



ZION METHODIST CHURCH

Weekly Notices

Sunday 30th August 2026



THIS SUNDAY

30th August, 10.30am
Worship led by Mr B Stock

NEXT SUNDAY

6th September, 10.30am
Rev Pete and Deacon Sam Taylor
Holy Communion

PRAYER FOR COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY FLOODING IN NEPAL AND TIBET

Loving God, we pray for all those affected by the floods in Nepal and Tibet.

Be near to those who mourn the loss of loved ones, and to all who wait in uncertainty for news of family and friends. Hold close those whose homes, livelihoods and communities have been swept away, and all who are shocked, displaced or afraid.



Strengthen rescue workers, local communities, churches and all who are searching, serving and offering care in the midst of this crisis. Grant courage and resilience to those waiting for news, facing uncertainty, and fearing the days ahead.

As we witness the growing fragility of creation, renew our commitment to care for one another and for the earth of which we are a part. In the name of Christ. Amen.

MARIAN RICHARDSON

We are sorry to share the news that Marian, who had links with Zion in years past, has recently died. Marian was a resident at The Gardens Care Home and regularly joined in the services held there.

Marian's funeral will take place at Zion on **Wednesday, 16th September at 12.30pm**, followed by 1.30pm at Boston Crematorium.

Marian's daughters, Louise, Clare and Jane, have asked that we remember Marian and all the family in our prayers at this sad time.



Please hold them in your thoughts and prayers.

3GENERATE FUNDRAISING

A big thank you to everyone at Centenary Church for their warm hospitality and generous support last Sunday, when we held another 3Generate fundraising stall.

Thank you also to everyone who has supported the Boston Market stall.

REFLECTION

The President of the Conference, the Rev Mark Slaney, reflects on the start of the Connexional Year in this special address.
<https://www.methodist.org.uk/about/news/start-of-the-connexional-year-reflections-from-the-president-the-revd-mark-slaney/>

UPDATE REGARDING REV PETE TAYLOR

Following conversations between Rev Angy Long, Connexional Wellbeing and Rev Pete, it has been agreed that Rev Pete will not begin Superintendency duties in the Boston Circuit until the 4th October.

This is to allow him and the family some time to deal with matters arising from his father's sudden death, which have also meant that he has not had the preparation time necessary to move into the Superintendent's role.

During September, Rev Pete will fulfil his preaching appointments on the Circuit Plan but no other duties. It would be greatly appreciated if church members could be mindful of this if he is preaching in their church and be aware of the boundaries we are placing around what he is and is not undertaking in this first month.

Rev Angy Long will be our Acting Superintendent until 4th October. However, we would suggest that any day-to-day matters are directed to the Circuit Office in the first instance. For any urgent pastoral matters please contact Rev Julie Doddrell.

Please continue to hold Rev Pete and his family in your prayers.



UPCOMING EVENTS

roadHoG BBQ at Boston Rugby Club	Saturday 5 th September, 3pm	Everyone is welcome to come along to Boston Rugby Club to say thank you to the roadHoG Team.
Our Story, Our Song at Louth Methodist Church	Sunday 6 th September, 3pm	District celebration service of thanksgiving and testimony to mark the end of the exhibition.
Zion Harvest Festival	Sunday 20 th September, 10.30am	Come and join us as we celebrate Harvest Festival and give thanks to God for His goodness. Everyone is warmly welcome as we gather together in worship.
roadHoG Bus at Skegness Baptist Church	Sunday 20 th September, 10.45am	Come and see the roadHoG Bus in action after the Summer break.
'2026 miles in prayer' at Navenby Methodist Church, Lincoln	Thursday 1 st October, 11am to 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 to develop creativity and to bring joy. Tea and coffee served from 10.30am. Bring a packed lunch, drinks provided. More details: ritarowe18@gmail.com
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.

A METHODIST WAY OF LIFE EXAMEN

A Methodist Way of Life provides twelve commitments and practices that encourage us to respond to God's love and live a better Christian life. They are summarised in these twelve words: pray, worship, notice, care, learn, open, serve, flourish, challenge, tell, live, share. You can find more information about each one in the pocket guide for A Methodist Way of Life, and online at www.methodist.org.uk/MWOL



As Methodists, we are encouraged to reflect regularly on these twelve commitments, particularly with the Holy Spirit's guidance. 'A Methodist Way of Life Examen' is based on the Examen described by St Ignatius of Loyola. As part of your daily prayer, you are invited to use these five steps, while focusing on one of the twelve commitments suggested for each day.

The Five Steps

1. Ask God for light: I want to reflect on the day with God's eyes.
2. Give thanks: I give thanks for the gift of the day and recognise when I have noticed God's presence.
3. Review recent days: I look back over recent days, guided by the Holy Spirit, and reflect carefully on one of the twelve commitments.
4. Face shortcomings: I face up to what I have not been able to do well, particularly reflecting on my shortcomings in relation to one of the twelve commitments.
5. Look towards the day to come: I pray that God will guide me in the day to come and help me notice opportunities to practise one of the twelve commitments.

Taken from the Methodist Prayer Handbook 2026/2027 (page 44).

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT ZION

MONDAYS	10am-12noon	Knit & Knatter
	2-3pm	Dance for Fun
	7.15pm	Badminton (Sept-Apr)
TUESDAYS	6-7.15pm	Beavers & Cubs
	7-9pm	Scouts
	7-8.30pm	'The Way' Fellowship Group (1 st & 3 rd Tue)
WEDNESDAYS	9.45am	Boston Community Health Walk
	5-6pm	Rainbows
	6-7.15pm	Brownies
	7pm	Short Mat Bowls (Sept-May)
	7.15-8.45pm	Guides
THURSDAYS	9.30-11.30am	Coffee Morning
	12.30pm	Community Lunch (3 rd Thu; booking required)
	6.30-7.30pm	Pilates
	6.45-8.15pm	AA
FRIDAYS	10am	Trinity Badminton Group (Sept-Dec)
	2-4pm	CAMEO – table-top games & puzzles (July & Sept-Dec)
	6-7.30pm	Zion Youth Group (restarting in Sep)
SATURDAYS	11.45am-1.15pm	AA