



Zion Methodist Church Notices Sunday 9 November 2025



Sunday 9 November: 10.30am

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

Sunday 16 November: 10.30am

- ✝ Worship led by Mr B Stock
- ✝ Charity collection: Centrepont Outreach

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

Please return 'All We Can' (Methodist Relief & Development) Harvest Appeal Envelopes by TODAY please, either in the Offertory or to the Office.

Remembrance: Sunday 9 November

Today we welcome the members of the guide and scouting groups that meet here at Zion. They have prepared displays for today. Please take time to look at them before and after the service. The scouts have a display board where you are invited to add a photo to, of someone you would like to remember. You can find this in the bay of the church. The guides display can be found on and near the pulpit.

The folder of information about those who have been honoured here at Zion can be viewed, please ask to see it, if you are interested.

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

Thank you to Claire and Lyn who visited businesses last week - re: raffle prizes. Some businesses asked for posters, which are now on display. Some have given or promised prizes. The businesses are listed on our 'Christmas Fayre' event page on Facebook and on our website, 'Forthcoming Events' page. They have been very generous.

Also thank you to those of you that have already supplied prizes for the tombola stalls. Please add anything you wish to gift for the tombola to the basket on the table in the entrance at any time. Reminder - we are having our ordinary tombola and a 'chocolate tombola'. All other donations of new gifts, books, jigsaws, to be brought to church anytime from 20 November. Cakes, produce, plants to be brought in nearer the day please.

- ✝ Refreshments: 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!

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.

Circuit Prayer Meeting: Friday 14 November, 10.45am to 11.30am

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

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 Gipse Bridge: Saturday 15 November, 1.30pm

Two Bridges Methodist Mission are holding a wreath making workshop with afternoon tea at Gipse 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.

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.

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

The date for the next Mission and Outreach meeting is Thursday 11 December at 10 am. 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.

Three opportunities to discuss so far:

1. Trip to Lincoln to see 'Threads of Creation'
2. Heritage Open Weekend in September
3. Flower Festival

If anyone thinks "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 your ideas to the meeting.

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!

Gifted: You are a gift. Made with love.

We are invited by the Methodist Church to look at the theme 'Gifted' for Advent and Christmas this year. To tell ourselves and others, with conviction, 'You are a gift. Made with love'.

- ✠ Gifted is for everyone in our churches and beyond: both believers rejoicing at God's gift of Jesus, and those who might find the season more wearying than wonderful.
- ✠ Gifted also reaches out to people longing for transformation but feeling stuck. For those searching for something more, something real – but unsure where to look.

God has created and gifted us to one another, whoever we are. There is the potential for this to be a wonderfully affirming sentiment if we're brave enough to share it. Imagine giving a stranger a gift this Christmas with these words on a gift card or even from your own lips.

YOU ARE A GIFT. MADE WITH LOVE.

But while we affirm each other as God's precious gifts, please let's not lose any opportunity to speak of God's indescribable gift to us in Jesus. God's very own self, given freely in human form, loving us with the costliest love imaginable that took him through death and beyond, rising to prove that the impossible can be made possible. For those searching or stuck, it could be life-changing for their minds, hands and hearts to unlock and accept the Saving Grace of God-in-Jesus; just to take a risk on Christian faith this Christmas and see if it makes a difference. Trouble is, we're programmed to work for reward and earn it. This one just needs receiving. "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God." (Ephesians 2:8)

Stay gifted and God bless, *Val*

Hurricane Melissa Emergency Appeal

The Methodist Church in Britain and All We Can are working closely with our partner, the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas (MCCA), to ensure that funds raised are directed to where they are most needed. MCCA is working on coordinating emergency relief efforts across affected communities in the region. You can donate to the appeal here:

<https://www.allwecan.org.uk/appeal/hurricane-melissa/>

A Prayer for Remembrance Sunday

God of all, whose commitment to the world knows no end, in this season of remembrance we turn to you, our refuge and hope. 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.

Prayer by the Revd David Barrett, Deputy Chaplain General for the British Army

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)
Thursdays	7.15pm-8.45pm	Guides
	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)