



Zion Methodist Church Notices Sunday 1 February 2026



Sunday 1 February: 10.30am

✝ Worship led by Mr M Jessop

Sunday 8 February: 10.30am

✝ Worship led by Mr G Carter

LGBTQI+ History Month: February 2026

Loving God, show us the way to make our worship spaces and congregations welcoming to all who seek your face. Cause us to lift the barriers which prevent us from being welcoming. Change the hearts of those who do not welcome difference and who are reluctant to embrace the full gospel of Christ. All are welcome. We are one body. One Church. Amen.

World Cancer Awareness Day: Wednesday 4 February

Lord Jesus Christ, we join our hearts to Your heart today as we consider the impact on each and every person across the world who has cancer.

As we acknowledge the mix of shock, fear, sadness, anxiety and the stress of coming to terms with their ongoing situation, help us to pray wholeheartedly that our earnest thoughts, prayers and positive energy are sensed by all through Your Powerful Name.

We pray too for every close family member and for their friends. Help them to know with certainty that You are aware of their every emotion and that You long for all to seek and keep seeking comfort, peace and strength from Your everlasting loving and caring embrace.

We give thanks to You, Lord Jesus, and ask Your blessing on each surgeon, doctor, nurse and carer. We pray that as the family of Christ we will be faithful in prayer with every gesture, look and word to show support and encouragement with comforting and sensitive caring love as opportunity is gifted to us in the days ahead. In Your Name. Amen.

Boston Jobcentre at Centenary: Wednesday 4 February, 9.30-11.30

Boston Jobcentre will be at the Warm Welcome Café at Centenary on Wednesday 4 February from 9.30am to 11.30am. They are available for advice and guidance on work, pension and benefit related queries.

Healthcare Chaplaincy Introductory Zoom: Wednesday 4 February, 2pm

Would you like to find out more about being a volunteer healthcare chaplain in a GP practice? There is a Zoom introductory session on Wednesday 4 February at 2pm at which people can find out about being a chaplain, how to apply and what the training course will involve. The Zoom code is available by emailing pa@lincolnshiremethodist.org.uk. For more information, contact Alison Godfrey 01522 370126.

John Lewis's Funeral: Thursday 5 February, 12 noon

John Lewis's funeral will take place at Zion on Thursday 5 February at 12 noon. The family would be very pleased to see members of the church at the funeral and would be grateful for the boost given to the singing. Church members would also be welcomed at John's bungalow in Princess St. for refreshments following burial at the cemetery. Please hold John's family and friends in your prayers.

Circuit Prayer Meeting: Friday 6 February, 10.45am to 11.30am

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

Celebrate Boston at The Stump: Saturday 7 February, 10am to 2pm

Boston has so much to celebrate! From our Heritage & Events, Community Groups and Volunteers through to our aspirations for the future. With FREE activities and games for the whole family to enjoy, a showcase of community groups, charities and exciting new events and projects for the future of Boston. St Botolph's Church welcome you all to join them!

Butterfly Lodge Open Day: Thursday 19 February, 12.30pm to 3pm

You're invited to join the Butterfly Lodge Open Day, taking place on Thursday 19 February. The Open Day marks the official opening of the Butterfly Lodge and offers the opportunity to visit the new, purpose-built building, meet members of the team and learn more about the care and support the Butterfly Hospice provides to individuals and families in the community. Light refreshments will be available and there will be time to ask questions and speak informally with staff.

The Open Day will run from 12:30pm to 3pm, with visits offered in 30-minute time slots. To ensure a comfortable experience for everyone, spaces are limited for each time slot therefore please register your attendance before your visit, using this link: <https://www.butterflyhospice.org.uk/event-details/butterfly-lodge-open-day>

Zion Family Quiz: Saturday 21 March, 7pm

Zion family quiz will be on Saturday 21 March starting at 7pm. Teams of 4, a child under 10 can be extra, or individual entries to be put into a team on the night. £8 per person, including supper. Bring your friends and family for a fun night. Entry forms are on the shelf in the coffee lounge or speak to Stephen or Irene for more information. Profits for Zion funds.

Mission and Outreach

Taken from The Methodist Church Website: "We are all asked to 'make disciples' and we're all gifted to do that in different ways. We want to be a Church which confidently, authentically shares the Good News – through our words and through our lives."

There was a meeting in December when very few people turned up due to people being busy and illness. To help me organise meetings in the future, so there is hopefully a good attendance, please could you fill in the slip of paper indicating your interest in the various:

- Meeting interest
- Zoom or in person
- Morning / afternoon / evening

Electronic copies can be returned via email to zionmethodistchurch@live.co.uk

Discussion on 11 December was about the following:

Flower Festival: It was felt by members attending that a flower festival was not appropriate for Zion at this present time due to the expense of the flowers and the very active ones in the Spalding area. Further discussion took place and an idea developed of Easter Window displays involving our Zion Community groups. Each group to be offered a chance to join in, decorating with flowers, eggs or whatever the group decided. Other ideas put forward were:

1. a possible opening on Easter Saturday for a few hours, serving drinks and cakes giving the groups chance to bring in their friends and families and opening to the public.
2. Garden on a plate
3. Involve schools

Heritage Weekend

To apply to open and see what happens.

Again, with the church being open at certain times for drinks and cake

Threads through Creation

Shortly, Irene and Lesley will place postcards and photos on the Noticeboard, informing people of the trip which will hopefully inspire you to sign up to attend it in Lincoln (July/ August 2026)

Our Story, Our song to talk to Jean for her to help organise. (There may not be a contribution from Zion due to the short time limit)

Other events that have been brought to our attention since is the '**Celebrate Boston' day at Boston Stump – Saturday 7 February, 10am until 2pm**. Please visit us and if anyone would like to help promote Zion on that day, a chance to talk to the people of Boston. see Lesley.

On **30 and 31 March Boston West Academy** will be visiting Zion to learn about Easter. The children, and staff love coming and I need some volunteers to talk to small groups of children about different parts of Holy Week. (Story telling, Small activity etc. – all organised for you). Please tell Lesley if you would like to help.

All the above will be a basis for the next meeting in February, date to be announced, pending responses to the survey.

Email Scam Warning

One of our circuit treasurers has received an email supposedly from the Circuit Superintendent asking for a transfer of money by BACS. Upon closer inspection and with a phone call to the Super they realised that this was a scam. The email address was not correct and the request to transfer money from their personal bank account to be then reimbursed from the Super made them suspicious.

Please be extra vigilant and if something like this seems strange then phone the real person using the number you have in your directory for them, not a number given on an email. Do not correspond with the suspicious sender email address.

Save the dates!

A provisional date for a farewell picnic and service for Rev. Val has been agreed for Friday 24 July from 3pm at Centenary. More details to follow.

We also have a provisional date for the Welcome Service for Rev. Peter Taylor of Tuesday 1 September at 6.30pm, venue to be confirmed.

International Relations – Will Anything Other Than Might be Right?

Paul Morrison from the Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) asks, "Will anything other than might be right?" as he reflects on the recent escalation of international tensions, especially by the United States. Read the JPIT blog here:

<https://jpit.uk/will-anything-other-than-might-be-right?>

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
	6.45pm-8.15pm	AA
	7pm-9pm	Scouts
	7pm	'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)
	6.45pm-8.15pm	AA
Fridays	10am	Trinity Badminton Group (Sep-Dec)
	2pm-4pm	Come & Meet Each Other (CAMEO) – table top games, puzzles – (Jul + Sep-Dec)
Saturdays	11.45am-1.15pm	AA