



## Zion Methodist Church Notices

### Sunday 4 January 2026



#### **Sunday 4 January: 10.30am**

- † Covenant Sunday
- † Service led by Rev Julie Doddrell
- † Holy Communion

#### **Sunday 11 January: 10.30am**

- † Worship Service led by Mr B Stock

#### **Covenant Service: Sunday 4 January, 10.30am**

At the start of the new year, Methodists make a distinctive resolution. The Covenant Service is at the heart of our devotion and discipleship, and our dedication in working for social justice. In the service, we joyfully celebrate God's gracious offer to be our God and for us to be His people.



The Covenant is not a contract in which God and human beings agree to provide particular goods and services for each other! It is not something that we have to do to create a relationship with God. God has freely and graciously already made it possible. Rather, the Covenant is the means of grace by which we accept the relationship and then seek to sustain it. It is therefore not so much about getting in to a relationship with God as it is about staying in it. It is not about acquiring a relationship with God, but living within the loving relationship that God has already offered us.

All are welcome to share in the Covenant Service. You are welcome, whether you are sharing in a Covenant Service for the first time, have done it annually for many years, or simply want to watch what others do without taking part yourself. The service is a gift not a demand! And God will give you the grace to do it all. You are not alone!

You can find out more about the service and its origins on the Methodist Church website: <https://www.methodist.org.uk/about/what-is-distinctive-about-methodism/the-covenant-service/>

#### **Covenant Prayer**

Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will; put me to doing, put me to suffering; let me be employed for you or laid aside for you, exalted for you or brought low for you; let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things, let me have nothing; I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and disposal. And now, glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours. So be it. And the covenant now made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

## **June Davy**

It is with sadness that we share the news that June Davy has passed away suddenly. June regularly watched the Sunday services online and was a much loved member of CAMEO. She enjoyed Meet 'n' Eat every month and had been involved in Zion over many, many years. We give thanks for her life and hold her loved ones in our prayers.

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## **Circuit Prayer Meeting: Friday 9 January, 10.45am to 11.30am**

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

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### **Please save your stamps**

Centenary Church are still collecting used postage stamps which raises money to support the work of Embrace the Middle East. Donations are allocated to educational projects ensuring that more children in one of the most marginalised and dangerous regions in the world are able to get an education that can lift them out of poverty.

So, next time you receive a stamped letter, please remember to save the stamp. You just need to tear or cut around the stamp leaving a margin of the envelope and drop them into the Circuit office or leave them in the used stamp box in the lounge at Zion. Thank you.

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### **Weekly activities at Zion**

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