

HEATON MERSEY METHODIST CHURCH

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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



January Rotas

Happy New Year 2020

Sunday 5TH January

10.00 Family Church@10

11.00 Service led by Mr. Chris Cowlshaw

Sunday 12TH January

10.45 Service led by Josh Openshaw

10.45 Sunday Club

Sunday 19th January

10.45 Café Church Service led by Mr Joseph Wood

Sunday 26TH January

9.45 Prayer Time

10.45 Covenant Service led by Rev. Raj Patta (Holy Communion)

10.45 Sunday Club

Sunday 2ND February

10.00 Family Church@10

11.00 Service led by Mr. Andrew Pennells

Please do not leave anything valuable in your coats if they are left in the lounge, as we cannot be held responsible.
Thankyou.

January Diary

	5 Jan	12 Jan	19 Jan	26 Jan	2 Feb
Door	David	Pat	Heather	Glenys	David
Church	Jonathan	Hazel	Julie	Jonathan	Hazel
Vestry	David	Jean	Phil	Nora	David
Laptop Operator	Jonathan	Hazel	Julie	Jonathan	Hazel
Slides Prep	Anne		Preacher	Preacher	
Flowers	Hazel White	Pru & Jonathan Stubbs	Bell Window	Ainsworth family in memory of Jean Royle	

Communion Stewards for 26 January Cathy & Hazel

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



Prayer Time

As from January this will be on the Last SUNDAY in the month

9:45-10.30am

Please feel free to come and go during this session.

Contact Phil 432 2130

For your Diary

Regular Meetings



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

WEEKDAY WORSHIP

Within our Circuit there are midweek Worship sessions.

10.00 last Wednesday in the month at Heaton Moor 2pm on 3rd Tuesday WICCETT at Trinity.

THURSDAYS 7.45pm for 8pm **Lite Church**

Informal Bible Study at the manse.

Recommences on **9th January** where we will be finishing 1st Peter and then move onto 2nd 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.



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.

Please Note

Information for the February 2020 newsletter should reach Steve Wright by 20th January
Email: wright_s15@sky.com

New Year Letter from our Church Development Worker

New Year, New Start. As we start a New Year I wonder if you have made any New Year Resolutions? Maybe it's to lose weight (me), exercise more (also me), give more, be patient. I could go on! I usually don't last more than a few weeks, but, maybe this year, it could be different. I don't know how you felt when you woke up on Friday 13th December after the general election. Looking at my friends on Facebook, a lot of them were deeply disturbed, upset and angry by the news. But a friend posted the following: The sun still rose! Cheer yourself up today. Wherever you are, do something lovely for someone who needs support today, and start changing the world one heart at a time. When I read that Facebook post I began to think maybe we should be more positive. We can make a difference. And I began to remember, we have a hope. I know we've moved away from Christmas but my favourite Christmas Carol say this:

Hope of the world,

Mary's Child,

you're coming soon to reign;

King of the earth,

Mary's Child,

walk in our streets again.

I believe that until Jesus returns, we have to walk the streets in His place.

But back to the Facebook post-do something lovely for someone who needs support. What can we do? From January we will be supporting the foodbank that is based at St Martin's church in Heaton Norris. We are mainly a gathered church here at Heaton Mersey Methodist Church, yet we are part of The Heatons' community. We should be seen as a church in this community where hope and love is found. At Playtime@Church this year we supported Wood Street Mission and I would like to thank the few people who from our congregation who donated some toys. In previous years WLTD0? and Playtime@Church have supported Reverse Advent. Many families in The Heatons have been helped over Christmas by the foodbank, but foodbanks are used every day of every week of every month and it's been happening for years and it will continue. Jill Barber in her wonderful wise men service said this: Jesus fed the hungry, healed the sick and brought good news to the poor. We try to follow his example but we aren't very good at it. Jill really helped me to focus on Stockport in her prayers. We may not be very good at 'it' but can we start our New Year by trying our best to support our local community? Look out for the new box in church for receiving donations in. Look out for the shopping list of things that are needed. Look out for the display in church where information will be shared. So, I pray your New Year's resolution will be to bring hope to many people in our community by support the foodbank. Lord I come to you, let my heart be changed, renewed. Flowing from the grace, that I found in you.

Tracy Brennan Development Worker

**TO THE LADIES OF THE UNITED STOCKPORT CIRCUIT.
LADIES NETWORK/MWiB**

The ladies of our Circuit used to be called The Ladies Network, it made no difference between denominations; whether you attended a Methodist church or a Methodist/URC partnership church you were still a member of Network. Active or not, every lady in the Circuit is automatically a member.

A few years ago the Ladies Network, alongside other 'ladies' organisations were grouped together under the umbrella of 'Methodist Women in Britain' (MWiB). As far as administration goes this has worked well. The only fly in the ointment seems to be that the name appears to discriminate against other denominations becoming part of MWiB.

The United Stockport Circuit has three Ecumenical partnerships with the URC and we the ladies of this Circuit would like to make it plain that the Ladies of the URC church are more than welcome to join with us in the work we do.

To all intents and purposes we are still The Ladies Network, helping each other to raise funds for different causes, not just being the administrators for the Easter Offering. We cannot carry out our charitable work as a Circuit if we are divided. Working together we can, with God's help, be a strong united force to do His work.

If you would like to become a more active member of our 'Network' then please don't hesitate to contact me.

There will be a general meeting for any interested lady on Monday March 9th 2020, at 12 noon (bring your own lunch) meeting starts at 12.30.at Trinity Methodist Church Woodsmoor. We will need to plan our way forward in our new Circuit and we will elect our treasurer, secretary and local president at this meeting. The present officers from the previous Stockport Circuit are willing to carry on in the interim.

Yours in God's Peace,
Carol Cork (interim President, United Stockport Circuit)