

## Mount Zion Burial Ground Re-opening

The Calderdale Circuit is pleased to announce the re-opening of the graveyard at Mount Zion from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025.

This is following remedial action taken as a result of the graveyard monument survey, carried out by a Chartered Architect and Historic Building Consultant.

A number of monuments that were classified as a Level 1 risk, that required immediate attention to make safe have been laid down in the confines of their graves by a team of experienced contractors.

At present the middle section of the graveyard remains closed, this section is considered hazardous and in order to re-open the graveyard sooner this section has been roped off. We ask that you do not venture into this section of the graveyard.

We do apologies if the closure of the graveyard has caused you distress but do hope that you understand the reasons why the graveyard closed.

You can find out more information on the Mount Zion website <https://mountzion.cmch.org.uk/> including links to the interactive graveyard map which will allow you to see the monuments that were identified in the survey.

If you are intending on restoring the monument, we ask that you please contact us prior to any work, for our approval, as owners of the graveyard. Please send us an email with "Mount Zion" in the subject line and send it to [graveyards@calderdalemethodistcircuit.org.uk](mailto:graveyards@calderdalemethodistcircuit.org.uk)

Please can you also ensure that any work complies with the National Association of Memorial Masons Code of practice. Please note, you cannot just re-stand up the monument as this does not resolve the safety issue identified.

As always, graveyards can be dangerous places, so we ask that people remain on the paths at all times, be aware that the ground can be slippery and uneven. Be aware of low hanging branches from trees and ground plants that may be a trip hazard. We ask that people also remove any rubbish from the site with them.

If you have any other questions, then please send us an email with "Mount Zion" in the subject line and send it to [graveyards@calderdalemethodistcircuit.org.uk](mailto:graveyards@calderdalemethodistcircuit.org.uk)