

NEWSLETTER

Heaton Moor United Church

16TH SEPTEMBER 2026



Sunday Services are at 10.45

20 th September	Rev Paul Brewerton	Communion
27 th September	Rev Dr Katie Smith	Harvest
4 th October	JoAnne Roy	All Age Worship
11 th October	Rev Paul Brewerton	
18 th October	Rev Mike Aspinall	Communion and General Church Meeting

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – NEW EVENT ALERT – MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Future Events

The Harvest service is on 27th September. The day before on the 26th, there will be a concert by The MondayMondays, 3rd October is the Lebone coffee morning, which will include a talk about our wonderful window, more details are on the fundraising page.

The Community Worker is planning some events for the future, please see Volunteers Required section.



HARVEST 27TH SEPTEMBER 2026

We will be collecting for Wellspring at the service on the 27th September 2026. The wishlist is further on in the newsletter.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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PASTORAL



A prayer for all those that provide care

**Loving Source,
bless the hands that heal,
the hearts that listen,
and the spirits that endure.
May they feel your strength
and know their care matters.
Amen.**

The Wellspring HARVEST

Growing Futures Beyond Homelessness

The way that we help our users has changed so much and the services we deliver always needs new ingredients to make them work. We are currently serving an average of 80 meals across Breakfast, Lunch & Takeaway Snack Packs every single day.

Our wish list

For main meals:

- ☐ Tinned, fresh or frozen meat
- ☐ Tinned fresh or frozen vegetables (such as carrots, peas, potatoes)
- ☐ Cheddar cheese

For all food sessions:

- ☐ Semi skimmed long life milk
- ☐ Sugar
- ☐ Coffee
- ☐ Hot chocolate
- ☐ Cordial

For desserts:

- ☐ Tinned custard
- ☐ Tinned mix fruit (not peaches)
- ☐ Rice pudding
- ☐ Eggs
- ☐ Self raising flour
- ☐ Caster sugar
- ☐ Cakes

For snack packs:

- ☐ Sandwich meats
- ☐ Sweet biscuits (individually wrapped)
- ☐ Multipacks of crisps

Essentials:

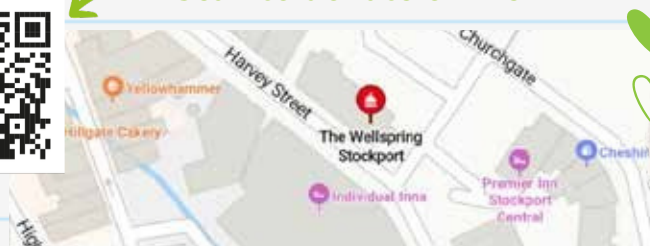
- ☐ Ketchup
- ☐ Mayonnaise
- ☐ Brown sauce
- ☐ Gravy granules
- ☐ Cooking oil
- ☐ Butter/marg
- ☐ Pepper

For breakfast:

- ☐ Baked beans
- ☐ Plum and chopped
- ☐ tinned tomatoes



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Heaton Moor United Church is connected to many churches across the Stockport area. We are part of the United Stockport Circuit, this is from our Methodist connections. From our URC connection, we are part of the Stockport and High Peak Missional Partnership.

Circuit News

The Circuit Newsletter can be accessed through this link:

https://heatonmoorunitedchurch-my.sharepoint.com/:b/g/personal/office_heatonmoorunitedchurch_org_uk/IQBG34bMXfnDRlx_sl1ffUf6AVZONBbbWUwVMeMcaKEwleQ?e=DF66EW

Included in the last newsletter was this letter from the Superintendent.

Well folks, I've been here a year! The time has gone really quickly but in many (good) ways I feel as if I've been here for ever.

This time last year I had many things that I wanted to do in my first year and I'm sure you had expectations. One thing that really called me to the circuit was the need to work on an overarching circuit strategy. You may think that nothing has been done about this. Indeed I'm a bit disappointed by the progress too.

What you will not know is that there have been several important issues that required the Circuit Leadership Team's attention at Circuit, District and Connexional level. At times we seemed to move from one crisis to another. These things have moved work on the strategy further down the to-do list.

However, in addressing these things we are in fact shaping our approach to the circuit. While at the moment we are having to be reactive we are hopefully building a place where we can begin to be more proactive.

If you want to have your say (and I know many of you do) the job would be much easier if we had more circuit stewards. Is this something you should consider doing? There are sections of the circuit that are not represented on the CLT. Or you could offer to be a circuit meeting rep for your church. There are still places available. Whatever your input, you remain an important part of our future. We will again be holding open meetings where we can discuss the way forward. We won't always agree but hopefully we can disagree gracefully. Within the circuit and within your churches listen to each other, learn from each other and move forward together.

Here's to the next 12 months!

Jan

A Choir with a Difference



Contemporary 5 part a cappella
swing & pop choir

Heaton Moor United Church

Saturday 26th September 7.30pm

£8.00 Including refreshments

In aid of the church charities...

*Action for Children, Eve Project, Leprosy Mission,
Lebone Village (South Africa) & Christian Aid*

For more information
here is their Facebook
page.



The Monday Mondays | Denton

The Monday Mondays, Denton. 359 followers. The Monday Mondays are an award winning, mixed a cappella choir based in Tameside, who perform an ec

[facebookapp](#)

Lebone Coffee Morning and Church Window Talk

Saturday October 3rd



10.15am Coffee morning starts

11.00am Window talk (takes approximately 1 hour)

Please come and join us for Drinks, Cakes, Raffle and an opportunity to learn all about our wonderful window!

If you're able to donate cakes for the cake stall, they will be gratefully received.

This event will be held upstairs in the Coffee Lounge and Church area.

We hope to see you there

Stephanie and Janice.

EDITORIAL

Editorial Letter

The start of the month, saw some changes at Heaton Moor . The planned ministerial support was changed from Rev Dr Katie Smith to Rev Mike Aspinall. Mike is a Non-Stipendiary Minister, from the URC . Due to this change, the church meeting has been moved from 27th September to 18th October. I have been working hard to get the end of year accounts done, which I managed to get the first draft completed yesterday ! So I am now going to catch up on all the jobs that have been paused whilst doing that !

Sharon

Past Events

It has been wonderful to hear all the stories about children starting new chapters, at Uni or high school . I know this isn't a past event, it is new event for them about I am sure we can remember how we felt in the past when it happened to us. I am sure we will hold them all in our prayers . It was interesting to hear the service at Heaton Mersey , where a couple of people from Christians in Schools shared their experiences of supporting children, we as a church support this cause each year with a donation. There were 2 funerals held, which a lovely and caring service of Remembrance took part to honour, both Ken Hume and Jim Lowe.



A story from Native American folk lore.

There once was a teacher of wisdom named Iktomi who knew the Chippewa Nation needed help using their dreams and visions, so he came up with a wonderful plan.

He took of the form of a spider and visited the nation's Chief. Above the Chippewa Chief he wove a giant web to catch all his dreams. Iktomi gave the good dreams directions to get through the web and fly to the Great Spirit; the bad dreams were given no directions and so got stuck and dissolved in the sunlight. When the Chief realized that this was the answer to his nation's problems, the Chief instructed everyone to make a dream catcher. Now they could reach their potential.

(Acts 2: 17 Your young men will see visions and your old men will dream dreams)

My good dreams are for a church that puts Christ at the centre of everything it does; that worships joyfully, open to the moving of God's Spirit; that longs to bring others to Christ and reaches out to welcome everyone even if it is costly to themselves; that speaks to God in prayer and listens for God in Bible study and other forms of nourishment; that is the loving, forgiving and healing Body of Christ for a troubled world.

You don't have to be an 'old man' to dream dreams, everyone can do it!

What good dreams do you have for the church? Dare we start to we share them in our conversations over coffee, over the phone, over a glass of wine, wherever and whenever we meet?

Anne Wilde (Leadership Team Sec)

Community Work - Volunteers Required

Could you spare a little time to help make a big difference?

Our community events are about much more than what happens on the day. They are opportunities to welcome people, build friendships, offer a listening ear and show something of God's love in practical ways.

Whether it's sharing a cuppa, helping with food, setting up tables or simply being there to chat, every contribution matters. We couldn't run these events without our wonderful volunteers, and we'd love to welcome some new faces!

You don't need lots of experience or a huge amount of time; just a willingness to get involved, meet people and be part of what we're building together.

Take a look at the opportunities below and see if there's something that might suit you.

Station of Light – now in it's third year this is a great opportunity to meet people in the community we do not normally have contact with.

Winter Fair – our "Christmas" fair is being held earlier than usual this year to avoid conflicting with local school fairs. If you would like input into the organising of this year's event please speak with me.

Journey to Bethlehem -if you would like to be part of the planning of a family event(s) around the theme Journey to Bethlehem please speak with me. You can be part of the planning and not volunteer at the actual event!

Station of Light Volunteer 31st October <i>Set up from 18:30, event start 19:00, set down from 20:15:</i>	
Set Up/Set Down Volunteers Set up in the car park: Gazebo, string lights, tables Hot chocolate station	Event Volunteers Serve hot chocolate Hand out hot chocolate Hand out goodie bags
Winter Fair 21st November <i>Set up Friday 20th Nov 16:00, event 10:00 – 12:00, set down from 12:00</i>	
Set Up / Set Down Volunteers Worship space – move chairs Put up stall tables and refreshment tables Coffee Lounge – tables/chairs and cake stall	Fair Volunteers Welcome Cake stall Refreshments Stall holders
Journey to Bethlehem <i>Date TBC</i>	
Planning Volunteers Help plan* a family event/s that may coincide with the Winter Fair and other dates.	