

November Newsletter Zion.

Dear Friends,

These beautiful recent autumn days can awaken in us a deep sense of wonder and thanksgiving. We can marvel and delight in the world around us, the changing colour of the leaves in all their glory and splendour and the times when the sun has shone through and despite the colder days brought us some warmth and comfort. Autumn can remind us of many things. It is a time of letting go, the shedding of the leaves, letting go of the old in order to make room for the new. We are reminded of the seasons of our lives, that we don't stay the same, we move on, we need different things at different times. For me the seasons are to be welcomed and embraced, and despite the darker nights which many don't like, we can be reminded too that the light comes in the darkness, our lives are not intended for darkness alone, we come though, and can follow the light which can overcome fear and despair and bring us through to a knowledge and assurance of Jesus - the light and hope of all our lives. We remember this as we move forward to and look to the season of Advent.

As we look around world we are mindful that many people know great suffering at this time. We have seen the dismantling of the Calais Jungle camp and think how precarious life can be for people in our world today. It is hard to imagine just how difficult and dangerous life must be for people caught up in these situations. Of course there are no easy solutions but we can be reminded that one of the most commonly repeated commands in the Bible is to care for the alien and the stranger. We pray for our fragile and hurting world and for all those who

are seeking to bring safety, to offer shelter and medical care, to provide food and friendship. And we are reminded of the words of Jesus

" whenever you did it for the least of these you did it for me."

Peace be with you. Hazel.

Sunday November 6th. Hollingworth Methodist Church.

Afternoon of Awe and Wonder. 3.30pm-5.30pm.

Includes crafts, activities, prayers and worship and light tea.

Month's events.

Fri.4.11.16. Chisworth Chapel Kitchen. 12pm-1.30pm.

Fri.4.11.16. Film at Central. 7pm "Café Society."

Sat.5.11.16 Chisworth Autumn fair. 1130am-1.30pm.

Fri.11.11.16 Prayer Meeting. 7pm Venue & Details TBC

Sat.26.11.16. Zion Christmas Fair. 11.30pm-1.30pm.

Tue.29.11.16. 12pm Lunchtime fellowship.

Tue.29.11.16 Local preachers' meeting. 7.45pm. Central.

Shoe Boxes.

Well done to the craft group and helpers who made 112 shoe boxes. Zion is not going to be a sorting warehouse this year but boxes will be able to be dropped off and then sent to Ashton warehouse for sorting.

The drop off times between 14th Nov – 2nd Dec are:

Sunday 10 - 12pm

Mon, Thurs, Fri. 2 - 4pm

Tuesday 10 - 11am and 3pm - 5.30pm

Prayers for the month.

Teach us, O God, to trust your providence, ordered and sure; to accept your wisdom, unerring and true; and to rejoice in your love unbounded and eternal; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Charles Simeon (1759-1836)

Holy God who changes not, help us in times of change.

May we rejoice in what has gone before, but never live in the past.

May we live in the present as we serve the needy world of today.

May we have a vision for the future, but never put off until tomorrow what is needed today. Holy God, help us to bring into being your Church of the future. Amen.

John Howard, former Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury District Chair



Zion Roll of Honour

Harold Shorrock –age 19

Will Harold Roberts age 34

Stanley Wilde – age 21

Tom Watkinson – age 22

Wilfred Roberts – age 20

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn,

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

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