



Zion Methodist Church Notices Sunday 21 September 2025



Sunday 21 September: 10.30am

- ✝ Worship led by Mr G Carter
- ✝ Holy Communion

Sunday 28 September: 10.30am

- ✝ Worship led by Mrs K O'Flynn
- ✝ Harvest Festival

Prayers for Peace

Sunday 21 September is UN World Peace Day and falls during the World Council of Churches week of prayer for peace in Palestine and Israel. On this day, Christians across the UK are asked to come together to pray for peace, justice and the dignity of all in solidarity and shared witness.

Prayer for Peace in Gaza, in the West Bank and in Israel

In the days of the prophet Habakkuk, God spoke of stones crying out against oppression and violence. Centuries later, as Jesus entered Jerusalem, he told the Pharisees that if his followers were silent, the very stones would shout aloud in witness to him. Today, as we listen to the cries of pain rising from the rubble of Gaza, we pray with the conviction that to praise Christ as King is also to pray and act for his peace and justice.

God of stones that shout, and of people too often silent, we cry out in despair as violence and killings continue. Lord, may there be a ceasefire that lasts.

God of stones that shout, and of people too often silent, we cry out in horror at the images of emaciated children. Lord, may aid reach all those who need it.

God of stones that shout, and of people too often silent, we cry out for release of those held captive. Lord, may all hostages and detainees be set free.

God of stones that shout, and of people too often silent, we cry out in frustration as leaders posture and prevaricate. Lord, may hearts soften and meaningful dialogue begin.

God of stones that shout, and of people too often silent, we cry out in recognition of our complicity in violence and oppression. Lord, in your Kingdom, no one would profit from war or occupation.

God of stones that shout, and of people too often silent, we pray for all who are suffering and grieving today. We pray for people in Gaza, in the West Bank, in Israel, and around the world. We pray for those silenced, and those simply silent. We pray for peace.

If God's people keep silent, the rubble will shout aloud. As we cry out for justice, **we commit to being people of peace.** May it be so. **Amen**

Mission & Outreach Update

Following on from last week's Mission & Outreach meeting, a report is on the noticeboard for anyone to read.

The main points were:

- ✚ A 'round-up' of the groups, led by church members, meeting at Zion during the weekdays.
- ✚ Talked about 'extras' to the Christian Festivals we celebrate here at Zion e.g., Harvest - feel free to decorate a small side window in church during the coming week. Maisie and Irene will be providing a display of fish from Cafe Church that Rev Val led a few weeks ago. Please see one of them if you have a fish that you took home to colour. They need them!! Remembrance The Guide and Scout groups have been asked to provide a poppy display if they can. We started discussing the Christmas Fayre but there will be another meeting to discuss this further, date to be decided.
- ✚ Zion will be having a table at 'Autumn Days' to be held in Boston Stump on Thursday 25 September, 10am to 2pm. If anyone would like to help out with a rota on the table, please see Lesley.

Zion Church Council meeting: Monday 22 September, 2pm

The next meeting of Church Council is on Monday 22 September at 2pm.

Circuit Prayer Meeting: Friday 26 September, 10.45am to 11.30am

Circuit Prayer Meeting every Friday, 10.45am to 11.30am, in the Little Chapel at Centenary Methodist Church.

Prayers for roadHoG at St Thomas's Church: Friday 26 September, 7pm

As you know roadHoG runs on Prayer – plus a little diesel! On Friday 26 September, roadHoG are planning for as many people as possible to meet together at St Thomas's Church in Boston (PE21 7EJ) for an hour of collective prayer for the Project and all the young people in and around Boston who they are privileged to have contact with. They would like to see as many people as possible there, so if you can spare an hour to join them, please do.

Zion Harvest Festival: Sunday 28 September, 10.30am

The Zion Harvest Festival will take place next Sunday, on 28 September, and will be led by a guest preacher, Mrs Kate O'Flynn. So don't forget to bring your harvest offerings, which after the service will be divided in two and delivered to the Food Bank and also Centrepont Outreach.
