



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*

10 th May	Keith Tonge	
17 th May	Rev Paul Brewerton	Communion Service
24 th May	Deborah Symmons	Pentecost
31 st May	Liz Delafield	

Additional Services

Thursday 14 th May at 19:00 Hazel Grove Methodist	Ascension Day Service	Circuit Service
Sunday 17 th May at 14:30 Marple URC	Leaving service for Rev Jonnie Hill	See notices
Sunday 24 th May at 14:00 Abeny Scout Centre	Pentecost Prayers in the Park	Circuit Event see notices

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 11 th May
Weekly Wednesday Coffee Morning 10:30	All are welcome
NEW Wednesday Evening from 17:00	A coffee “evening” where food from M&S will be available for collection along with fruit/vegetables See notices
Time To Talk 1 st & 3 rd Thursdays of each month at 14:00	<i>(Previously bereavement support)</i> Next meeting 21 st May
Christian Aid Plant Sale Saturday 9 th May from 10am	<i>Christian Aid Event</i> plant sale with refreshments and cream tea see notices for further information
Open Church – Roots and Rainbows 26 th and 27 th May	Children and family event 10:00 – 14:00 each day. See notices for further details
PACT Meeting 27 th May at 18:30	Police and Community Together Meeting meet neighbourhood policing team and raise any concerns.
Saturday 13 th June	Action for Children coffee morning

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 11 th May
Monday 10:00 – 14:00
Tuesday 10:00 – 14:00
Wednesday 10:00 – 19:00
Thursday CLOSED
Friday CLOSED

Office Hours W/C 18 th May
Monday CLOSED
Tuesday 10:00 – 14:00
Wednesday 10:00 – 19:00
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 for these two weeks THURSDAY will be 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.



Action for Children coffee morning 13th June

A PRAYER FOR EXAM SEASON

Lord God,

As exam season begins, we lift to you all students preparing for A Levels, SATs, and other exams.

Grant them calm hearts when they feel anxious, clear minds when they study, and confidence in all they have learned.

Help them to remember that their worth is not measured by grades alone, but by the love you have for them.

Give them strength when they are tired, peace when they feel pressure, and courage to do their best.

Surround them with supportive friends, family, and teachers who encourage them along the way.

We also pray for teachers, teaching assistants, and school staff.

Give them patience, wisdom, and energy as they guide and support young people through this demanding season.

Bless them in the care they show, the encouragement they give, and the hard work they do each day.

May schools be places of kindness, hope, and perseverance.

And whatever the results may be, remind every student that they are wonderfully made, deeply valued, and never alone.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

There will be a farewell service for Rev Jonnie Hill on Sunday 17th May at 2:30pm at Marple URC to which everyone is invited.

To facilitate the catering arrangements please could you notify numbers attending this service, which will be followed by cake and tea/coffee, to Margaret Dexter-Brown margaretdexterbrown@icloud.com no later than 30th April 2026.

FOOD BANK ITEMS - we still need help with transporting the items that have been collected for the foodbank. They are currently in the black box in the foyer. If you are help to take these items please speak with JoAnne/Sharon. These items are desperately needed!



Join us for a different type of worship

No hymns, no sermon, no pews!

An hour of worship in a new way by

Searching for God in the West End'

Why not join us on Wednesday evenings at 7.15pm from

May 13th, Les Misérables

May 20th, The Lion King

June 3rd, Beauty and the Beast

June 10th, Oklahoma!

June 17th, Les Misérables

NEW Food Wednesday Evening Food Provision!

With immediate effect we will be providing M&S food (as we do on a Monday) on a Wednesday evening from 17:00 – 19:00. There may also be fresh fruit and vegetables and store cupboard items, depending on what we collect.

Refreshments will also be available.

We hope to develop this space into more so if you have any ideas please let JoAnne know!

If you are able to volunteer to serve refreshments please also speak with JoAnne!



One of our toddler mummies is raising money for the breast cancer awareness charity CoppaFeel.

On Saturday 30th May at Heatons Sport Club from 14:00 a cappella choir The Monday Mondays will be

putting on a special performance. Entry by donation on the door.

Bake sale, raffle, bar open and there will be a children's space.

TOMORROW



Christian Aid Week 10th – 17th May

Plant Sale 9th May from 10:00

All are welcome to our plant sale and coffee morning on 9th May from 10:00. Refreshments, alongside cream teas* and cakes will be on offer, along with plants for sale.

This year's focus is on Kenya, where in Nairobi, the capital, alongside imposing skyscrapers and luxury safaris there are areas of acute deprivation.

In areas like Dagoretti, there are limited formal work opportunities and heartbreakingly low pay, with most people living on less than a dollar a day. On top of this, food prices are high, in part due to the climate crisis.



Caption: Fridah with her grandson, Quillan, outside their house in Dagoretti, Nairobi. **Credit:** David Macharia/Christian Aid

Money raised during Christian Aid week is used to support work with their partner Beacon of Hope who are helping Kenyans, like Fridah pictured, train as urban farmers.

The Restore campaign

Get creative!

Alongside our usual fundraising we are also inviting you to get creative as part of The Restore Campaign.

Christian Aid is collecting prayers, pictures and messages of hope for those impacted by the climate and debt crises to create something that decision makers can't ignore – a giant restoration pot.

There will be opportunity at the plant sale on the 9th May for you to find out more about The Restore Campaign and get as creative as you like to write your prayers and message of hope which we will send on. We will also be holding crafting sessions on Monday 11th May at 14:00 and Wednesday 13th May at 18:00.

GET INVOLVED IN CHRISTAIN AID WEEK WITH US!

- We welcome donations of plants and cakes (donations can be brought from 9am on the 9th)
- Come along and enjoy refreshments
- Order a cream tea!
- Sign the petition
- Get creative and write a prayer or message of hope

MEMBER NEWS

The Hymn Society of Great Britain and Ireland

It is a diverse group of people, all sharing an interest in hymns.

This year this society celebrates 90 years of commitment to exploring, encouraging, understanding and supporting hymnody.

The highlight of the year for members is always the annual Conference, and in 2026 it is going to be a very special occasion. Since 1936 the Society has brought together hymn writers, composers, clergy, academics, and hymn enthusiasts of every kind for a week of learning, singing, and celebrating.

Some of the highlights for 2026:

Anniversary Gala Dinner: speaker Professor J R Watson

Announcement of winners of Hymn Writing Competition

Speakers on inspiring future generations to sing, Artificial Intelligence and its effect, hymns to help change the world, and more.

Speakers include Dr Gordon Giles, Canon Chancellor of Rochester Cathedral and Director of the English Hymnal Company, Hugh Morris, Director of the Royal School of Church Music, **Graham Adams**, Tutor at Luther King Theological College, Manchester, and more.

For more information visit <https://hymnsocietygbi.org.uk/2026/02/annual-conference-2026/>

Graham will also be giving a lecture on the theme “Come help us dram your future into birth” at the Free to Believe conference, for more information visit

<https://www.freetobelieve.org.uk/conferences.html>



Silver Wolf

The Silver Wolf award in Scouting is only awarded for service of a most exceptional nature and is awarded by the Chief Scout. We reported in 2024 that Elaine Mitchell had received this reward, and although she doesn't want a fuss, we want to acknowledge it again as this week Elaine attended a service of thanksgiving at Westminster Abby.

The National Scout Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving is a special church service hosted by The Scout Association at Westminster Abbey. It is a national event to celebrate and give thanks for all the volunteering that takes place within Scouting.

The occasion is an opportunity for Scouts to celebrate the achievements of some of their longest serving volunteers, and those who have been awarded some of the association's top honours, such as the Silver Wolf award.

Well done Elaine!

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Rotas are on the board outside the main hall for

- Living lounge volunteers
- Busy table volunteers
- Open Church volunteers

NEW mid-week welcome volunteers

We are looking for mid-week welcome volunteers who can welcome, sign-post and chat to people who come to the building. This is to support our desire to be an "open building" and to encourage wider engagement between the church and community.

We would hope welcome volunteers can be available Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from mid-morning to mid-afternoon. Hours/times to be discussed with volunteers.

As this is a new role full training is required and it won't suit everybody! **No moving of furniture is required**

If you are interested in applying for the role please speak with JoAnne, Community Worker.

WHATS THIS SPACE?

We are very lucky that we have a very busy building but not necessarily a busy church! I'm holding two conversation events to gather ideas of where we can put more "church" into our space.

This isn't about putting on events, this is an opportunity for us to gather and see what more "church" could look like - and that will be different for each of us - it's these different ideas I want to hear!

An opportunity to share your thoughts without then feeling pressured that you have to "do" anything with them!

Thursday 4th June at 7pm

Wednesday 10th June at 4pm

Light refreshments will be provided - please sign up on the board outside the main hall!



GREATER MANCHESTER
POLICE

Partners and Communities together

Heatons

PACT is the process through which communities can raise any issues or concerns they have in their area to their local Neighbourhood Policing Team and partner agencies. Residents are encouraged to come and discuss key issues within the community.

Location

Heaton Moor United Church
Stanley Road
Stockport, SK4 4HL

Date / Time

Wednesday 27th May @18:30



For the latest alerts from your neighbourhood team on what is happening on your street and in your local community – sign up to receive free email or text alerts

www.beeintheloop.co.uk

You can access many of our services online at gmp.police.uk
For emergencies only call **999**, or **101** if it's a less urgent matter.

PENTECOST

PRAYERS IN THE PARK

COME HOLY SPIRIT



Sunday 24th May
2pm - 4pm
Abney Scout Centre

Newlands Road, Cheadle, SK8 2BP

ALL ARE WELCOME, family and friends to join us as we gather in celebration of Pentecost for a time of creative prayer, fellowship, and shared worship in God's creation.

Bring a chair or blanket if you wish, refreshments and toilet facilities are available.
Limited car parking available at the scout centre but local car parks nearby

NOTES FOR CHURCHES

Pentecost Prayers in the park 2026

As part of our year of prayer we are inviting churches to join us as we gather for Pentecost at Abney Scout Centre.

We will spend the afternoon together in prayer, fellowship and shared worship.

Throughout the afternoon there will be different stations where you can pray, some will be in the traditional reflective sense and others will be more creative!

We hope to have a fire which will bring another element to the afternoon, along with crafts and side-show games.

There will be facilities for making hot drinks, take-away cups will be provided but if you would like to bring your own drinking vessel this would be helpful!

The centre is well equipped with toilet facilities, including disabled access. If the weather has been dry then the field is also easily accessible. However even if we experience our usual seeping downpours and you have mobility issues it should not prevent you from enjoying the afternoon as there will be plenty to do in the centre.

There is limited parking at the centre and we ask that this is used as a drop off for those who have mobility issues or where walking is a problem. Overleaf you will see where the alternative car park is within the grounds of Abney, there are also local car parks within Cheadle Village and we encourage car sharing.

We encourage you to come along for this opportunity to gather as one across our circuit churches, strengthening our unity, encouraging one another in faith, and witnessing together to the life we share in Christ as a wider community.

If you wish to volunteer on the day as a steward, activity volunteer, kitchen volunteer slots are available in half hour increments, please contact JoAnne Roy. If you have any queries also please contact JoAnne !

JoAnne Roy

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COMPETITION

We would also like to use this opportunity to host a circuit “bake-off” we are inviting people to submit a cake in the spirit of Pentecost/Prayer for judging, and of course eating!