



ZION METHODIST CHURCH

Weekly Notices

Sunday 20th September 2026



THIS SUNDAY

20th September, 10.30am
Mr J Hewitt
Harvest Festival

NEXT SUNDAY

27th September, 10.30am
Mr G Carter

ZION HARVEST FESTIVAL: SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER, 10.30AM

Our Harvest Festival is this Sunday!

Please bring along **tinned and dried food, and other appropriate produce**, if you are able. As is now customary, all the food donated will be shared between **Centrepont Outreach and the Food Bank**, helping to support people in our local community. Thank you, as always, for your generosity and support. *Zion stewards*

PEACE SUNDAY: SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

This Sunday is also Peace Sunday, the day before the UN International Day of Peace.

Bishop Samuel Kayinamura of the Free Methodist Church in Rwanda, lived through the genocide in his country during the 1990s and shares his prayer for peace.

Prince of Peace, King of Compassion, you call your people into holiness of heart and life and send us to be signs of your reconciling love in the world. We pray for lands like Rwanda, where deep wounds still shape the present and where the hills remember the cries of the past.

Let your Spirit breathe healing into hidden trauma; let forgiveness become a daily practice, and let reconciliation grow into a way of life. Teach hearts to trust again, to rebuild community from what was once torn apart, and to find courage in grace where silence once carried unbearable weight.

We pray for places like Gaza, Lebanon and Iran, where conflict tightens its grip and hope feels fragile. Let your peace fall like rain on dry land; soften the dust of despair; shield the innocent; steady the hands of all who long to build rather than destroy.

May hope rise in the cracks left by violence, and may compassion become the language that outlives the sound of war. In Christ, our Peace and our Hope. Amen.

Rachel Lampard, Director of Social Justice and Social Action for the Methodist Church, reflects on how we can all become peacemakers: <https://www.methodist.org.uk/about/our-stories/building-a-lasting-peace-from-the-ground-up/>

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to everyone who came along to the special screening of the short film The Butterfly Circus last Monday at Zion.

Your support was very much appreciated, and we hope you enjoyed the afternoon!

AUTUMN DAYS AT BOSTON STUMP: 24TH SEPTEMBER

Autumn Days is to be held at Boston Stump on Thursday 24th September, 10am – 2pm.

A table has been booked for Zion. We'll be sharing information about Zion's activities, along with leaflets from other churches in the Circuit.

If you would like to come along and help, you'll be very welcome. There will be plenty of local organisations represented, as well as coffee and cake!

KARAOKE AT WESTFIELD HOME: 26TH SEPTEMBER

Alina and Lyn will be visiting Westfield Home on Saturday 26th September to organise a Karaoke afternoon for the residents as part of Alina's continuing outreach activities.

No volunteers are needed on this occasion, but if anyone would like to come along and join in the fun, you will be very welcome!

Please continue to remember Alina, Lyn and all those they meet through these activities in your prayers.

MISSION & OUTREACH MEETING: MONDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER, 2PM

The next Mission & Outreach meeting will be on Monday 28th September at 2pm and will include looking at:

- Church groups – group leaders are invited to prepare a short update on what you have been doing this year and any plans you have for the future. Better still, come along and share your news with us!
- New information leaflets have been made for the church foyer and to give out at events. We'll review these and make any necessary changes.
- We will also look at this year's special services to see how we can add to these events, enhancing worship.
- Remember 'Holiday at Home'? A similar event will take place for one day only - **Tuesday 13th October**. Information about the event at the meeting. Please **keep the date free** and join us here at Zion for a fun packed day trip!!
- Alina - update on her work.
- Finally, we will try and fix dates up for other Mission & Outreach meetings throughout the year. Please bring your diaries.

ZION CHRISTMAS FAYRE: SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER

A date for your diary! Zion Christmas Fayre will take place on Saturday 5th December.

Ideas are very welcome – please let Lesley know if you can help with the organisation. Suggestions for morning entertainment, organising the raffle and any new ideas would be particularly welcome. (We're not looking for stallholders just yet.)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Autumn Days Event at Boston Stump	Thursday 24 th September, 10am–2pm	Community coffee morning with stalls hosted by various local groups and voluntary organisations to showcase community work and connect residents.
Gipsey Bridge Harvest Coffee Morning	Saturday 26 th September, 10am–12noon	Gipsey Bridge Chapel invite you to join them for Harvest Coffee. All welcome.
Gipsey Bridge Harvest	Sunday 27 th September, 2pm	Harvest Service & Sunday School at Gipsey Bridge Chapel, followed by refreshments & auction.
Zion Mission & Outreach Meeting	Monday 28 th September, 2pm	Looking at church groups, information leaflets, special services, Holiday at Home and an update from Alina.
‘2026 miles in prayer’ at Navenby Methodist Church, Lincoln	Thursday 1 st October, 11am–3pm	Methodist Women in Britain Lincolnshire District invite you to join them for ‘2026 miles in prayer’. Deacon Helen Gardner will share how an intentional prayer life can sustain us in difficult times, develop creativity, and bring joy. Tea and coffee served from 10.30am. Bring a packed lunch, drinks provided. More details: ritarowe18@gmail.com
Kirton Quiz Evening	Saturday 3 rd October, 7pm	Quiz evening, with fish & chips, at Kirton Methodist Church. Tickets £13.50, includes fish, sausage or pie & chips. Available on 725055 or 724125.
Kirton Coffee Morning with Book and Jigsaw Swap	Saturday 10 th October, 10am–12noon	Second Saturday of the month at Kirton Methodist Church. Swap a book or jigsaw for a different one, or if you have no book or jigsaw to swap, please give a small donation.
roadHoG Team Members Training Session at Boston Baptist Church	Saturday 10 th October, 2pm–6pm	For new and existing Team Members, covering Safeguarding and Bus Protocol. See details above.
Zion Holiday at Home	Tuesday 13 th October	A date for your diary. Details to follow nearer the time.
Zion Church Anniversary	Sunday 18 th October, 10.30am	Come and join us as we celebrate Zion Church Anniversary, with worship led by Rev Pete Taylor and including Holy Communion.
Zion Christmas Fayre	Saturday 5 th December	A date for your diary. Ideas welcome. See notice.

VACANCIES – RESTORE CHURCH BOSTON HOMES

Restore Homes, which provides supported accommodation for adults who have experienced or are at risk of homelessness, is recruiting Maintenance Team Members – 10 hours per week and Housekeeping Team Members – flexible, zero-hours. £13 per hour.

They are looking for practical, caring people with a heart for supporting others. People with lived experience of homelessness or mental health difficulties are particularly welcome to apply. For an informal conversation: email Terry at maintenance@restorechurchboston.co.uk

ROADHOG UPDATE

Please continue to pray for the roadHoG team as they meet young people across our local communities, and especially for the children and young people they connect with at each Bus Stop.

Read the latest newsletter online at: <https://roadhogbus.org.uk/support-us/newsletter/>

Saturday 10th October (2pm–6pm): Training session at Boston Baptist Church for anyone interested in joining a roadHoG Bus Team and as a refresher for existing team members.

roadHoG is also looking for volunteers for a number of roles, including bus teams, drivers and project support – details in the newsletter. If you're unable to help practically, please pray that God will provide the right people to fill these important roles.

Tony and Lisa Coe have successfully completed the Bressay Park Run! More information next month.

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	9.30m–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