

HEATON MERSEY METHODIST CHURCH

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Thankyou.



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In case of an evacuation please assemble in the car park. Thank you.

We welcome everyone joining us in worship today

Coffee is served after every Sunday Service,

Please stay and enjoy a drink and a chat!



Our church is committed to using Fair Trade products. Please try to buy Fair Trade goods wherever possible



February Diary

Sunday 2nd February

10.00 Family Church@10

11.00 Service led by Mr. A Pennells

Sunday 9th February

10.45 Service led by Rev D Clowes

(Holy Communion)

10.45 Sunday Club

Sunday 16th February

10.45 Café Church Service led by Rev. Raj Patta

Sunday 23rd February

9.30 Prayer Time

10.45 Anniversary Service led by Rev. C Bird
Followed by lunch

Sunday 1st March

10.45 Service led by Mrs Carol Jack

10.45 Sunday Club

February Rotas

	2 Feb	9 Feb	16 Feb	23 Feb	1 Mar
Door	David	Pat	Heather	Glenys	David
Church	Hazel	Anne	Jonathan	Julie	Hazel
Vestry	David	Jean	Phil	Nora	David
Laptop Operator	Hazel	Preacher	Jonathan	Preacher	?
Slides Prep	?	Preacher	Preacher	Preacher	?
Flowers	Vacancy	Nora Lawton	Milly & Brian Choopan	Rosemary Palermo	Vacancy

Communion Stewards for 9th February Julie &

If you are unable to fulfil your rota please arrange for someone else to cover you.

Please Note

Information for the March 2020 newsletter should reach Steve Wright by 20th February

Email: wright_s15@sky.com

Regular Meetings



TUESDAYS 9.15 am Playtime@Church
(weekly during term time)

WEEKDAY WORSHIP

Within our Circuit there are other midweek
Worship sessions.

10.00 last Wednesday in the month at Heaton
Moor 2pm on 3rd Tuesday WICCETT at Trinity,
and there is a Circuit "Revive" service one
Saturday evening every month.

THURSDAYS 7.45pm for 8pm Lite Church
Informal Bible Study. At the manse.
Continuing to study 2 Peter.



1st SATURDAYS (monthly)
10am -12noon **Who Let the
Dads Out?** Activities for
men and pre-school
children. Contact Tracy on
07598 572904



SUNDAY AFTER 1ST SATURDAY 10.00am –
10.30am (Monthly) **Family Church @10**
Church family support welcome.



Last Sunday of each month

09.45 – 10.30am

Prayer Time Please feel free to come
and go during this session.
Contact Phil 432 2130

For your Diary

23rd February Church Anniversary 2020

Church Anniversary service led by our new Circuit
Superintendent Rev Cathy Bird. Following the
service we will have a church family lunch – all
welcome. Please bring some food starting with
the first letter of your first name. If you need any
ideas please speak to Sue Ainsworth. There will
be a sheet on the noticeboard for you to put what
you intend to bring.

Newsletter articles

If anyone has any interesting news to share with
the church family, here is the place to do it. Either
email to Steve Wright – details on front page or
speak to Sue Ainsworth.

Holiday @ Home

A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped
out at the recent Holiday@ Home event, a good
time was had by all.
Tracy and Sue

Communion

There are now several people within our
congregation who need a gluten free diet.
So following a discussion and tasting of gluten
free bread at the November leaders meeting, it
was agreed that from now on we will use gluten
free bread for communion.
The bread rolls for communion will be bought by
Cathy and stored in the freezer.

Presentation to Conference in 2000. re MEG BAILEY - Kenya Lay worker

1968 – 99 (Part One)

Meg Baily returned to Britain in late 1999 after more than 30 years of remarkable service with the Methodist Church, Kenya. She was an intrepid nurse who started her overseas work serving in an isolated Tana River hospital, where every journey was an adventure. She moved as the years progressed into more community-based health work. She studied hard to keep at the cutting edge of international best practise in health care delivery. By the end she had developed an extensive Connexional Health Care system. This journey from hospital institution to village-based organisation demanded all the courage, determination, flexibility and patience of those early river journeys.

Margaret lived and went to school in Hartlepool in the 1950's and after A levels trained as a nurse at St Thomas Hospital London. In 1960 she gained her State Registered Nurse qualification. Later qualifying as a Midwife. She worked at Manchester Royal Hospital for 7 years ending as Ward sister on a Medical ward.

Towards the end of this period she offered for service overseas, prepared for her designation to Kenya in 1967 and left for Swahili study in Nairobi in May 1968. Her first post was as Sister in Charge at Ngao Hospital, near the Tana River on the coast. She was formally responsible for the nursing side of this 70-bed hospital but in reality was involved in the whole work of the institution both in and beyond the compound boundaries. A 1973 report to the MMS office describes how the 'safari work' to village clinics had been interrupted 'because both boat engines are unrepairable at once'. After returning from furlough in 1971 when she had updated herself on nursing in the United Kingdom she became involved in the Dalu Agricultural Project, a new initiative to train young people in improved farming methods. When the doctor, the hospital administrator and a senior nurse all left together Meg was responsible for the entire functioning of the hospital for almost 18 months.

In 1973, once they were replaced, Meg moved to a new stationing at the Maua Hospital near Meru where she took up the position of Matron of the 130-bed hospital with maternity and children's wards. This post was extremely busy, with more than 1200 births in one year. The infrastructure demanded constant overhaul and development. One of Meg's pen portraits describes a journey through the laundry where a man was boiling linen in a container with so many holes that it almost defeated the laundryman's efforts to keep the fire going. She had to address management issues, acting like a consultant to enable people to improve management skills and to help establish clearer accountability in the organisation. She also became involved in organisational issues in the broader nursing

profession by becoming representative of the Protestant Churches' Medical Association on the Kenya Nursing Council.

On the other hand, the post reduced her contact with people in home and village situations. With some of her colleagues, she was concerned that although the hospital achieved a great deal - healing the sick. It was not making so much of an impact on the lives of the local communities in terms of education and preventative medicine. One can see from this period her constant push to reach beyond the hospital walls. In 1975 Meg came to the UK for a year of study on a Health Visitors Course at Manchester Polytechnic so as to set up a Community Health Department at Maua on her return.

She took up this role in October 1976 as Co-Ordinator of Community Health and Nurse Training. This involved implementing a new Enrolled Community Nurse training course as well as establishing the Community Health Department. These outreach efforts grew gradually as village health centres were established in conjunction with village committees. But each newly established committee and clinic arose from the particular health concerns of each community so that much patient negotiation and planning were required. Each one became a place where family planning, maternal, child health, rehydration treatment and dental health services could also be provided by a hospital outreach clinic. Volunteers were trained who gave basic sanitary and dietary advice informally among the villagers. In 1990 Meg went to Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine to take a three-month course in Management for Primary Health Care.

Part Two will be printed in the March edition,