

ZION METHODIST CHURCH

Weekly Notices

Sunday 1st November 2026



THIS SUNDAY

1st November, 10.30am
Mrs K Willis, All Saints Sunday

NEXT SUNDAY

8th November, 10.30am
Rev Pete Taylor
Remembrance Sunday Parade Service

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

Christians around the world risk persecution and face suffering because of their faith. To mark the International Day of the Persecuted Church, we offer a prayer for those who don't have the freedom to worship openly.

God of the silence, we pray for siblings across the world who may only whisper your name in praise. May they know your presence in the stillness, their hearts full of faith.

God of the darkness, we pray for siblings across the world only able to meet at night, in secret or even alone. May they know your creative Spirit hovering over the depths of their hope.

God of the outsiders, we pray for siblings across the world, locked out of places of worship by government authorities. May they see your hand at work in the sanctuary of your creation and the signature of your love.

God of justice, as we pray for siblings in the persecuted Church, for freedom to worship you, help us to avoid simplistic and wrong characterisations of other faiths, cultures and people.

May we see with your love, seek justice with your passion and stand in solidarity with all who seek to worship and express their faith free from fear. **Amen**.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL 2026 – CAN WE BEAT 23?

Last year, Zion donated 23 shoeboxes to support children, families and older people across Eastern Europe, particularly in Ukraine. Can we beat that this year?

The appeal is organised by **Boston St Botolph Rotary Club**, who arrange for the boxes to be delivered to those in need.

Empty boxes are available at Zion, with gift suggestions printed on them. Please return your filled boxes by **Sunday 22nd November**, with a £2–£3 contribution towards transport costs, if possible.

Every box makes a difference!

John Wright – 07711 942096

'SHOP FOR GOOD' CHRISTMAS STOCK

Centenary Methodist Church 'Shop for Good' now has a range of Christmas cards and gifts available. Open Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am to 12 noon. Pop along to have a browse.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Zion Church Council	Tuesday 3rd November, 3pm	Single agenda item – Neighbourhood Worker role.
Zion Remembrance Sunday Parade Service	Sunday 8th November, 10.30am	Worship led by Rev Pete Taylor.
Advent Circuit Service at Centenary	Sunday 29th November, 10.30am	Advent Sunday Circuit Service with Holy Communion. No service at Zion.
Zion Christmas Fayre	Saturday 5th December	Save the date! Ideas and suggestions are welcome – please speak to Lesley.
Centenary Christmas Tree Festival and Fair	Saturday 12th December, 10am to 1pm	Including a Christmas organ recital, cake and refreshments.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT ZION

MONDAYS	10am–12noon	Knit & Knatter
	2pm–3pm	Dance for Fun
	7.15pm	Badminton (Sept–Apr)
TUESDAYS	6pm–7.15pm	Beavers & Cubs
	7pm–9pm	Scouts
	7pm–8.30pm	'The Way' Fellowship Group (1st & 3rd Tuesday)
WEDNESDAYS	9.45am	Boston Community Health Walk
	5pm–6pm	Rainbows
	6pm–7.15pm	Brownies
	7pm	Short Mat Bowls (Sept–May)
	7.15pm–8.45pm	Guides
THURSDAYS	9.30am–11.30am	Coffee Morning
	12.30pm	Community Lunch (3rd Thursday; booking required)
	6.30pm–7.30pm	Pilates
	6.45pm–8.15pm	AA
FRIDAYS	10am	Trinity Badminton Group (Sept–Dec)
	2pm–4pm	CAMEO – table-top games & puzzles (July & Sept-Dec)
	6pm–7.30pm	Zion Youth Group
SATURDAYS	11.45am–1.15pm	AA