

30TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Heaton Moor United Church



Sunday Services are at 10.45

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
25 th October	Rev Dr Graham Adams	
1st November	Deacon Janet Amey	All Age Worship

EDITORIAL

Editorial Letter

The last two weeks have flown by . The building is back to full working order after the summer break and talk of Christmas is starting to happen creep in . But before then, there is the church meeting on the 18th October. Also I have 2 holidays to look forward to .The first one being next week, I hoping that the weather will stay as nice as it has been. I'm off to the lakes , so I better pack a coat just in case !

Sharon

Past Events

The main event over the last 2 weeks was the wonderful MondaysMondays concert that took place on Saturday night. It was great to see so many people from all aspects of church and community life who meet in the church there. It was an uplifting concerting covering a range of music from a variety of decades, there was even a a bit of classical thrown in. The Harvest service, provided a good haul for Wellspring and a good laugh seeing Mark dressed as a banana !

GENERAL INFORMATION

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Team Information

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Office Hours

Monday 10-2

Tuesday 10-2

Wednesday 10-2

Week commencing 5th October Sharon is on holiday, JoAnne will be around for any urgent enquiries : Community@heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk

Leadership Team

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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.**

WIDER CHURCH CONNECTIONS

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

Missional Partnership News

The Missional Partnership has a newsletter called The Link . It is issued every month . If you wish to receive it please get in touch with me . I have attached October's so you can have a look .

[LINK OCTOBER 26.PDF](#)

District News and Synod News

Both the District and Synod issue newsletters , The district one is weekly and the Synod one is fortnightly.

Here is the link to the latest District newsletter : https://heatonmoorunitedchurch-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/personal/office_heatonmoorunitedchurch_org_uk/IQDpDLWBJZYzQJb1HhdOwnqHAb-huMIL8797YrRgkzj9AyU?e=fn05CO

The Synod link is here: https://heatonmoorunitedchurch-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/personal/office_heatonmoorunitedchurch_org_uk/IQAj17f_7X20TLwKpNB4NyBQAf1BIZaNXZOfW56mH8Ahk5U?e=RNDhF5

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.



Thank you to all the helpers for their support and to people for
supporting the event. We raised £585 for the church charities
which is excellent.

I'm sure the choir would come again next year if that is what
people would like.

Thanks, Janice.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

As requested at the last Church Meeting, the Leadership Team has been looking at the Constitution of the church. We have discovered that Churches Together in England produced a new constitution for LEPs in 2025 which addresses most of the changes we wanted. You will receive a letter by email on Thursday 1st October outlining the changes in the new Constitution. The letter includes links to the new Constitution, customised to HMUC, and the accompanying Partnership Agreement. This is for you to look at prior to the Church Meeting taking place on 18th October.

All other documents pertaining to the meeting will be sent out in the week commencing 12th October.

Best wishes

The Leadership Team

PRAYER HANDBOOKS



Methodist Prayer Handbook

The prayer handbook is issued in September every year , it costs £4.99. This years book is called Sorrow ~ Joy

URC Prayer Handbook

The prayer handbook is issued in January ever year , it costs £6.99 . This year book is called A Larger Belonging.



If you would like either or both of these handbooks. Please complete this form : <https://forms.gle/HBuycPhLrMQT7iFu9>

COMMUNITY WORKER

Community Work - **WE NEED YOU! – URGENT VOLUNTEER APPEAL**

Our community events are only possible when people come forward to help, and right now, we urgently need more volunteers. We currently have just two people signed up for Station of Light, which isn't enough for the event to go ahead. We need more people to get involved or we may have to cancel it.

There are no volunteers signed up for Living Lounge on 26th October, unfortunately this is half term and I am on holiday – if you can help please let me know ASAP or we will have to close that day. Could you spare a couple of hours? You don't need lots of experience, and you don't have to commit to everything. Whether you can help with food, setting up, welcoming people, serving refreshments, clearing away or simply being there for a chat, every pair of hands makes a difference.

Please don't assume someone else will volunteer, we really do need you!

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

Station of Light – now in its 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	Event Volunteers
Set up in the car park: Gazebo, string lights, tables Hot chocolate station	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	Fair Volunteers
Worship space – move chairs Put up stall tables and refreshment tables Coffee Lounge – tables/chairs and cake stall	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.	



SAVE THE DATE!

Get your thinking caps on, gather your cleverest friends and prepare for a night of fun, food, friendly competition... and possibly a few completely wild guesses!



Friday 14th November



From 6pm



Heaton Moor United Church

The **BIG QUIZ** is back!!

Raising money for Tearfund and Heaton Moor United Church, so you can have a great night and support some brilliant causes along the way.

 **Teams of up to 6**

 **£10 per team**

Start assembling your dream team now; the general knowledge guru, the music expert, the person who somehow knows every random fact imaginable... and the one who's really good at guessing!

Want to join us? Register your interest by signing up outside the church office or completing the Google Form

<https://forms.gle/8EFrC1Jub1hU69St9>



Who will take home the glory?

There's only one way to find out... **BRING ON THE QUIZ!**