



Zion Methodist Church Notices Sunday 30 November 2025



Sunday 30 November: 10.30am

- ✝ First Sunday in Advent
- ✝ Vine Service led by Zion Members

Sunday 7 December: 10.30am

- ✝ Second Sunday in Advent
- ✝ Worship led by Mr M Jessop

Advent Liturgy 1: You are a Gift

Gift-giving God, **may Advent be for us a time of giving and receiving.**

Lord God of this Advent season, of every season, every day, minute and second, give us, we pray, the gift of peace in this season of Advent. Bring peace to the world, but also bring peace within each of us.

Gift-giving God, **may Advent be for us a time of giving and receiving.**

May we start today and not wait to become, and to be, the person/people you want us to be, so that we can give the best that we can of you and ourselves, to those around us.

Gift-giving God, **may Advent be for us a time of giving and receiving.**

Advent video reflections

Join the President and Vice President of the Methodist Conference on an expedition of discovery through Advent. What gifts will you unwrap? This week the theme is the gift of peace: <https://youtu.be/LCdbqA2ULA0>

Eric Friar's Funeral: Wednesday 10 December, 1.30pm

Eric Friar's funeral will take place on Wednesday 10 December at 1.30pm at Boston Crematorium.

Our Story, Our Song

This is the theme of the President and Vice-President this year. Lincolnshire Methodist District is inviting individuals and groups in our churches to create something artistic in response to the theme. It could be a painting, a piece of needlework, a poem, a song, craft item or something else. These will be on display or listened to at Synod in March 2026 and be sent out on loan across the District during the summer.

Please let Rev. Angy know if you hope to create something at PA@lincolnshiremethodist.org.uk or phone 01522 370126.

Care Home Carol Services: Wednesday 3 December, 2pm

- ✝ Wednesday 3 December at 2pm: Westfield House, Sleaford Road
- ✝ Wednesday 10 December at 2pm: The Gardens Care Home, Sleaford Road

If anyone is available and would like to help with singing / readings / prayers please contact Jean.

It would be good to have a small choir and Christmas jumpers mandatory!!

Kirton Christmas Concert: Thursday 4 December, 7.30pm

With Kirton Brass Band at Kirton Methodist Church.

Circuit Prayer Meeting: Friday 5 December, 10.45am to 11.30am

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

Zion Christmas Fayre Preparation/Setting Up: Friday 5 December, 2pm

On Friday afternoon (5 December), between 2pm and 4pm, Zion will be open to set up the stalls ready for Saturday. If you have any cloths/decorations suitable for the tables, please bring along. The more people that help, the quicker we will finish! So please come along if you are free and feel able to help. We are still in need of helpers, 2 per stall. Please sign up if you are able to help. Drink and biscuit @ 3pm!!

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



Christmas Fayre
6th December
10AM - 2PM
ZION METHODIST CHURCH,
BROTHERTOFT ROAD, PE21 8HD

REFRESHMENTS:
COFFEE, TEA, SQUASH
BISCUITS, CAKES, ETC
LUNCHES: JACKET POTATOES
WITH CHOICE OF FILLINGS

STALLS:
BOOKS, CAKES, CARDS, CRAFTS,
GIFTS, JIGSAWS, PLANTS,
PRODUCE, RAFFLE, SMALL
COMPETITIONS, TOMBOLA, &
MORE!

See you there!

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If anyone would like to contribute to the Fayre we are looking for the following items:

Items	Date to be brought in
Chocolate tombola	From today
Tombola	
Books	From 20 th November
Jigsaws	
New Gifts	
Items for Christmas	
Luxury Food	
Hamper – a Raffle Prize	
Cakes etc	Preferably 5 th December
Produce	
Preserves	
Plants	

These can be left on the table in the entrance, at the top of the stairs.
Thank you

Light up a Life Remembrance Event: Saturday 6 December, 4pm

Butterfly Hospice annual Light up a Life Remembrance Event at Centenary on Saturday 6 December, 4pm to 5pm (arrive from 3pm).

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 Celebration at Centenary: Wednesday 10 December, 6.30pm

Join Centenary for a truly special event featuring The Band of the Royal Airforce College and The Coastal Community Choir, with wonderful readings and performances from local schools.

This memorable evening will be recorded for broadcast on BBC Radio Lincolnshire, so don't miss your chance to be part of something extraordinary in the heart of Boston! Doors open 5.30pm, start time 6.30pm. Book tickets at www.centenarymethodistchurchboston.org.uk

Zion Mission & Outreach meeting: Thursday 11 December, 10am

The date for the next Mission and Outreach meeting is Thursday 11 December at 10am. This meeting will focus on new initiatives, and events for 2026 providing us with chances to reach out and to look at our faith through spectacular pieces of thread work.

There are now 4 new ideas to discuss and debate over. Please come along and find out more.

If you think "we could do that at Zion" or "wouldn't it be good to get the church family together doing...." please speak to Lesley or bring ideas to the meeting.

Boston Town Carols at Centenary: Sunday 14 December, 6pm

Join Boston's local churches as we celebrate Christmas together at Centenary. Refreshments from 5.30pm. A collection will be taken for the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. Need more details? Call 01205 355543

Zion / Circuit Christmas Services:

- ✚ Sunday 21 December, 10.30am: Carol Service
 - ✚ Thursday 25 December, 10am: Christmas Day Service
 - ✚ Sunday 28 December, 10.30am: Circuit Service at Centenary
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Two Bridges Festive Afternoon Tea: Sunday 21 December, 4pm

Please join us on Sunday 21 December at Hospital Bridge Chapel, Norfolk Street at 4pm for a delicious afternoon tea followed by our 6pm Evening Service with Carols. Please contact Lynn on 07896 128727 to book your place.

What is Advent about? (Bible Society)

'The boss is coming; look busy!' Perhaps you've come across this line on someone's office mug. We seem masters at applying it to Advent. The season of focus on the coming of Christ can be the most frantic and distracting time of the year.

Work deadlines ensure it, as do school events; crammed superstore car parks; post office queues; a scary credit card balance and coughing fits that won't go away.

Advent was originally a time to prepare for baptism involving prayer and fasting. But the period the ancients designed for quiet contemplation has become a rat race that can easily generate worry and exhaustion.

Not to mention those who are going through a tough time; how can the heartbroken relate to Advent's fourfold message of hope, peace, joy, and love?

Advent candle: hope

Advent is about tuning into Christmas. Before long, Christians will be celebrating the twofold arrival of the Saviour: back then, in Bethlehem; and in future, when he returns to establish his eternal reign.

Most church traditions include the advent wreath in their celebrations. The nights leading up to the winter solstice keep getting longer. Meanwhile, the light increases, week by week, candle by candle. A symbol of hope as darkness falls.

Advent is a chance to spend a few minutes a day calming down and refocussing on our hope in Christ, which lies beyond our present circumstances.

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/bible-articles/what-is-advent-about?>

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 (1 st and 3 rd 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)