



Zion Methodist Church Notices Sunday 25 January 2026



Sunday 25 January: 10.30am

✝ Worship led by Mr J Hewitt

Sunday 1 February: 10.30am

✝ Worship led by Mr M Jessop

Prayer for Holocaust Memorial Day: Tuesday 27 January

Holy God,

On Holocaust Memorial Day, we remember the six million Jewish persons whom the Nazis murdered. Some names known to us, but all known to you. We remember, too, those who survived and bore the physical and emotional consequences. We pray for our neighbours today, our Jewish communities who still feel the effects of the Holocaust and the fear that antisemitism continues to bring.

We remember, also, the thousands of other victims of the Nazi regime. Those who were disabled, gay, Roma, Jehovah's Witnesses, political opponents, and those who were brave enough to stand up and say that what was happening was wrong. As we think this year of the need to 'bridge the generations', forgive us when we have allowed ourselves to hate others. Forgive us when we have chosen not to stand up against hatred, and forgive us when we choose to forget because it's more comfortable than remembering the horrors of what has happened.

Yesterday, today and forever you are God. Your love endures forever. We hold before you all victims of genocide and hatred and ask that you bring peace and justice. May we never forget and may we be equipped to make a better world.

Amen.

Circuit Prayer Meeting: Friday 30 January, 10.45am to 11.30am

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

June Davy's Funeral: Friday 30 January, 11.30am

June Davy's funeral will be held at Boston Crematorium on Friday 30 January at 11.30am. Please note, there will be no CAMEO on that day.

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.

Prayer for the floods in Southern Africa

Over a hundred people are reported dead after devastating floods hit parts of southern Africa. Many are missing, homes have been washed away, livelihoods destroyed and entire communities displaced.

Heavenly Father, we lift before you all affected by flooding across Southern Africa at this time. We pray for those who have lost loved ones, homes, crops and livestock; enfold them with your comfort, love and grace at this time. We lift before you all in the Methodist Church in Southern Africa who, along with others, are seeking to respond to the many challenges and urgent needs. And we pray for all efforts to address the ongoing consequences of climate change around the world. May we act with wisdom to mitigate its' impact and bring hope and stability for all who are most affected. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Methodist Church in Britain is in touch with partners in the region and grants from the World Mission Fund for emergency support are in process.

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/about/support-the-church/give/about-our-funds/world-mission-fund/>

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.

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!

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.

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.

Lincolnshire Community Healthcare Chaplaincy

Training course for new healthcare chaplains. Based in GP practices and working with front line health care professionals, the chaplains support patients, walking alongside them by listening, offering a safe space to talk and contributing to their overall health and well-being. Chaplains are supported by regular chaplaincy meetings, training opportunities, mentoring and supervision. For more information or to register your interest, please contact Alison Godfrey 01522 370126 or email pa@lincolnshiremethodist.org.uk

Volunteer Wellbeing Drivers wanted in Boston

- ✚ Make a difference to those who are feeling lonely and isolated
- ✚ Form new connections
- ✚ Get involved in the community

Volunteering can be fun, interesting and can bring great personal reward. At Lincolnshire Community and Voluntary Partnership, we are proud to support volunteering and communities in Lincolnshire. Whatever your interest, we can find a volunteering role tailored to you. For more information: telephone 01522 551683 or see the website: <https://lincscvp.org.uk/>

MAF is the world's largest humanitarian air operator

Mission Aviation Fellowship is the world's largest humanitarian air operator, flying medical supplies, doctors, and nurses to places no one else can reach and ensuring critical care gets to where it's needed most: <https://vimeo.com/896152762>

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
	7.30pm	'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)
	7.15pm-8.45pm	Guides
Thursdays	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)
		Come & Meet Each Other (CAMEO) –
	2pm-4pm	table top games, puzzles – (Jul + Sep-Dec) ** No meeting on Friday 30 January **
Saturdays	11.45am-1.15pm	AA