



ZION METHODIST CHURCH

Weekly Notices

Sunday 4th October 2026



THIS SUNDAY

4th October, 10.30am
Rev Julie Doddrell
Café Church

NEXT SUNDAY

11th October, 10.30am
Mr J Hewitt
Charity collection: Centrepont Outreach

PRAYER FOR 3GENERATE

Loving God, as children, young people, group leaders and volunteers gather together for the weekend of 3Generate, we give thanks to you for the fun they will share and the friendships they will make.

We want to thank you for the opportunity given to each person taking part, for each child, for each young person, each leader and each volunteer, that they may know your presence and unwavering love.

We thank you for each venue, activity and experience provided at 3Generate to help encourage meaningful conversations about faith with new friends.

We thank you for the safe travels to the event and pray for safe travels home. We ask that the joy experienced at 3Generate would continue into the everyday lives of those attending.

We pray too for all churches and communities, that they may continue to nurture and support young people in faith, wherever they are. **In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

HOMELESSNESS SUNDAY: TACKLING HOMELESSNESS

The Methodist Church is encouraging churches to think about how we can help tackle homelessness and housing need. The Revd Canon Ian Rutherford highlights the importance of **preventing homelessness before it reaches crisis point**, alongside providing dignity, compassion and practical support to those in need.

The Church is reviewing how **Methodist buildings and land might be used to help meet housing needs** and would particularly like to hear about existing or previous Methodist housing projects.

Churches are also encouraged to **listen to people's experiences, share what is happening locally and pray** for those affected by homelessness and insecure housing.

Find out more on the Methodist Church website: <https://www.methodist.org.uk/about/our-stories/tackling-homelessness/>

MISSION & OUTREACH UPDATE

The latest Mission & Outreach report is available on the noticeboard in the Coffee Lounge. If you would like a copy of the notes from the last meeting, please ask Lesley.

Meet 'n' Eat – Volunteers Needed. Meet 'n' Eat continues to be well supported and appreciated by those who attend. More volunteers are needed to help, so if you could spare some time, please speak to Irene.

Christmas – Get Involved! Our church user groups will be invited to decorate a windowsill for Christmas, helping to make the church look festive and welcoming for everyone who visits.

Christmas Fayre – Can You Help? Plans are beginning for this year's Christmas Fayre, including ideas for entertainment. We are also looking for someone to organise the raffle. If you could help with this, please speak to Lesley.

Movie Afternoon. Following the success of our previous movie afternoon, Alina is planning another one, hopefully during November. Look out for further details soon!

Mission & Outreach – New Ideas. Some exciting ideas for the future are being explored, including culture days, where we could share food, traditions and fellowship with people from different backgrounds, and a 'Thought for the Week' displayed for everyone who uses our church building.

The next Mission & Outreach meeting will be on **Monday 18th January 2027 at 2pm** and will focus on **New Ideas & Initiatives**. Everyone interested in helping to develop new ideas is warmly encouraged to come along. All are welcome!

A further meeting on **Thursday 11th March at 7pm** will focus on publicity, including the website, noticeboards and social media.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – LINCOLNSHIRE SENSORY SERVICES

Alina will be running a stall for Lincolnshire Sensory Services in Boston on **Tuesday 6th October, 10am–4pm** and would be very grateful for any volunteers who can help during the day. If you are able to offer some time, please speak to **Alina**. **Thank you for your support!**

CAP VOLUNTEER INFORMATION EVENT AT CENTENARY

Churches across Boston are working together to establish a **Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Debt Centre**, offering practical support to local people struggling with debt.

Volunteers are needed to become debt coaches, befrienders and supporters. If you'd like to find out more about how you could help, come along to the volunteer information event:

Saturday 10th October, 10.30am–12 noon at Centenary Methodist Church.

Refreshments will be provided. For more information: Martin Criddle – 07503 486107

“BLACKPOOL AT HOME” AT ZION

Come along to Zion for a fun-filled **“Blackpool at Home”** day on **Tuesday 13th October, 10am–3pm** – bringing a little taste of Blackpool to Boston! Why not bring a friend too!

The day will include ballroom dancing, a Blackpool-themed video, Thought of the Day, and mini fish & chips for lunch. Join in and have a dance or simply sit back and watch!

Lunch options include mushy peas, beans, curry sauce and gravy. **Lunch costs £7.50 and must be ordered by 11th October.**

ZION BOARD GAMES NIGHT

Come along for some fun, fellowship and friendly competition at Zion **on Saturday 17th October, 3pm–7pm**. There will be a wide range of board games, old and new, with something for everyone. Come and play your favourites, try something new and enjoy meeting new friends.

Tickets: £8, including a Lincolnshire sausage and mash tea. Proceeds are in aid of Zion funds.

For more information or tickets, please see Stephen or telephone 01205 822899.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Zion Church Council	Tuesday 6 th October, 2pm	The next meeting of the Church Council will take place at Zion on Tuesday afternoon.
CAP Volunteer Information Event	Saturday 10 th October, 10.30am	Come along to Centenary to find out more. See notice for details.
RoadHoG training at Boston Baptist Church	Saturday 10 th October, 2pm-6pm	A training session for potential new team members. All welcome. The commitment is just two hours every fortnight.
Zion “Blackpool at Home”	Tuesday 13 th October, 10am	Come along and enjoy a fun-filled day with a little taste of Blackpool, right here at Zion. Lunch £7.50
Zion Board Games Night	Saturday 17 th October, 3pm	Board games, old and new. Tickets £8 including Lincolnshire sausage and mash tea. See notice.
Zion Church Anniversary	Sunday 18 th October, 10.30am	Worship led by Rev Pete Taylor, including Holy Communion.
Swineshead Silver Band at Centenary	Saturday 24 th October, 7pm for 7.30pm	Come and join Swineshead Silver Band celebrating 140 years with music from around the world. Free entry, with retiring collection.
Zion Christmas Fayre	Saturday 5 th December	A date for your diary. Ideas welcome. Please speak to Lesley.

1 CIRCUIT: OUR FUTURE, RESHAPING FOR MISSION

Following the September Synod, work is continuing on the proposal to reshape the District from **eight Circuits into one Circuit**, with the aim of making better use of resources for mission and discipleship.

Church Councils and Circuit Meetings will be invited to consider the proposals and give their views, with supporting information and guidance being prepared. **Responses are expected by mid-March**, ahead of further consideration at the April Synod.

Please continue to **pray for this process**, for our churches and communities, and for God’s guidance as we consider the way forward.

The latest update is available on the church noticeboard.

JOB VACANCY: CENTENARY WELLBEING HUB COORDINATOR

Centenary Methodist Church is looking to appoint a **Wellbeing Hub Coordinator**.

Further details are available on the **church noticeboard**.

Please note that applications need to be submitted within the next week.

ROADHOG: OCTOBER UPDATE

There's lots of encouraging news from **roadHoG** this month!

The Boston Central Park stop has now moved back to the **Market Place**, outside the Stump, for the winter months, following a successful summer which saw around 15–20 young people visiting each evening.

A recent visit to **Fulney Skate Park in Spalding** was also a great success, welcoming almost **50 young people** in just two hours, as well as several parents and potential new volunteers.

There has been more good news in answer to prayer, with **three new bus drivers currently training** and several new team members coming forward. RoadHoG would still love to hear from anyone interested in joining the team – the commitment is just two hours every fortnight. A training session for potential new team members will be held at **Boston Baptist Church on Saturday 10th October, 2pm–6pm**.

Please continue to **pray for the roadHoG teams and the young people they meet** at each stop. Catch up with all the latest news at: <https://roadhogbus.org.uk/>

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