

Zion Methodist Church Notices Sunday 2 November 2025



Sunday 2 November: 10.30am

- ♣ No service at Zion
- ☆ Circuit Service at Kirton

Sunday 9 November: 10.30am

- ⊕ Worship led by Mr G Carter
- Remembrance Sunday Parade Service

International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP): Sunday 2 November

This Sunday sees the annual International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church.

Release International's theme this year is Pastors under Pressure. They have produced a short video film, focusing on pastors in Sri Lanka: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3LfhfZD2zIk

Prayer points:

- ♣ Pray for Christian pastors like Akashan in Sri Lanka, that they will have courage to continue their work despite the threats and intimidation.
- Pray that authorities in Sri Lanka would act justly, approve new church building applications, make proper provision for Christian burials, and follow up cases of harassment against Christians.
- Pray for Christian pastors like Mohan in India. Pray that they will not be silenced or intimated by the threat of fundamentalist mobs. Pray against the expansion of anti-conversion laws. Pray that pastors who have been arrested will get the legal assistance they need to defend themselves.
- Pray for Christian pastors like Wang Yi in China. Pray for those who are currently in prison or are awaiting sentencing. Pray that God will give them courage and confidence in Him; that they will have opportunities to share the gospel with their fellow inmates and guards; and that the Lord will provide for their families.
- Pray for Christian pastors in many other countries around the world such as Iran, Eritrea, Nigeria, Laos and Algeria who face daily discrimination, threats of violence, and arrest. Pray that God will sustain their faith and protect their churches.
- Pray for the church and its leaders in the UK. Pray that we would make the most of the freedom we have to worship God, share the gospel, and grow our church communities.

Kirton Methodist Church Anniversary: Sunday 2 November, 10.30am

Service led by Rev Ian Brown, RAF Chaplain. Including Bible Heroes for 4 to 12 year olds. Kirton are delighted to welcome friends from across Boston Methodist Circuit. To be followed by tea/coffee and cake in the hall.

Wellbeing at Centenary: Tuesday 4 November, 12 noon to 3pm

Kane Wright will be presenting 'Nutrition and Exercise for Wellbeing' at the Boston Wellbeing Hub at Centenary Church on Tuesday 4 November from 12 noon to 3pm. Limited to 16 spaces so please reserve a space by emailing rob.whiley@stbarnabashospice.co.uk. Please wear appropriate clothing for light exercises (not jeans).

Community Choir Rehearsals: from Wednesday 5 November, 8pm

Boston Town Carols is taking place on Sunday 14 December at Centenary. Once again there will be the formation of a Community Choir for the event and rehearsals will be on Wednesdays commencing Wednesday 5 November, 8pm at the Salvation Army. Anyone wishing to take part is welcome to join the choir.

Circuit Prayer Meeting: Friday 7 November, 10.45am to 11.30am

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

RoadHoG Training at Holy Trinity: Saturday 8 November, 2pm to 6pm

The next session of roadHoG Team Members Training will take place (God willing) on Saturday 8 November at Holy Trinity Church (Spilsby Road, Boston, PE21 9NS) from 2pm until 6pm.

There is no need to book - folks can just turn up - and be guaranteed a very warm welcome. So if you feel that being a Member of roadHoG might be right for you, or you know someone who either has shown an interest in becoming part of the project, or who you think might be interested, please pass on these details to them.

For more information about roadHoG, see the latest newsletter online with updates on the Town Centre Stop, the Blue Bus, staffing and team leaders: https://roadhogbus.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/171-November-2025.pdf

'ALL WE CAN' Harvest Appeal Envelopes: deadline Sunday 9 November

If you have taken one of the 'All We Can' (Methodist Relief & Development) Harvest Appeal Envelopes and would like to return them, please include them in the Offertory or hand into the Office after the Service by 9 November.

Free Digital Drop-in Support at Centenary: Wednesday 12 November, 9.30am to 11.30am

Need help with your phone, tablet or computer? Build your digital skills in a relaxed and friendly setting.

Zion Annual Clean: Saturday 15 November, 9am

Saturday 15 November at 9am is the annual inside clean of the church. Please come along to help if you can.

Wreath Making Workshop at Gipsey Bridge: Saturday 15 November, 1.30pm

Two Bridges Methodist Mission are holding a wreath making workshop with afternoon tea at Gipsey Bridge Methodist Chapel on Saturday 15 November from 1.30pm to 3.30pm approx. Booking essential, please contact Rachel Peacock rae mortgages@hotmail.com or 07931 366998 for a booking form. Total price £35, all material provided. Deposits required with booking form £15 by 7 November.

Zion Christmas Fayre: Saturday 6 December, 10am to 2pm

- Prefreshments: coffee, tea, squash, biscuits, cakes etc.
- Lunches: jacket potatoes with choice of fillings
- → Stalls: books, cakes, cards, craft, gifts, jigsaws, plants, produce, raffle, small competitions, tombola & more!

Carol Concert at Centenary: Saturday 6 December, 7pm

Boston Choral Society present an evening of seasonal music, under the direction of Anthony Baldery, with accompaniment by Lisa Coe. Tickets £14 from Choir members, the Gift Shop at the Stump and Centenary.

Christmas at 'Shop for Good' at Centenary

'Shop for Good' now have a range of Christmas cards, advent calendars and Ben and Hannah Dunnett products and calendars for 2026. Please call in to have a look.

District Fortnightly Prayer Calendar

Rev. Angy Long has put together a fortnightly prayer cycle for the District and this can be found here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/10SGt8EyXox5VPHc6UVysym-kdJ1rvyl0/view?usp=sharing

Thanks from Centrepoint Outreach

Zion has received a letter from the team at Centrepoint Outreach to thank everyone for the generous donation of harvest food. This will be used to provide hot snacks and other refreshments for homeless and vulnerable people attending their drop-in, as well as food parcels for individuals struggling to afford to buy food.

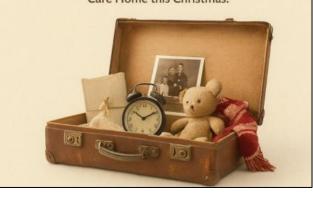
Centrepoint Outreach has seen exceptional demand for their services over the last year and a significant increase in the number people rough sleeping in Boston. 362 homeless and vulnerable individuals have attended their drop-in for support since October 2024. The staff and volunteers have provided 5,923 hot meals, 258 food parcels and distributed 1,811 items of clothing, bedding and toiletries. They have also provided 1,495 showers and washed and dried clothes for rough sleepers on 1,445 occasions.

Thank you for your very generous donation which will enable Centrepoint Outreach to help homeless and vulnerable individuals who come to them in need.

The Memory Suitcase Project

- Christmas at Elmwood Care Home -

Zion Methodist Church is creating a Memory Suitcase filled with familiar objects, photos and music to bring back happy memories for the residents at Elmwood Care Home this Christmas.



We need your help!

- Old-fashioned items or photos (1950s-1980s copies welcome)
- Small objects that stir memories fabrics, toys, postcards, tools
- Friendly volunteers to help with gentle conversation sessions in December

Please bring donations to Zion Methodist Church or contact Alina (Neighbourhood Worker) if you'd like to help or find out more

Let's share Christmas memories and brighten someone's day!

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