



## Zion Methodist Church Notices Sunday 1 December 2024



### Sunday 1 December: 10.30am

- ✝ Worship led by Mr J Hewitt
- ✝ First Sunday in Advent

### Sunday 8 December: 10.30am

- ✝ Worship led by Rev Dr Val Ogden
- ✝ Second Sunday in Advent

### Advent (week 1) Liturgy

Advent dawns with lights strung high and music everywhere, sights and smells abound around, senses assaulted and confused, O hush the noise, **Let's hear the angels sing.**



Amid the lists and cards and gifts, amid the pleas and "please can we", amid the chaos of the world, O hush the noise, **Let's hear the angels sing.**

Let's seek to see and seek to hear. Let's seek to feel and seek to know. Let's seek to find peace and love. O hush the noise, **Let's hear the angels sing.**



### Hush the Noise

Christmas is loud, isn't it? So much expectation. So many voices. Telling us how to celebrate, what to wear, what to eat and drink, what to watch and what to buy.

Instead, this Christmas, The Methodist Church is inviting everyone to hush the noise. To listen for the love song that the angels bring, this and every year. They sang it for the first time more than 2,000 years ago, on the midnight clear. They're just waiting for us to join in. Together, let's send back the song this Christmas.

Watch the Methodist Church's Christmas film, part of an online campaign, run by the Connexional Team, to connect with people open to exploring faith across the digital landscape: <https://www.methodist.org.uk/about/news/youre-invited-to-hush-the-noise-this-christmas/>

You can sign up for a weekly Advent email: <https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/christmasresources/weekly-advent-discipleship-gift-emails/>. Each week throughout Advent, you'll receive an email from the Methodist Church on a Monday, filled with thoughts and activities to help you Hush the Noise and join in the eternal song. These resources include suggestions for individual reflection, as well as ideas and inspiration for those involved in church communities during this busy season.

## Hark! – the Christmas single

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing is one of Methodism's earliest carols. Originally written by Charles Wesley, the Methodist Church has produced a new version of this wonderful song in time for Christmas. Hark! is out now and can be streamed or downloaded from wherever you usually get your music.



There is a lyric performance video which can be viewed on their Youtube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wTqOAPzGnL8>



Hark! features vocals from two Methodist singers, Thomas Simm, District Safeguarding Officer in Chester and Stoke-on-Trent and Iona Cameron, from the Solihull Methodist District.

This modern take on the classic carol Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, is one of two new arrangements of carols The Methodist Church is releasing this year. Keep an eye out for their second single, A Midnight Clear, dropping on 6 December.

Finally, on 10 December, Christmas Vol. 1 will be released. This will include last year's single, Be Born (a modern take on O Little Town of Bethlehem), the two new singles, and a bonus soundtrack from the 2024 Christmas film.

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## Daily Christmas Reflections

You can also sign up for the Methodist Church daily Christmas reflections – from Christmas Eve to Epiphany – at: <https://www.methodist.org.uk/faith/hush-the-noise/> Daily pieces of content, with a focus on connecting with audiences who don't have much church knowledge but who understand there is something more in life than the noise which distracts us all too easily. Share it with your friends and family and on social media.

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## Be a charity Secret Santa

Three million UK children now live in poverty. That's almost 1 in 3 children. It's relentless. And it doesn't stop because it's Christmas. Action for Children are inviting you to help a vulnerable child feel the magic of Christmas with a virtual gift:

<https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/support-us/make-a-donation/>



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## Zion Christmas Cards

The board near the Kitchen door is now available for your Christmas cards to the church community. Also on the board is an Advent Calendar for the community to use. Pull off the correct holly leaf and place in the bag provided.

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## **Circuit Prayer Meeting at Centenary: Friday 6 December, 10.45am**

The next Circuit Prayer meeting will be at Centenary. If you have any prayer suggestions from yourself or for others (being sensitive, of course, about what we share) please contact Mr G Carter, Rev Marie Greenwood or Mr B Stock who are guiding Boston Methodist Circuit's Prayer Ministry.

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## **'Light up a Life' Remembrance Event: Saturday 7 December, 4pm to 5pm**

The Butterfly Hospice Trust annual 'Light up a Life' Remembrance Event at St Botolph's Church (The Stump). Free Community Event. Everyone welcome. A wonderful way to remember your loved ones. Register your free place online at <https://www.butterflyhospice.org.uk/event-details/light-up-a-life-2024> or call the Charity Office on 01205 311222.

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## **Boston Town Carols at Centenary: Sunday 8 December, 6pm**

The next Big Sing will take place at Centenary on Sunday 8 December with Boston Town Carols at 6pm. Refreshments will be served from 5.30pm. A collection will be taken for the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal.

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<b>Weekly activities at Zion</b>		
<b>Mondays</b>	10am-12pm	Knit & Knatter
	2pm-3pm	Zumba dance class
	7.15pm	Badminton (Sep-Apr)
<b>Tuesdays</b>	6pm-7.15pm	Beavers and Cubs
	7pm-9pm	Scouts
	7.30pm	'The Way' Fellowship Group (1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tue)
<b>Wednesdays</b>	9.45am	Boston Community Health Walk
	5pm-6pm	Rainbows
	6pm-7.15pm	Brownies
	7pm	Short Mat Bowls (Sep-May)
<b>Thursdays</b>	7.15pm-8.45pm	Guides
	9.30am-11.30am	Coffee Morning
	12.30pm	Community Lunch (3 <sup>rd</sup> Thu; booking required)
<b>Fridays</b>	10am	Trinity Badminton Group
	2pm-4pm	Come & Meet Each Other (CAMEO) – table top games, puzzles



# Boston Methodist Churches CHRISTMAS SERVICES



**December 2024**

Sunday 1 Dec 6pm Carol Service HOSPITAL BRIDGE, PE21 9BU

Sunday 8 Dec 6pm Boston Town Carols CENTENARY, PE21 6NY

Sunday 15 Dec 10.30am Carol Service KIRTON, PE20 1JB

Sunday 22 Dec

10.30am Carol Service CENTENARY, PE21 6NY

10.30am Family Christingle KIRTON, PE20 1JB

10.30am Carol Service SWINESHEAD, PE20 3LH

10.30am Carol Service ZION, PE21 8HD

Tuesday 24 Dec - **CHRISTMAS EVE**

3pm Family Christingle Service ZION, PE21 8HD

Wednesday 25 Dec - **CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES**

10am Services at Kirton, Swineshead and Zion

Sunday 29 Dec All Methodist Churches **NEW YEAR SERVICE**

10.30am CENTENARY, PE21 6NY

**A warm welcome  
to all.**

*Hush the Noise  
Join the Love Song  
this Christmas*



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