



ZION METHODIST CHURCH

Weekly Notices

Sunday 18th October 2026



THIS SUNDAY

18th October, 10.30am

Rev Pete Taylor

Zion Church Anniversary; Holy Communion

NEXT SUNDAY

25th October, 10.30am

Mr M Jessop

PRAYER FOR CHURCH ACTION ON POVERTY SUNDAY

Today is Church Action on Poverty Sunday. The 2026 theme is Food, Faith & Fellowship.

God of creation who loves us into community, **draw us deeper into faith.**

Jesus of broken bread who feeds us in abundance, **draw us deeper into justice.**

Spirit of fellowship who breaks down barriers, **draw us deeper into love. Amen.**

CHRISTMAS FAYRE: SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER

A few weeks ago, I asked for volunteers to organise the raffle and arrange some entertainment. Unfortunately, no one has come forward so far. If anyone would be willing to help with either task, please let Lesley know as soon as possible.

Raffle: If anyone would be willing to approach a local business to ask for a raffle prize, please speak to Lesley first. A letter is available for you to take along, and this will also help us avoid approaching the same business more than once.

We will also be putting together a **luxury Christmas hamper** as a raffle prize, containing items such as chocolates, biscuits, Christmas pudding and other festive treats. Donations would be very welcome, but **please, no alcohol.**

The **stalls, refreshments and lunches** will go ahead as usual. A volunteer list will be put up on the noticeboard in the next few weeks. Thank you to everyone who has already expressed an interest in helping – there seems to be plenty of enthusiasm!

Small handouts and posters will also be available to help you invite people to the Fayre.

Please do not bring any donations until the end of November.

Thank you for your continued support.

Lesley

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL 2026

It's that time of year again!

Last year, Zion helped fill Christmas shoeboxes which were sent by Rotary International to families, elderly people and children in need across Eastern Europe, particularly war-torn Ukraine. **Boston St Botolph Rotary Club** is organising the appeal again this year, and your help would be greatly appreciated.

Empty boxes are now available at Zion, with suggested gifts printed on them, including toys, stationery, toiletries, household items and warm scarves. Please fill a box and return it to Zion **by Sunday 22nd November**.

Transport is provided free by Rotarians who own haulage businesses, but diesel, overnight accommodation and meals still need to be paid for. A donation of £2 or £3 towards these costs, securely attached to the box with Sellotape, would be appreciated.

Last year, 131 boxes were collected in total, including 56 from the Circuit, of which Zion contributed 23. Can we beat that this year?

John Wright – 07711 942096

UPCOMING EVENTS

Centrepont Outreach Annual General Meeting	Wednesday 21 st October, 7pm	All welcome to attend the AGM at Holy Trinity Church on Spilsby Road.
Swineshead Silver Band at Centenary	Saturday 24 th October, 7pm	Join Swineshead Silver Band as they celebrate 140 years with music from around the world.
Zion Christmas Fayre	Saturday 5 th December	Save the date! Ideas and suggestions are welcome - please speak to Lesley.

Unfortunately, the Board Games night on 17th October was cancelled due to a lack of interest.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

Across the world, millions of Christians face discrimination, violence and pressure because they follow Jesus.

In countries throughout Africa, Asia and the Middle East, believers often face immense challenges simply for living out their faith.

For this reason, Christians around the world will **unite for the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP)**, which this year falls on **Sunday 1st November**.

From New Zealand to the United States, believers will join together to pray, hear updates from the field and stand alongside our persecuted brothers and sisters.

Find out more and join this global movement of prayer: <https://www.barnabasaid.org/gb/get-involved/events/idop/>

LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY WITH MAF

A gift in your Will can help **Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)** continue bringing practical help, hope and healing to isolated communities for generations to come.

MAF offers a **free Will guide** for anyone interested in finding out more about leaving a charitable gift.

Find out more and request your free guide:

maf-uk.org/ffl-legacy

“Special gifts like these help MAF continue flying God’s love to the ends of the earth.”

ONE CIRCUIT: OUR FUTURE, RESHAPING FOR MISSION

Further conversations will take place over the coming months with Local Preachers, Worship Leaders, Circuit Stewards and Church Stewards about **reshaping their roles to focus more on discipleship and mission**.

Feedback will help inform discussions at the Synod in April 2027.

An **updated FAQ page** is available on the District website:

<https://www.lincolnshiremethodist.org.uk/circuit-reshaping.html>

There are also further details on the **noticeboard at Zion**.

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 (1 st & 3 rd Tue)
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 (3 rd Thu; 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