



Heaton Moor United Church

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



NOTICES June 2026

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

21st June	Rev Dr Graham Adams	Communion Service
28th June	Rev Paul Brewerton	
5th July	Rev Dr Katie Smith	All Age Worship
12th July	Local Arrangement	
19th July	Rev Dr John Parry	Communion Service

Additional Services

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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.
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 NOTE THE LAST WEDNESDAY EVENING PROVISION WILL BE THE 24TH JUNE
Time To Talk 1 st & 3 rd Thursdays of each month at 14:00	<i>(Previously bereavement support)</i> Next meeting 2 ND July
PACT Meeting 8 th July 18:30	Police and Community Meeting – meet the neighbourhood policing team, all welcome
Tea and Truth – Jane Austen 8 th July 19:30	Looking at scripture through wisdom and wit of Jane Austen – this week Pride and Prejudice. All Welcome

PLEASE NOTE WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT the church administrator, Sharon, will resume publishing the notices. Please send any news to office@heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk

Notices for Sunday:	Emailed/Printed	Latest submission date
5 th July	3 rd July	1 st July
19 th July	17 th July	15 th July
2 nd August	31 st July	29 th July

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 22 nd June
Monday 10:00 – 14:00
Tuesday 10:00 – 14:00
Wednesday 10:00 – 14:00
Thursday CLOSED
Friday CLOSED

Office Hours W/C 29 th June
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.

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.



It is with deepest sympathy that we share the news that Noreen Ballie has passed away. We will share funeral details once known.

WHATS THIS SPACE?

Thank you to those who attended our two conversations aimed at trying to get ideas of what our church members want to see happening in our building that is “more church” and also reaches the wider community.

We had some interesting discussions and it was good to hear people’s thoughts on what church groups are and what they could be.

I am collating the information and will put something in the next notice sheet. In the interim if you have any ideas please do let me know!

JoAnne

Community Worker

community@heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk

Would you like to take part in leading the service on July 12th?

On that day members of the congregation are needed to take responsibility for the service.

We need people willing to read various things, announce hymns and lead prayers etc.

You do not need to prepare anything yourself.

If you would like to be part of the group please contact Anne Wilde by June 14th.

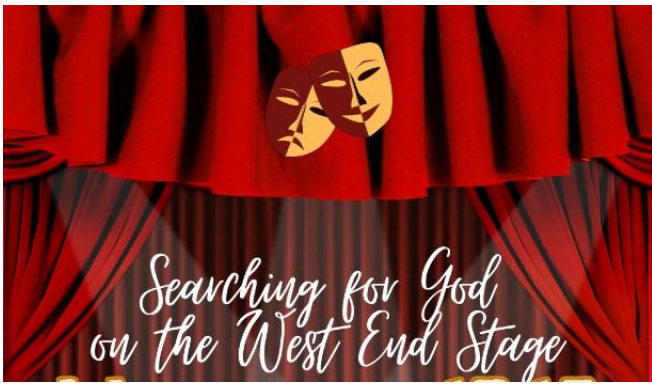
annewilde2002@gmail.com or 07513289225

On Sunday 9th August, we are planning a Songs of Praise service. To make this a special service, we are looking for people who would like not only to choose a hymn, but also to speak about why they have chosen it and what the hymn means to them.

People are also invited to do the same in sharing a favourite Bible passage or prayer.

If you are interested in taking part in this service in this way, please speak to Katy Rowe or contact her on 0785 784 2141.

Thank you



In the final of our recent alternative worship gathering, we explored themes of law, grace, and forgiveness through *Les Misérables*. We listened to the song "Stars," in which Inspector Javert sings of his unwavering commitment to justice. He compares himself to the stars above, constant, fixed, and faithful and believes

that God has given him the responsibility to uphold the law without compromise. In Javert's world there is no room for mercy; people are either righteous or guilty, and wrongdoers must receive what they deserve.

Together, we reflected on where we see this kind of thinking in our own world. It can appear whenever rules, systems, ideologies, or personal convictions become more important than people. We recognised how easy it is to divide the world into "good" and "bad," "us" and "them," and as I reflect further I recognise how tempting it can be to believe that justice means punishment alone and that sometimes this attitude can be found in institutions, communities, politics, and even within ourselves.

The crisis for Javert comes when his enemy, Jean Valjean, shows him mercy. Faced with undeserved grace, Javert finds himself unable to reconcile what he has experienced with the worldview he has built his life upon. If Valjean, once a criminal, can act with compassion and forgiveness, then perhaps people are capable of change. If grace exists, then justice cannot simply be about punishment.

How do we respond when grace disrupts our assumptions? Can we accept that people are more than the worst things they have done? Are we willing to forgive, even when it feels undeserved? And perhaps most challenging of all, can we receive grace ourselves?

The Christian story points us toward a God who is both just and merciful. Jesus repeatedly challenged those who believed that righteousness was found only in strict obedience to rules, reminding them that mercy, compassion, and reconciliation lie at the heart of God's kingdom. Grace does not abolish justice, but it transforms it. It invites us to see others, and ourselves, not as fixed and unchanging like Javert's stars, but as people continually being redeemed and made new.

A challenge for us is to consider where we might be holding too tightly to judgement, certainty, or resentment. The tragedy of Javert is not that he encounters grace, but that he cannot imagine a world large enough to contain it. The invitation of the Gospel is to step into that larger world, a world where justice and mercy meet, and where forgiveness has the power to transform enemies into neighbours.

Food Wednesday Evening Food Provision LAST ONE 24TH JUNE

Our Wednesday Evening Food Provision (17:00 – 19:00) is seeing on average 12 people coming each week to collect food items which would otherwise go to landfill. It was my hope that with interest from church members to be present and volunteer we could develop this as we have with the Monday Living Lounge. Sadly that has not been the case so for now this initiative will end on the 24th June.

Please do consider if you can volunteer at the Living Lounge we have 3/4 regular volunteers but still have weeks where we have nobody.

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.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Tea & Truth

EXPLORING SCRIPTURE THROUGH THE
WISDOM AND WIT OF JANE AUSTEN

WEDNESDAYS IN JULY
FROM 19:30 - 20:30

HEATON MOOR UNITED CHURCH
STANLEY ROAD
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8TH JULY
PRIDE AND PREJUDICE
15TH JULY
SENSE AND SENSIBILITY
22ND JULY
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Join our Community Worker JoAnne for Tea and Truth, exploring scripture though the wisdom and wit of Jane Austen.

"It is a truth universally acknowledged, that character matters."

Jane Austen's novels are filled with flawed people learning humility, wisdom, love, and hope. Scripture tells the same story: God meets imperfect people with grace and invites them into lives of deeper faith and transformed hearts.

Join us as we explore this further with tea and cake! We will begin on the 8th July with Pride and Prejudice, Humility and Transformation.

These will be relaxed sessions and you do not need to have knowledge of Jane Austen's works or the bible! You do not need to attend each session!