

NEWSLETTER

14TH OCTOBER 2026



Heaton Moor United Church

Sunday Services are at 10.45

18 th October	Rev Mike Aspinall	Communion and General Church Meeting
25 th October	Rev Dr Graham Adams	
1 st November	Deacon Janet Amey	All Age Worship
8 th November	Rev Dr Katie Smith	Remembrance Sunday
15 th November	Rev Dr Graham Adams	Communion Service

EDITORIAL

Editorial Letter

Here we are again , the last 2 weeks have flown by . Especially as I was on holiday for 1 of them . I had a lovely time up in the lakes and managed to stay relatively dry ! Things are starting to get busy in the office with lots of new events being organised and I am starting to look towards Christmas .

Sharon

Past Events

I believe the Lebone coffee morning was well attended more about that futher on in the newsletter . If you missed it , and the talk about the window , Andrew Barber has provided an article for the newsletter .

GENERAL INFORMATION

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PRAYER



Loving God

**Fill us with your grace, so we can
know the way and walk in it,
hear your word and respond to it'
see injustice and address it,
be attentive to pain and allievate it,
seek transformation and bring it,
through your empowering spirit. 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://www.stockportcircuit.org.uk/lib/file-1056418.pdf>

There is a Circuit Service on Sunday 25th October



Missional Partnership News

[LINK OCTOBER 26.PDF](#)

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 .

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/1QDpDLWBJZYzQJb1HhdOwnqHAb-huMIL8797YrRgkzj9AyU?e=fn05CO

The Synod link is here:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/68de3095e464465ae52e123c/t/6acced5ee7fd215d855a9598/1791815007943/9+October+2026.pdf>

FUNDRAISING

Lebone Coffee Morning and Window Talk

On Saturday 3rd October , £282.50 was raised from this event. We would like to thank you for generous support.

Also a big thank you to all those who donated cakes, our wonderful helpers and to Andrew for the very interesting and informative talk about the church window. We now know how truly special our window is !

Stephanie and Janice

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

We are looking for volunteers who would like to take part in our next local arrangements service on 22nd November. The theme is : The Servant King. Please contact Deborah Symmons: deborah.symmons@btinternet.com

Many thanks

Deborah

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>

I will be placing the order on 19th October .

Walter John Pearce created our wonderful window.

He was born in Brighton in 1857. Sadly, he was orphaned at the age of 10. Being an orphan in Victorian England was not easy start in life to say the least! He was moved between at least two orphanages but at the age of 14 he was apprenticed to a Painter & Decorator in Chard in Somerset, a placement that was to dictate the direction of his life.

Ten years later we find him living in Lewisham, London, working for Cox & Sons. The firm specialised in furnishing and decorating churches and had its own glass works. It is clear that Walter learned his skills in glass painting and producing leaded windows here.

In 1883 Walter married Annie Hood in Lewisham and within seven years they had moved to Didsbury, Manchester and built a family of three children. One child was adopted, and we can only speculate that Walter, having been an orphan himself, wanted to give a child a better start in life.

By the mid-1890s Walter had his own firm creating stained-glass windows, working from a workshop in Gartside St. in the centre of Manchester. Here he worked with other artists and craftsmen to produce leaded windows. It is likely that the workshop was one of many that fed the fashion for leaded panels in front doors and opening lights in the houses of the rapidly growing city, but it is Walter's designs for church windows that live on as his main legacy.

Beyond glass painting and manufacturing windows, Walter also taught painting and decorating at Manchester Municipal School of Technology and in 1898 he published a very successful book entitled "Painting and Decorating" that was reprinted many times, the last edition being printed in the 1960s!

In 1903 Walter was elected "Master" of the Northern Art Workers Guild, and he was also a Fellow of the British Society of Master Glass Painters.

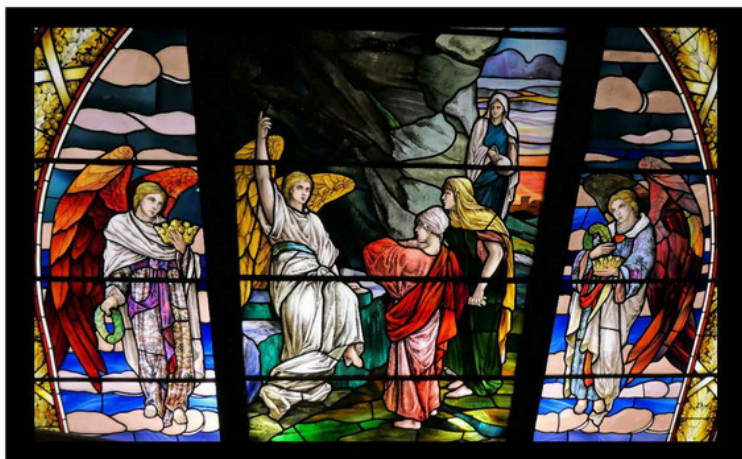
Walter J Pearce was a noted member of the Arts & Crafts movement in the North of England and his



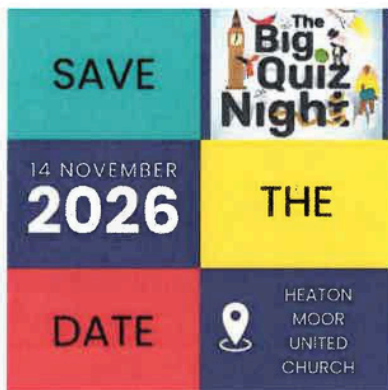
personal style is firmly Art Nouveau, with classical romantic themes and organic flowing lines. The Art Nouveau style is evident in many of his windows and runs throughout his decorating text book.

Walter patented a method of fixing gold leaf behind glass and several churches have wall panels that use this technique. He also created mosaics using tiles cut to shapes rather than small tesserae.

In 1939 at the age of 83 Walter was still advertising, working from a studio in Wilmslow, Cheshire. He died aged 86 in 1942 near Congleton in Cheshire, survived by his wife Annie. He had come a very long way from being an orphan to a successful businessman and respected artist.



This remarkable example of Walter J Pearce's work was created for Stockport Sunday School. It is now in Stockport Museum. The theme is the resurrection and the outer panels show classical romantic angels with beautifully detailed wings awaiting Christ with the trappings of victory. The central panel is of Easter morning when the women arrive at the tomb to find the stone moved and an angel proclaiming the risen Christ.



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!

 **Saturday 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>

Introducing... our Pudding Club!

We're delighted to announce that our very own Pudding Club will be joining us on quiz night!

For just £10, you can choose 3 puddings from our delicious selection. There'll be lots to tempt you, including:

-  Bread and butter pudding
-  Syrup steamed pudding
-  Plum crumble
-  Chocolate cake ...and more!

So come ready to exercise your brain and your sweet tooth!

 **Who will take home the glory?**

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

People's Emergency Briefing

Sustainable Living in the Heatons

Tuesday 10th November 2026 at 10am and Friday 13th November 2026 at 7pm

Heaton Moor United Church

Please come to a special community screening of The People's Emergency Briefing organised by Sustainable Living in the Heatons and Heaton Moor United Church. Watch this eye-opening 50-minute film bringing together nine leading UK scientists and experts with the latest evidence and why it matters for things like:

 Extreme weather

 Food security

 Health

 Cost of living

The film is based on the National Emergency Briefing in Westminster (featured by ITV, Channel 4 and The Times) with appearances from Chris Packham, Deborah Meaden, and a range of voices from across the UK.

After the film there will be an open discussion about what it means for our community and what we can do locally. Everyone over 16 is welcome.

Free event, but please book a place at:

<https://slheatons.org/free-film-screening-peoples-emergency-briefing/>

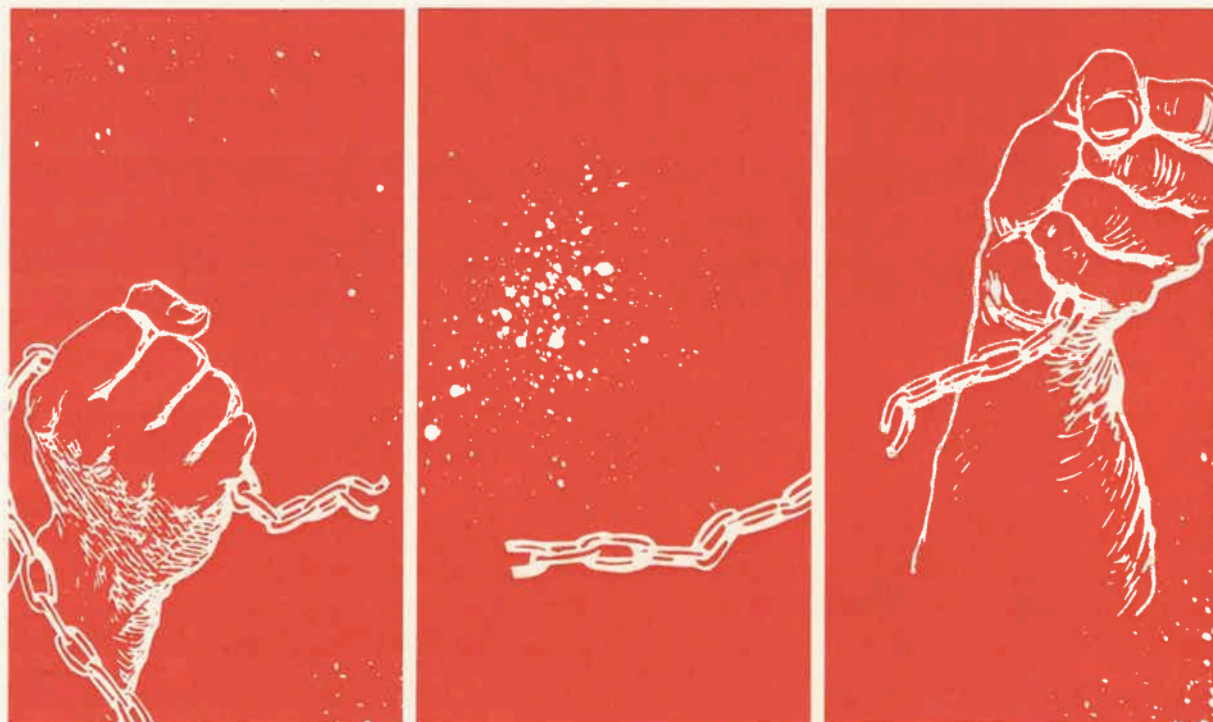
or use the QR code:



For more information about the film and other venues where it is being screened:

<https://www.nebriefing.org/>





REPARATIVE JUSTICE

How could the Methodist Church respond to its historical links to the transatlantic trade in enslaved African people and the ongoing impact today?

Come and join us for an opportunity to explore the history, hear different perspectives, reflect on what it means for us today, and consider what meaningful action might look like. This is a space to listen, learn, ask questions and share in conversation as we think together about justice, faith and our shared future.

This event is for anyone connected with our church, the wider Methodist and URC churches and communities who would like to learn more, listen to different experiences and contribute to shaping the Church's response.

Friday
23rd October
7pm
led by
Rev. Dr J Parry