



ZION METHODIST CHURCH

Weekly Notices

Sunday 25th October 2026



THIS SUNDAY

25th October, 10.30am
Mr M Jessop

NEXT SUNDAY

1st November, 10.30am
Mrs K Willis, All Saints Sunday

BIBLE SUNDAY: 25TH OCTOBER 2026

This weekend, we celebrate Bible Sunday – an opportunity to give thanks for the stories, poems, songs and prayers that have shaped the lives of generations of Christians.

Andy Fishburne, Discipleship and Faith Formation Officer for the Methodist Church, shares his thoughts: <https://www.methodist.org.uk/about/our-stories/bible-sunday-25-october-2026/>

The Methodist Church has always held Scripture as the primary authority for our theological thinking, interpreted through tradition, reason and experience. As we live a 'Methodist Way of Life', we commit to the Notice station, a call to pay attention to God in the Scripture and the world each day.

Bibles at 3Generate

This biblical orientation continues to thrive in exciting new ways today. Earlier this month, hundreds of children and young people gathered at 3Generate, and each received a free Bible to take away. We pray that they might develop a lasting habit of engaging meaningfully with the good news expressed in the Bible.

Bible Month

Next year will mark the tenth year of Bible Month. We'll explore two psalms each week, giving us a snapshot of the whole Psalter and taking us on a journey through the highs and lows of human existence, with God as a faithful companion on the way.

ZION'S NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKER ROLE

It is with regret that we have to announce the resignation of Alina from the post of Zion's Neighbourhood Worker. We are going to explore the strong possibility of continuing the role with an alternative worker. But for now, we thank Alina for all the good work that she has done and for the enthusiasm that she has shown. We also wish her well for the future and express the hope that we may continue to see her at some of our events and activities.

Zion Church Stewards

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

Next Sunday, 1st November, is the International Day of Prayer (IDOP) for the Persecuted Church. Voice of Persecuted Christians has released a video for IDOP, sharing inspiring stories of how God's people are shining gospel light in Ethiopia.

The six-minute film includes the story of Sultan. Despite being attacked by his own father for becoming a Christian, he has seen many people come to know Jesus.

<https://youtu.be/cLOODK4s02o>

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 generously provided free of charge by Rotarians who own haulage businesses, although donations are needed to cover diesel, overnight accommodation and meals. 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 last year's total?

John Wright – 07711 942096

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 is 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**.

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

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.

Thank you for your continued support.

Lesley

ZION CHURCH COUNCIL SUMMARY: 6TH OCTOBER 2026

Welcome to Suzanne and Nicholas who were voted onto church council.

Church life:

- **Joys:** mission is very active and lettings are very good and help to generate income.
- **Concerns:** recruiting new church stewards.

Finance:

- The year-end accounts are being independently examined.
- Grants have been received for the work of Neighbourhood Worker role.
- Stephen Cock appointed as Treasurer.

Property

- The quinquennial inspection report was good, with some pointing and repainting needed.
- Sanctuary Floor – camera inspection to go ahead.

Pastoral

- Church memberships stands at 47.
- The Pastoral Visitor/Care team has six members. They will meet with Rev. Pete later in the year.
- Gardens Care Home – service every 2 months.

Safeguarding:

- New policy on church noticeboard.

Diary Dates:

- 5th December – Zion Christmas Fayre.
- 20th December – Zion Carol Service.

District News:

- Synod report – Reshaping for Mission.
- Between September 2026 and March 2027 every church council and circuit meeting will be asked to vote on the proposal for the district to become 1 circuit.

Next Church Council Meeting:

- 9th February 2027 at 7pm.

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**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Zion Church Council	Tuesday 3 rd November, 3pm	Single agenda item – Neighbourhood Worker role.
Zion Remembrance Sunday Parade Service	Sunday 8 th November, 10.30am	Worship led by Rev Pete Taylor.
Zion Christmas Fayre	Saturday 5 th December	Save the date! Ideas and suggestions are welcome - please speak to Lesley.

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