



Zion Methodist Church Notices Sunday 7 December 2025



Sunday 7 December: 10.30am

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

Sunday 14 December: 10.30am

- ✝ Third Sunday in Advent
- ✝ Worship led by Rev Julie Doddrell
- ✝ Holy Communion
- ✝ Charity collection: Centrepont

Advent Liturgy 2: The Orange in the Stocking

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

Holy God, the greatest gift giver of all times, you are not the 'stocking filler' or little extra, you are the greatest and best gift that can be given.

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Holy God, you call us to be the gift of God to neighbours and strangers. You call us to be life giving to all those we encounter. You call us to be a blessing to the Church and the world.

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

May we sort the wheat from the chaff in our lives. May we not be just little stocking filler extras but full to overflowing with your love. May we truly seek to be the holy gift you call us to be.

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Christmas Cards

The board near the kitchen door is now ready for your Christmas Cards, if you wish to use it.

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

Eric Friar's funeral will take place on Wednesday at Boston Crematorium.

Care Home Carol Service: Wednesday 10 December, 2pm

At 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!!

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

Please could as many people as possible come along this Thursday to the Mission & Outreach meeting. It will be at the same time as coffee morning, so you can grab yourself a drink and biscuit too.

Last time we discussed:

- the church groups e.g. knit and knatter etc..
- ideas to enhance worship or entertain at Harvest time, Remembrance, Christmas and Easter.
- the Christmas Fayre.

This Thursday we will discuss the following ideas for 2026/2027

New initiatives/events: Mentioned by people at 90th Celebrations and since:

- Flower Festival
- Heritage Weekend - September 2026
- Our Story, Our Song project - what could we do as a church?
- Threads of Creation - possible bus trip to Lincoln - Summer 2026

Any other projects, outings that anyone would like to put forward, please let Lesley know or bring them to the meeting.

Circuit Prayer Meeting: Friday 12 December, 10.45am to 11.30am

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

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 at Zion
 - ✝ Thursday 25 December, 10am: Christmas Day Service at Zion
 - ✝ 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.

Centenary Community Lunches Christmas Opening

- ✚ Wednesday 24 December: 9.30am warm space; 12pm light lunch (soup and a roll)
- ✚ Thursday 25 December: open 9.30am till 3pm for fun and festivities; 12pm hot dinner
- ✚ Friday 26 December: 9.30am warm space; 12pm lunch (burgers)
- ✚ Wednesday 31 December: 9.30am warm space; 12pm hot dinner
- ✚ Friday 2 January: 9.30am warm space; 12pm hot dinner

All welcome. Free. No booking required.

Stationing update

The Circuit Invitation Committee are pleased to announce that the Rev. Peter Taylor has accepted an invitation to be our Superintendent Minister for the Boston Methodist Circuit from the summer of 2026.

Rev. Dr Val Ogden is also pleased to confirm that she has been invited to serve as Presbyter in the Newham Methodist Circuit, London from 1 September.

With thanks to everyone who has kept the Stationing Matching process in their prayers.

RoadHoG News: December 2025

Catch up with all the latest roadHoG news at <https://roadhogbus.org.uk/support-us/newsletter/> This month's edition includes an update on 11 new team members, the blue Bus and Christmas plans.

Thank you for all your care, love and prayers for roadHoG throughout 2025. The number of young people boarding the Bus has grown steadily and the new Stop at Wyberton has begun to flourish – God is good!

Please pray for the new Team members, that they might find fulfilment, joy and pleasure in amongst the hard work.

We also praise God for the blessings he has poured on the Project in being able to handle the various Bus problems reported in the newsletter.

We pray that the true message of Christmas will be a “jumping off point” for conversations with young people over the coming weeks.

Advent with the Presidents: The Gift of Justice

Each week of Advent we join the President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference as they unwrap a gift. This week they consider the gift of justice.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ck4TyCdmyYA>

You are a gift. Made with Love

The Methodist Church in Britain has launched its national Advent and Christmas campaign with its first-ever outdoor advertising promotion.

Throughout the first two weeks of December, posters carrying the theme 'Gifted' and the strapline 'You are a gift. Made with love', will appear on bus stops, roadside displays and other high-footfall locations. The campaign encourages passers-by to reflect on the ways they bring light to others at this time of year – whether through generosity, service, hospitality or simple presence.

Gifted tells the real-life story of Sue, a member of King's Cross Methodist Church, as she discovers faith through a chance invitation at a local restaurant. As her story unfolds, Sue realises that not only is the church community a gift to her, but that she can be a gift to others: <https://youtu.be/zoSd8FW9lQY>

The initiative points people towards a specially created microsite, <https://youareagift.co.uk/>, which invites visitors to reflect on how they themselves might be a gift to their community, family or workplace this season. The site also connects people with next steps exploring how they are a gift, how church is a gift, and how Jesus is the gift. Reflections, prayers and resources designed to support spiritual curiosity or re-engagement with church life are also available.

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)