



Heaton Mersey Methodist Church



2nd May Rev Raj Patta
Holy Communion
10.45am

2nd May Circuit Service at 3pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87212246881?pwd=VXpyMzRYV21UZ1ZoYlkc2R4dmV1QT09>

Meeting ID: 872 1224 6881

Passcode: 974333



4th May Prayer Meeting at 7.30pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87966537529?pwd=ZkpDUmFCM3FtaUpyOTNtU292aVRJUT09>

Meeting ID: 879 6653 7529

Passcode: 407150

All the services are being recorded. Use the link below to access them. If you would prefer a CD or know someone who would like one please let Tracy know.

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/w86uhfy9xo0iwza/AABpm8DbV91g9IHRaEK31aq7a?dl=0>

Rev. Raj Patta will be celebrating a short service of Holy Communion at 2pm on Friday May 14th.

This service is open for anyone who would like to come along.

If you would like to come (and we hope you would feel able to do so) OR you would like to know more about how this service will be conducted then please speak to Anne before Friday May 7th.

Worship at Church

We will still be following guidance to stay 1 metres + apart as well as wearing masks. No singing in church but we are now able to sing outdoors but please keep social distancing.

Please let Anne know you are coming.

Please contact her by phone or email.

0161 442 9969 or cacowl463@gmail.com



FamilyChurch
Saturday 1st May
1pm till 2pm

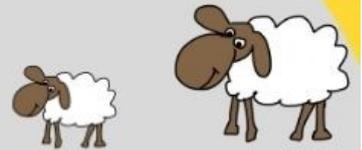
The Lost Sheep

Suitable for all ages.
Find a sheep
Make a pen for your sheep
Find out what the story means.

Please let Tracy know you are coming.
Everything is outside and all guidelines will be followed.

tracy@hmmc.org.uk

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Please share our Family Church dates with friends and family. It's happening on Saturday afternoons in the car park and gardens at church.

The dates are as follows:

1st May

5th June

3rd July

If you are on Facebook please use the share function to let people know about it.

If you want a flyer to drop off with anyone please let me know.

Family Church is suitable for children of all ages. It's interactive, fun and for all the family.

All current guidelines will be adhered to.

From Jill Barber

I have the go ahead from the leadership team to make a start on a project to regenerate the Church grounds.

There are two agendas:

- we are a mission Church and our grounds should be mission-friendly
- we are committed to stewardship of God's world, including the aim of being carbon-neutral by 2030.

Phase 1 of the plan has been widely discussed and is expected to include:

- Tree planting (trees are the simplest way to make quick advances towards carbon-neutrality). Note that concerns about tree size, ease of care, proximity to the building have all been noted, and will be addressed by seeking professional help. Several members of the congregation have expressed a wish to encourage biodiversity, and this is very welcome. The possibility of using meadow flowers to act as undergrowth has also been suggested (see the very attractive meadow area in the back left of the grounds).
- Creation of an enclosed children's play area.
- Creation of a seating area suitable for outreach activity.

Phase 2 involves transport (renovation of the car park, including drainage), a bicycle shed and electric car charging points.

Phase 3 is the stuff of dreams – a conservatory area leading directly to the forest, solar panels etc.

All Church members and friends are urged to get involved. Raj, Tracy and I have sought advice from Nicola Wood (my daughter, who is now an environmental consultant); we've probably addressed your concerns, and I can share the documents with anyone who'd like them. What we'd really like to hear is your ideas for making the Church grounds a really powerful witness for the 21st century.

On a practical level I need to recruit a working group for phase 1 and we need to report to the Church Council early in June. To express an interest please email me at: jillbarber82@gmail.com



Do you know of anyone who struggles with their reading?

Local charity Read Easy Stockport is hoping to encourage adults who struggle to read to come forward and ask for help.

They are asking people who know of friends and family members who cannot read, to pass on the Read Easy Stockport phone number, and encourage them to make a call that could transform their lives. Read Easy Stockport offers free and confidential one-to-one coaching, from trained volunteers.

Get in touch with Marie Joyce by email on stockportleader@readeasy.org.uk or call on 07957 516443. Thank you.

In last month's Newsletter we heard from Rev Raj about the life and witness of our church.

He also reflected on people from our church taking on responsibilities. As we move forward in opening up other activities, please consider prayerfully taking roles on at the church and our mission focussed activities.

We would like to get Playtime, WLDO? and Family Church back to being held at church. We have set up two Zoom meetings to look at these.

Playtime@Church: Wednesday 5th May at 11am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81926735792?pwd=OWVVVDMxNmtqNIU3T1hZUIdERDdGdz09>

Meeting ID: 819 2673 5792

Passcode: 055345

WLDO?: Monday 10th May at 7.30pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86172343955?pwd=ZFMycU95L2dkbmZ0TmNLeFNiVmQzQT09>

Meeting ID: 861 7234 3955

Passcode: 065107

If you want to know more about how you can be part of these groups please talk to Sue Ainsworth or Tracy Brennan.

Thursday Prayer

Healing for our World

Our Heavenly Father, we come to you, for we see such turmoil in our world,
and you see and know all things.

There are many people who are hurting and fearful, and who need your compassion and mercy.

You know each individual person, and your love sees no difference in race, creed, or religion.

We pray for all people to see and understand your love within them.

We pray, too, for healing for our world so one day there will be peace.

Father, use us your faithful ones, your candles, to bring light and healing to others.

In us may they see your love in our hearts and seek to know you more.

May you bring peace and love to our world.

Amen

Linda Fleming, Pastoral Worker HMUC

