



Heaton Moor United Church

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



NOTICES April 2026

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

12 th April	Rev Jonnie Hill	Church AGM will be held after the service
19 th April	Rev Dr Graham Adams	Communion Service
26 th April	NO SERVICE at Heaton Moor United Church A joint service will take place at Heaton Mersey Methodist Church	
3 rd May	Rev Jan Tate	AAW we will also be joined by Heaton Mersey Methodist Church

Additional Services

Sunday 26 th April at 16:30 Heaton Moor United Church	Our Power Our Planet Service for World Earth Day	With Laurel Lane Choir
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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 gatherings 13 th April
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 16 th April 2026
Leprosy Coffee Morning Saturday 11 th April at 10:00	Join us to raise funds for one of our church charities

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
26 th April	24 th April	22 nd April
10 th May	8 th May	6 th May

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 13 th April
Monday CLOSED
Tuesday 10:00 – 14:00
Wednesday 10:00 – 14:00
Thursday CLOSED
Friday CLOSED

Office Hours W/C 20 th April
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 Tuesday is a non-working day.

Team Contact Information

- **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.

SAD NEWS

It is with deep sadness that we share the news that our dear friend and church member Connie Cornwall has passed away. We will share details of the funeral arrangements as we receive them. Please hold Connie's family, especially her daughter Jacqui in your prayers.

A PRAYER FOR THE UPCOMING AGM *which will take place after the service on Sunday 12th April*

Loving God,

As we look ahead to our annual church meeting in a few days' time, let us pause and say thank You. Thank You for all You have done in and through our church over the past year, for Your guidance, Your provision, and Your constant presence with us.

Let us take this opportunity to thank You for our volunteers, for all the time, energy, and care they give, often in ways that go unseen. Please bless and encourage them.

We also thank You for our leaders. As they prepare for the meeting, give them wisdom, clarity, and peace. Strengthen them and remind them that You are with them in all they do.

Thank You for every member of our church family. As we come towards this meeting, help us to be united, gracious, and open to what You want to say to us.

Lord, we pray for the future too. Grow Your mission among us. Give us fresh vision, new energy, and a heart to serve our community.

And we ask that You would raise up more people to get involved, especially in leadership. Give people courage to step forward and a sense of Your calling on their lives.

Be with us as we prepare, and lead us in all that's ahead.

In Jesus' name,
Amen.

MONDAY FELLOWSHIP

Monday 13th April we have Peter Williams giving us a talk on "Janet's highest holiday".

THANK YOU to all who attended the Bravura Concert, not only was it a fabulous evening of entertainment but over £500 was raised for church charities.



RNCM Concert Wednesday 6th May

Christian Aid Week May 2026 plant sale on Saturday 9th May, if you can help with plants for sale please speak with Katy Rowe or Jean James.

Open Church 26th and 27th May



EASTER SERVICES AND EVENTS *a roundup from the Community Worker*

THANK YOU to all who attended our Easter services and events. I hope you will agree there was something for everyone.

A huge **THANK YOU** to our Easter hand out volunteers who gave out 150 Easter breakfast bags during Holy Week.

It's a small gesture that we offer as a church, giving out hot cross buns, drinks and information on who we are as a church and Easter but they carry a quiet far reaching impact within our community.

While we may not always witness the results, these small acts can soften hearts, spark curiosity, and open doors to deeper relationships and faith. The true impact is often unseen, carried in conversations that happen later, in people who feel a little less alone, and in seeds of hope and belonging quietly planted across the community.



Open Church we had another busy Open Church across two days during Holy Week. We saw 21 families with an average of 22 children attending each day, although it certainly felt like more than this on the Monday! We also held our regular Living Lounge Lunch and it was wonderful to see our Open Church Community and Living Lounge Community mingle.

****Photo of two of our little ones enjoying the "temple" sensory tray"**

Once again we had 4 very different services, our Maundy Thursday service this year was a silent communion and one of the things I took away from it is that in a noisy and often hurting world, we may not always need more words, sometimes we need more silence, more listening, more kindness, and more peace.

The weather was just right for our annual walk of witness on Good Friday with Heatons Churches Partnership, approximately 60 took part in the walk and slightly more than this joined in for the service at St Paul's.

A small number, 24, were up very early on Easter Sunday morning to for the sunrise service. We set out in pairs and walked the quiet path by the River Mersey. We read from Luke 24, asking questions of the text and wondering together what it might mean for us now, not just then.

Like the road to Emmaus, our conversations moved between uncertainty and understanding, and somehow the walking helped the words open up.

When we gathered again at the end, we shared simple breakfast of boiled eggs and croissants, talked about what we had noticed along the way, and sang together.

It was all very ordinary and very meaningful at the same time, as if, in the walking, the talking, the eating, and the singing, we had caught a small glimpse of resurrection life among us.

Our main Easter Sunday Service led by Deacon Janet Amey was a wonderful all age worship. The service began very visually with a Tomb, we sang some Easter “bangers” engaged in a quiz and heard a reflection on the life-giving element of Easter. A big shout out to Sophie and Alexander who were very enthusiastic kitchen helpers.

Finally as a church community we ended our Easter celebrations with our Easter Community Cream Tea on Easter Monday. We welcomed 37 people on the day and made 4 deliveries. Again it was a wonderful time spent together in shared laughter and conversation. I must take the opportunity again to thank my team of community meal volunteers as they really pulled it out of the bag this time with delicious sandwiches, cake, scones, pastries the tables were laden!

Loving God,

As we come to the end of our Easter season, of services, celebrations, and shared moments, we pause to thank You. Thank You for the joy, the hope, and the life we have remembered and experienced again in the story of the risen Christ.

Thank You for the moments that have stayed with us: the wonder and awe of Your resurrection, the quiet stillness where we felt close to You, and the laughter and friendship we’ve shared as a church family. Help us not to leave these behind, but to carry them with us into the days ahead.

As we step into a new season together, guide us forward. Keep our hearts open, our faith expectant, and our lives shaped by the good news of Easter. May the hope we have celebrated continue to grow in us and overflow into our community.

Walk with us, Lord, in all that comes next. And may we always remember that the story of Easter is not just something we mark, but something we live.

In Jesus’ name,
Amen.



Music for Margaret

Victoria String Quartet and Friends
(soprano, two recorders, oboe, harp and harpsichord)
performing Schubert, Mozart, Ravel and tribute pieces.

Saturday 18th April 2.30pm Heaton Moor United Church
and Saturday 25th April 2.30pm St Peter's Church, Addingham nr Ilkley

Free entry, Retiring Collection



ONLINE
STUDY SERIES

4pm,
Sundays
29/03, 12/04,
26/04, 10/05,
31/05

Kairos II A Moment of Truth. Faith in a Time of Genocide



We are pleased to announce that we will be launching our 5 session online study series on March 29th at 4pm on the Kairos II document. The aim of this series is to help people to respond and understand better what Palestinian Christians are asking the global church to do.

To register scan the QR code or go to our website:
<https://www.sabeel-kairos.org.uk/>

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