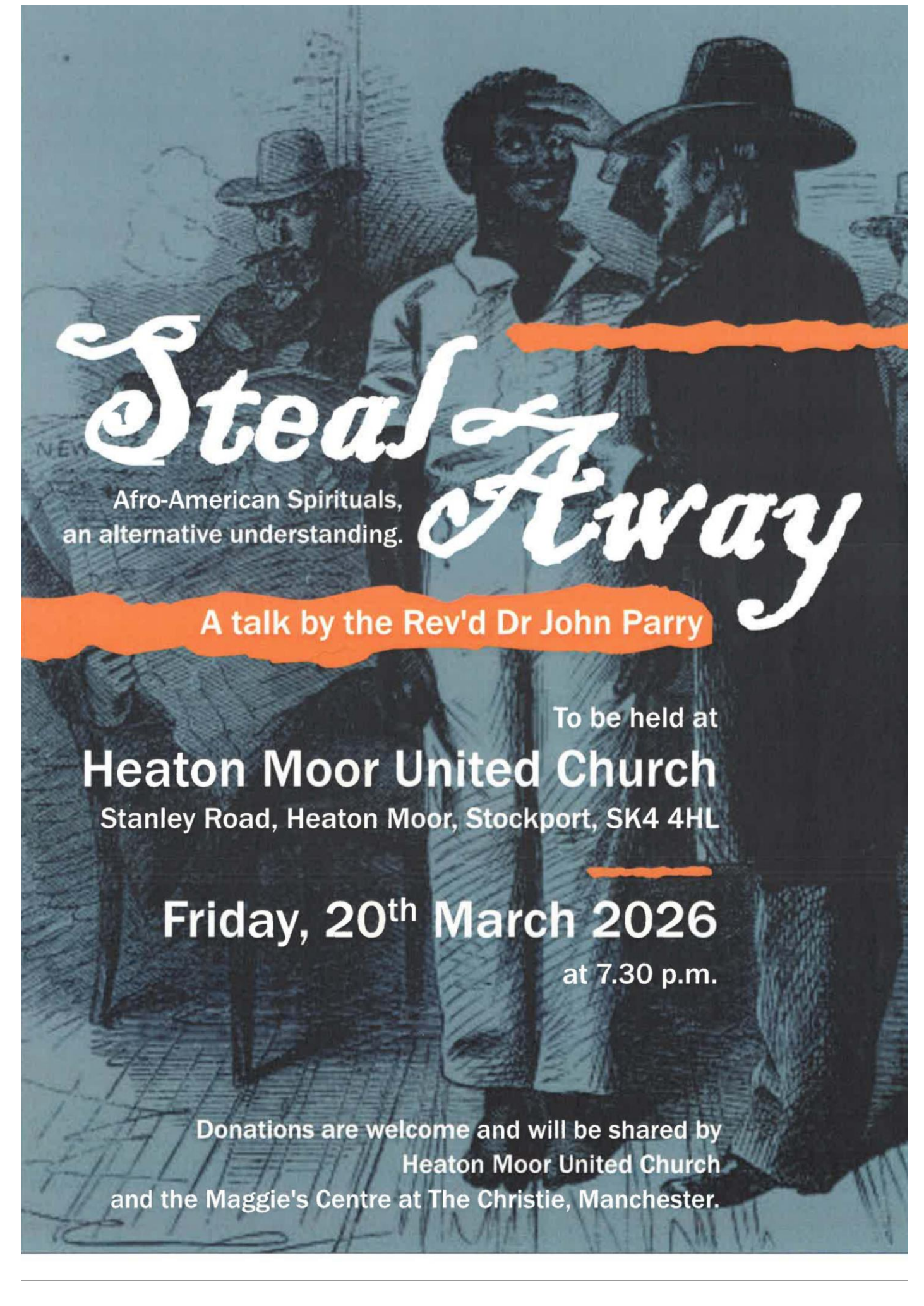
Christian Aid

Eve Appeal

Leprosy Mission

Lebone Village in South Africa

Action for Children



# Steal Away

Afro-American Spirituals,  
an alternative understanding.

A talk by the Rev'd Dr John Parry

To be held at  
**Heaton Moor United Church**  
Stanley Road, Heaton Moor, Stockport, SK4 4HL

**Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026**  
at 7.30 p.m.

Donations are welcome and will be shared by  
Heaton Moor United Church  
and the Maggie's Centre at The Christie, Manchester.