



Heaton Moor United Church

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



NOTICES 28th April 2024

Sunday Services at Heaton Moor United Church

Services at 10:45 unless otherwise stated

28 th April	9:30 Short Service – Anne Wilde 10:45 Rev Dr John Parry	Searching for God in the West End - The Lion King
5 th May	10:00 Family Church 10:45 Local Arrangement	
12 th May	10:45 Rev Dr Raj Patta & Simon Peters	
19 th May	10:45 Rev Dr Graham Adams – Pentecost & Communion Service	Join from 10:00 for Pentecost Activities suitable for all ages

Additional Services

Thursday 16 th May at 15:00	Christian Aid Service	Short service followed by refreshments open to all
Tuesday 21 st May at 14:00	Dementia Friendly Short Service	Short service followed by refreshments open to all

Additional Events at Heaton Moor Church

Tuesday 30 th April	Funeral of Roseanne Rayner see notices for full details
Wednesday 1 st May 10:30 (weekly)	Coffee Morning -- All Welcome
Wednesday 1 st May 19:00	Royal Northern College of Music Concert
Thursday 2 nd May	Funeral of Jean Jarvis see notices for full details
Monday 6 th May at 19:45	Monday Fellowship – AGM
Tuesday 14 th May at 14:00	Ladies Fellowship
From Sunday 12 th – 18 th May	Christian Aid Week – see notices for further information

MESSAGE FROM THE CO-EDITOR

Hello Everyone!

It's been a reasonably quiet two weeks, especially as Sharon was off for a week with illness (!) Fortunately she is now mostly recovered and is back in the office.

On Friday 19th April we held a fraud awareness session run by Greater Manchester Police which was well attended by both church members and the wider community. As fraudsters become more and more proficient it can be easy to be "scammed" and the presentation was incredibly



informative. ActionFraud are the organisation that we were encouraged to report non-emergency fraud and cyber-crime, including suspicious calls, emails, texts and letters even if no money is involved.

www.actionfraud.police.uk

It was also wonderful to welcome Jessica into the Church family at her christening on Sunday!

We now look forward to our next event at church which is the annual concert by the junior section of the Royal Northern College of Music. This concert, which is always an entertaining musical night is taking place on the 1st May at 7pm and tickets are £5 on the door.

As always if I can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to contact me

JoAnne

07340 269 354` community@heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk

A reminder that our notices are now sent fortnightly. Notices are emailed and paper copies are available from outside of the office - if you require the information in larger print please speak with the office.

Please send any information to the notices to **JoAnne only**, by email at community@heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk or notices can be handwritten and left on the community workers desk!

Notices for Sunday:	Emailed/Printed	Latest submission date
12 th May	10 th May	8 th May
26 th May	24 th May	22 nd May
9 th June	7 th June	5 th June

Office Hours W/C 29/04/24

Monday 10:00 – 14:00

Tuesday 10:00 – 14:00

Wednesday 10:00 – 14:00

Thursday 10:00 – 12:00

Friday CLOSED

STAFF WORKING HOURS

Please note our administrator, Sharon's usual working days are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Our Community Worker, JoAnne's usual office days are Tuesdays and Thursday mornings and Wednesday are a non-working day

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



The funerals of Roseanne Rayner and Jean Jarvis take place next week, if you are unable to attend, we invite you to join us at this time by lighting a candle in memory of Roseanne and Jean and saying the following prayer:

God of Mercy, from whom we come,
by whose Grace we live, in whose love we are held at last;
surround us with your presence that in our grief and loss
we may find assurance and hope
in the One who died for us and rose again,
Even your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Funeral Arrangements:

Roseanne – 11:15 service at Heaton Moor United Church, then Stockport Crematorium for 12:15. Return to church for refreshments.

Jean – Rowan Chapel at Stockport Crematorium at 12:15 then service at Heaton Moor United Church at 13:15 celebrating Jeans life, with refreshments afterwards.



We also received the news today (25th April) that our friend, and church member Joan Burnett died peacefully in her sleep. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Christian Aid Week 12-18 May 2024

7 days, **so many ways**

This year we hear about Aline from Burundi, she was abused, homeless and hungry. Her life turned a corner when she participated in a community workshop with Christian Aid trainers. "I came out with amazing knowledge and skills". Aline set up as a grocery wholesaler and eventually earned enough money to rent a house. Her three eldest now live with her in a safe and happy home.

Here's what we plan to do at HMUC to support people like Aline:

* 70km, the target for the staff team and leadership (along with some friends!) to cycle in the church foyer on the exercise bike. Can you help us reach our target? Can you sponsor us?

* 70 (or even 100) cream teas to be delivered or collected from church. See the order sheet outside the office, minimum donation £5 (*per cream tea*)

* Jean to hopefully cycle 7x7km wearing similar clothes to Aline delivering envelopes and cream teas.

* Christian Aid envelopes

Sunday 12 May envelopes for donations on church seats to be collected after the service on 12th / 19th May.

Can you take 3 Christian Aid envelopes and invite friends or family to donate? *Return envelopes to Jean James / church office by 19th May*

Can you take some Christian Aid 'deliver only' envelopes to deliver in in your block of flats or to your neighbours, asking them to return to your home or another agreed drop off point?

Prefer to donate electronically? donate via our e-envelope

<https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2024/heatonmoorunitedchurch>

Can you share this with family and friends?

* Christian Aid worship service around the theme 'Extraordinary Love' join us through prayer, scripture and song as we explore together God's love for us and our call to love our neighbour.

If you have any questions please speak with Jean James, Katy Rowe or JoAnne

POLITE REQUEST

We are in a very fortunate position that our church building is in use everyday - the bulk of this use is from outside organisations who pay to use our space. Therefore, can we politely request that if a room is in use the occupants are not disturbed unless absolutely necessary.

Whilst some groups are “social” we do have some that have very strict safeguarding policies and others that are of a confidential/sensitive nature and it is not appropriate for other people to be in the room, even *just to get something*.

If you need to access a room that is in use, then in the first instance please ask at the office for assistance. If it outside office hours, please consider the necessity of disturbing a group. If you need to access a room for furniture, please consider other spaces in the church where furniture is kept, e.g. we have tables and chairs in the main hall, patio room, worship space and the coffee lounge. The storeroom in the coffee lounge can be accessed from both the coffee lounge and worship space.

Finally, as we are a busy building with an increasing community presence I am offering more pastoral support to people outside of our known church community. Can I therefore politely ask that you consider how urgent a request to speak to me is if I am already engaged with someone.

As always I am happy to discuss further - JoAnne

Book Launch: God the Child

Book Launch: God the Child, May 7, 2024

Join Luther King Centre to hear from Graham Adams and a panel who will engage with this fascinating and fresh theological exploration.

This is a free event on 7th May at 19:30.

To register

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/lutherkingcentreforthologyandministry/1147623>

We express the mystery of God with diverse metaphors, but mostly in Adult terms. In this experimental theological adventure, Graham Adams imagines what might flow from a more thorough ‘be-child-ing’ of God. Aware that the Child can be idealized, he selects particular characteristics of childness in order to disrupt God’s omnipresence, omnipotence and omniscience. The *smallness* of the Child re-envisages divine location in sites of smallness, like an open palm receiving the experiences of the overlooked. The *weakness* of the Child reimagines divine agency as chaos-event, subverting prevailing patterns of power and evoking relationships of mutuality. And the *curiosity* of the Child reconceives divine encounter as horizon-seeker, imaginatively and empathetically pursuing the unknown. These possibilities are brought into dialogue both with other theologies (Black, disabled and queer) and with pastoral loss, economic/ecological injustice, and theological education. Through these conversations, God the Child emerges not only as a new model for God, but intrinsic to God’s new social reality which is close at hand.



Greetings from Romiley Methodist Church.

We would like you to share in our monthly Film Show on the first Saturday of each month, shown on our "big white wall".

Our next film on 7th May is to be "The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry" (2023, rating 12A, with subtitles) starring Jim Broadbent about a man who goes to post a letter one day - and keeps on walking. The main feature starts at 2pm with an Intermission for the essential tea and cake. Bring your own cushion for extra comfort ! Entry is by donation (suggestion £4, inc cake). Romiley church is on Stockport Road Romiley SK6 3AA; all are welcome.



Heaton's Churches
Partnership

Come to the next Prayer gathering



On Saturday May 18th 2024,

7.45 for 8.00-9.00am

At Heaton Mersey Methodist, Cavendish Road, SK4 3DP

To pray for:-

- Each other
- Each other's churches
- Mission in the Heaton's
- Mission in Stockport



SAVE THE DATE!

Bravura Concert 22nd June at 19:30

On the afternoon of **Saturday 13th July 2024** we will be hosting an Manchester & Stockport District Farewell Tea Party, at a venue to be confirmed.

At the party we will be celebrating the life and the work of the District, before we merge into the North West England District from September 1st. We will also be celebrating the retirement of District Chair, Revd. Dr. Andrew Lunn.

RNCM



ROYAL NORTHERN
COLLEGE *of* MUSIC



HEATON MOOR
UNITED CHURCH

CONCERT

featuring soloists from the junior
section of the college

01 STARTING AT 7PM

MAY

Heaton Moor United Church,
Stanley Road,
SK4 4HL

£5 entry on the door
which includes
interval refreshments





Sunday afternoon Walk

Come and get to know your friends in the East Cheshire and Derbyshire borders Missional Partnership (United Reformed Church and partners).

Meet at New Mills bus station Rock Mill Ln, New Mills, High Peak SK22 4NS.

Sunday 12th May at 2:30pm.

For a gentle Sunday afternoon walk (about 2.5 miles) , exploring the millennium walkway and its beautiful surrounding countryside.

The path down to the walkway is a bit steep and can be muddy. Please wear appropriate footwear and bring a bottle of water.



Contact Liz Delafield on liz.delafield@nwsynod.org.uk for more details about this walk (and a contact number to phone if you are running late) and/or to receive further information about future walks.



Spring 2024: Refugee Update to the Churches

In case you missed it here's a quick reminder: our Circuit is sponsoring a Syrian refugee family to come and settle here in Stockport. A small project team is steering them through the forest of rules and regulations and supporting them as they learn English and get access to the medical help and schooling they need.

Project Team leader Viki Packman presented a full report to the April Circuit Meeting, setting out what we have done since the family arrived last October, and pointing the way ahead for them to take their full place in British society in the next two years.

If you would like more detailed information you can read Viki's full report to the Circuit Meeting [here](#).

Want to help, but don't know what's needed?

Maybe you could be one of our TALKERS! We're all good at it: so please come and share your skill in speaking English with family members.

Perhaps start with a 'no commitments' offer of just an hour as a taster to see how it goes? Times can fit round your timetable (and the family's own busy diary), and you will always have a second volunteer with you.

We also urgently need new recruits to our band of lift-givers for day-time medical appointments for the family, one of whom is quite severely disabled.

Could you sign up to be one of our TALKERS?

Could you sign up to be one of our DRIVERS?

If you can then please call JoAnne Roy our Volunteer Coordinator:

Call her on 07340 269 354 or email: community@heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk

New Bank Account and QR Code

Donations from individuals and church organisations are always very welcome and will certainly be put to good use.

Our account name is 'USC Sponsorship Scheme', A/c 67316436,
bank ref 08-92-99,

or you can make a card donation via our QR code shown here:-





**HEATON MOOR
UNITED CHURCH**

Children and Young People
May 2024 Notices



Heaton Moor United Church



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www.heatonmoorunitedchurch.org.uk

God speaks MY
language



Thursday 9th May
from 15:15

Hi!

Aloha!

Kon'nichiwa!

Hello!

iHola!

Howdy!



Messy Church, it's church, but not as you know it!

Every month people of all ages come together to discover Jesus, including those who've never been to church before. We eat, play and worship together. Expect activities, songs, prayers and different ways to express your faith.



FAMILY CHURCH
Sunday 5th May
at 10:00am

MAY THE
**HOLY
SPIRIT**
BE WITH YOU



EXTRA FAMILY CHURCH

19th May 2024



Join us from 10:00 as we celebrate Pentecost!



More details to follow - keep up-to-date on our social media channels!

CURRENT COLLECTIONS

Whilst it's true Jo-Anne will take collection of anything for either use for an activity or to re-home we are currently having an extra push on items for the charity Early Essentials.

Early Essentials (<https://earlyessentials.org.uk/>) works with health and social care professionals and other agencies, to give a helping hand to mums who are in desperate need of even the most basic supplies.

We are currently taking collections of the following items, good quality second hand is fine! Donations can be given to a volunteer at groups or left at the Church Office.

Newborn nappies	Moses baskets
Nappy sacks	Baby shampoo
Baby wipes	Baby body wash
Nappy cream	Blankets
Cotton wool	Newborn toys
Muslin squares	Moses basket sheets
Baby towels	Baby baths
Dribble bibs	Change mats
Newborn and 0-3 month clothing	

FOR BABY

All toiletry items must be new and unopened. Thank you!

Maternity pads	Disposable/new knickers
Thin sanitary towels	Breast pads
Toothbrush	Nipple cream
Toothpaste	Shower gel/soap
Shampoo and conditioner	Wash bag
Deodorant	Flannel
Chocolate or biscuits	Body moisturiser/lotion
Toiletry gift sets	Hand sanitiser
Hand cream	

FOR MUM



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