



Zion Methodist Church Notices Sunday 2 February 2025



Sunday 2 February: 10.30am

✠ Worship led by Rev Dr Val Ogden
✠ Café Church

Sunday 9 February: 10.30am

✠ Worship led by Mr A Birkett

Zion Café Church: Sunday 2 February, 10.30am

Informal and relaxed – come as you are. In the Church Hall. For all ages. Join in while you enjoy your drinks and nibbles.

Zion Mission Plan Review: deadline Sunday 9 February

This plan, which looks at all aspects of church life, and how we connect with the neighbourhood around us, was first adopted in February 2023, and is now being reviewed. On arrival for this week's service (2 February), people will receive a paper copy of an assessment of how the original plan has performed. This document can also be seen online: <http://zionmethodistchurch-boston.co.uk/NewsInformation/Mission-Plan/> Everybody is invited to read the document and send their comments back to the church's email address - zionmethodistchurch@live.co.uk. It is important that as many comments as possible are received, as they will be used to guide decisions on the new plan. Views need to be submitted by Sunday 9 February.

'Talking Jesus' Course: starting Wednesday 19 February, 7.30pm

The 'Talking Jesus' course is designed to help us be more confident and effective in talking about Jesus to our neighbours, colleagues, friends and relatives.

Following the successful course run last Autumn, there is now a second opportunity to take part: this time on Wednesday evenings. The course runs over 6 weekly sessions. Each session has two short videos and two opportunities for discussion. It will take place at Zion starting on 19 February and concluding on 26 March. All sessions start at 7.30pm, and end at 9.00pm.

Please take up this opportunity, and talk to Stuart Birkett (01205 364499 or 07856 300998) to express an interest, or to ask for further information.

Action for Children Coffee Morning: Saturday 1 March, 10am to 12pm

Date for your diary! We are having our Action for Children coffee morning and sale on Saturday 1 March, 10am to 12pm. Opening of Home Collecting Boxes. Cakes, Bric-a-brac, Raffle. Please make a note of the date and do come along to support us if you can. Thank you. *Celia and Janet.*

Zion Family Quiz: Saturday 22 March, 7pm

Entry £8/person (including light supper). Teams of 4 people. 1 child under 10 allowed extra. Individual entries allowed and will be put into a team. Everyone welcome. For tickets or more information, telephone Stephen on 01205 822899.

Zion Church Council – Summary

- Communion Survey: It was decided to continue with communion being administered by continuous line as at present
 - Finance: Subscription to Methodist Connexional Funds were finalised
 - Property: There are further problems with the sanctuary floor – these are being investigated and possible alternatives being considered
 - Mission and Outreach: Mission Plan Review is ongoing at the moment
 - Neighbourhood Worker: Grant Applications are in the process of being submitted and the post to be advertised late Spring
 - Gift Day: later in the year – to raise funds for the above post
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- Pastoral Visitors: Safeguarding training for pastoral visitors is on Saturday, 15 March at Centenary from 9.30am to 1pm
 - Celebrate Boston: This event is at Boston Stump on 8 February from 10am to 2pm when Zion/Circuit will have a stand promoting their events. Volunteers are needed to help man the stall – if you can offer some time please see Stuart or Stephen C
 - President's visit: The President of the Methodist Conference will be visiting the Boston circuit on Wednesday 9 April and will be at Centenary Church in the morning and lunchtime. If possible, churches in the circuit are being asked if they can submit video clips of any events/activities to Centenary in preparation for this day.
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Thy Kingdom Come's 10th Anniversary!

This year marks the 10th anniversary of Thy Kingdom Come! With hearts full of gratitude, we give thanks to God, and continue to give thanks and praise for all He will continue to do.

2025 - The Year of the Lord's Prayer: 29 May to 8 June

As a team, we have been praying and discerning for months what God might be calling us to focus on for the 10th year. After much consideration, we sensed the focus should be on the very prayer our Lord and Saviour, Jesus, taught His disciples to pray - 'The Lord's Prayer.'

The 'Our Father' prayer transcends the ages - uniting people across different denominations, generations and nations and we believe now more than ever, we need to pray 'Thy Kingdom Come' - over our homes, communities, nations and our world.

We will be sharing more about this year's plans, in line with this theme, over the coming weeks and months including brand new resources for all including children and young people: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

RoadHoG News: February 2025

Find out the latest news online at: <https://roadhogbus.org.uk/>:

- ✚ An update on the Boston town centre Stop and an unexpected opportunity to witness to workmen erecting scaffolding in the Market Place!
- ✚ A less pleasant update about trouble at a different Stop – please pray for the Team and for God’s guidance in the face of a difficult situation.
- ✚ An update on the Wyberton Stop where numbers are steadily increasing – please continue to pray.
- ✚ The effectiveness of the roadHoG schools’ worker programme – through the “It’s Your Move” booklets, songs, Bibles and prayer.

The Project is making a real difference in the lives of local youngsters.

If you are interested in joining the Team, contact Kevin through the website (www.roadhogbus.org.uk) – it’s a great (and fun) way to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to so many young people who otherwise would never get that opportunity.

Weekly activities at Zion		
Mondays	10am-12pm	Knit & Knatter
	2pm-3pm	Zumba dance class
	7.15pm	Badminton (Sep-Apr)
Tuesdays	6pm-7.15pm	Beavers and Cubs
	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)
Thursdays	7.15pm-8.45pm	Guides
	9.30am-11.30am	Coffee Morning
	12.30pm	Community Lunch (3 rd Thu; booking required)
Fridays	10am	Trinity Badminton Group
	2pm-4pm	Come & Meet Each Other (CAMEO) – table top games, puzzles