

ZION METHODIST CHURCH

Weekly Notices

Sunday 8th November 2026



THIS SUNDAY

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

NEXT SUNDAY

15th November, 10.30am
Vine Team
Charity collection for Centrepoint Outreach

PRAYERS FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



God of peace and justice, on this Remembrance Sunday we come before you in gratitude, sorrow and hope.

We remember all who have given their lives in the service of others; those who returned bearing wounds seen and unseen; and all whose lives are still marked by conflict, loss and grief. May our remembering deepen our compassion, renew our commitment to peace, and strengthen our care for all who serve and all who suffer.

Guide your Church to be a people of reconciliation: honest about the cost of war, faithful in prayer, generous in service, and steadfast in seeking the way of Christ's peace. Warm our hearts with your love and help us to do all the good we can in the cause of justice and peace. Comfort the bereaved, uphold the weary, and lead all nations from darkness into light. In the name of Jesus Christ, our hope and our peace. **Amen**.

The Revd Canon Michael Parker KHC, Chaplain General to His Majesty's Land Forces

We acknowledge that you are the source of all justice and peace. Graciously draw near to us at this time to stir our thinking, deepen our reflections and shape our living. We remember before you all who have given their lives in the service of others in war. In gratitude we honour those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. May their example of self-giving love be an inspiration to us all. We hold in your presence those who continue to suffer because of war. Comfort and sustain all who bear the scars and tears of conflict. May we find the wisdom and grace to support one another in times of need. We commend to your care His Majesty's Armed Forces. Uphold and guide the men and women of the Royal Navy, the Army and the Royal Air Force as they strive to be a force for good in our world. May they be professional and effective in carrying out the tasks required of them. We seek your peace for all people. Bless and strengthen those from every area of society who are endeavouring to bring an end to injustice, hostilities and conflict. In our peace-making, together may we find courage, resilience and hope. These prayers are offered in the name of Jesus Christ, **Amen**.

The Revd David Barrett, former Deputy Chaplain General for the British Army

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL 2026

The appeal is organised by **Boston St Botolph Rotary Club**, who arrange for the boxes to be delivered to those in need, supporting children, families and older people across Eastern Europe, particularly Ukraine.

Last Sunday several people asked me, "Are there any more shoeboxes?" So, I was surprised and pleased to see that I needed to bring in extra boxes. They are now available for you to take and fill.

Completed boxes will remain at the church to be blessed on **Sunday 22nd November**, after which they, and all the others, will go to the Sleaford depot for their onward journey to Eastern Europe.

Every box makes a difference!

John Wright – 07711 942096

UPDATE ON ZION CHRISTMAS FAYRE: SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER

Thank you to Sheila, who has offered to co-ordinate the raffle, and to everyone who has approached a business for a prize.

Christmas music will be playing in the church throughout the fayre, for people to listen to and extra space for having their coffees and lunches.

List of stalls:

- Chocolate tombola
- New gifts
- Books
- Jigsaws
- Crafts
- Plants
- Preserves
- Cakes
- Cards
- Various small games
- Raffle
- Refreshments
- Lunches - jacket potatoes with various fillings.

Any other ideas, please see Lesley.

Chocolates for the tombola can be brought in **from 15th November**.

All other items – **not before 20th November**, please.

Posters and handouts are available to take and advertise around the area.

Nearer the date, if you have **social media**, please share the Facebook event and posts.

TWO BRIDGES FESTIVE AFTERNOON TEA: SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER

Please join us at **Hospital Bridge Chapel**, Norfolk Street, on **Sunday 6th December** at 4pm for a delicious afternoon tea, followed by our evening service with carols at 6pm.

To book your place, please **contact Lynn** on 07896 128727.

'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

Advent Quiet Day at Swineshead	Monday 23rd November, 10am to 2.30pm	Please bring your lunch. Tea and coffee provided. Places are limited. Please book your place via the Circuit office.
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	Christmas stalls, raffle, refreshments and lunches. See notice for full details and how you can help.
Festive Afternoon Tea at Hospital Bridge Chapel	Sunday 6th December, 4pm	Delicious afternoon tea, followed by an evening service with carols at 6pm.
Centenary Christmas Tree Festival and Fair	Saturday 12th December, 10am to 1pm	Including a Christmas organ recital, cake and refreshments.
Zion Church Council meeting	Tuesday 9th February, 7pm	The next scheduled meeting of the Church Council.

ROADHOG UPDATE: NOVEMBER 2026

Catch up with all the latest news at: https://roadhogbus.org.uk/

Five new team members completed their training in October, strengthening the team and providing additional drivers. However, more volunteers are urgently needed. Could you spare **just two hours a fortnight**? If so, please contact Kevin at roadhog.kevin@btinternet.com.

A difficult incident at the **Town Centre stop** led to the bus having to leave early because of disruptive behaviour. Encouragingly, one young person later apologised after learning that the team were volunteers providing a warm, safe place for young people to meet.

RoadHoG has been selected as a **Lincolnshire Co-op Community Champion**, with supporters able to choose the project for donations until March 2027.

Please pray for:

- ✞ More volunteers to come forward, enabling this valuable ministry to continue.
- ✞ Wisdom, patience and safety for the team, particularly when dealing with challenging behaviour.
- ✞ The young people who visit the bus, especially those facing difficulties, that they may experience God's love through the team.
- ✞ Thanksgiving for the new volunteers, improved facilities and continued support for the project.
- ✞ Tony and Lisa Coe, as they begin a new chapter following Tony's retirement from the project. May God bless their future endeavours.

PRAYER FOR INTER FAITH WEEK

Inter Faith Week 2026 begins on Sunday 8th November.

This year's theme, **'Lighting the Way for a Shared Future'**, offers a message of hope.

The Revd Bonni-Belle Pickard shares her prayer in celebration of this special week.

> God of us all, Christian and Buddhist, Jewish and Muslim, Hindu, Jain, Sikh, and Zoroastrian, Bahá'í and Agnostic and Pagan: You made us all, unique in our ways of understanding yet one in our humanity.
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> At this time of celebrating Inter Faith Week, we sometimes address you with different names, but we share an understanding of our rootedness in you.
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> As Creator of all, you made day and night and all the hours in between; you created storms and calm and fire and breeze. You made diversity, and you made it to be good.
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> As the God who understands my words and my thoughts and those of my neighbour that I do not: Remind me again that you hear us all, and you made us all to love.
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> Finally, God who makes us each unique yet one: remind us again that by working through difference we can catch a glimpse of your infinite love that our own definitions alone couldn't fathom.
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> **Amen.**

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