



Zion Methodist Church Notices Sunday 8 March 2026



Sunday 8 March

- ✝ No service at Zion/online
- ✝ Circuit service at Centenary led by Rev Angy Long at 10.30am
- ✝ 3rd Sunday in Lent
- ✝ Holy Communion

Sunday 15 March: 10.30am

- ✝ Worship service at Zion
- ✝ Not available online this week
- ✝ 4th Sunday in Lent
- ✝ Mothering Sunday
- ✝ Charity collection: Centrepont

Sunday 22 March: 10.30am

- ✝ Worship service led by Rev Dr Val Ogden
- ✝ 5th Sunday in Lent
- ✝ Passion Sunday
- ✝ Followed by General Church Meeting (GCM)

Sunday 29 March: 10.30am

- ✝ Worship service led by Mr J Hewitt
- ✝ 6th Sunday in Lent
- ✝ Palm Sunday

Meditations at the Cross: Third Sunday in Lent

Symbol: Money bag

Then one of the twelve disciples - the one named Judas Iscariot - went to the chief priests and asked, "What will you give me if I betray Jesus to you?" They counted out thirty silver coins and gave them to him. From then on Judas was looking for a good chance to hand Jesus over to them.

Walking with You to the Cross, Lord Jesus, may we see your footmarks and in them plant our own. On this holy journey, help us to receive the lessons for life that You want us to learn as we follow you in today's world. Amen.

A Prayer for the Middle East

God of love. As we see and hear the news of the devastating violence wrought upon and within the Middle East, we hold your broken world before you in prayer. We pray for lives lost, for people who mourn, and for those living in fear. We pray for people stranded and in need of safe routes and safe harbours. We long for peace and pray that those who wage war might exchange weapons for words.

Help us to know how to pray, how to speak and how to act, that we might remember our call to follow the Prince of Peace, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

Reflection from Palestine

A Palestinian Christian living just outside Bethlehem describes what life has been like in Palestine over the past five days.

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/about/news/reflection-from-palestine-from-a-palestinian-christian-living-near-bethlehem/>

International Women's Day: Sunday 8 March

Deacon Michelle Legumi, Deputy Warden of the Methodist Diaconal Order, has written this prayer for International Women's Day (IWD) on 8 March.

Today, as we mark International Women's Day, we thank God for women and girls all around the world. For those who have stepped into roles which have been costly, who have pushed past the obstacles of injustice, who stand tall with pride and dignity in the face of oppression, whose resilience inspires and gives hope. For those whose lives inspire us all to become better human beings, Creator God, we give you thanks.

We pray for people all around the world. For the gifts and resources in our hands. For the knowledge and experience in our minds and bodies. For the love and encouragement in our hearts. For the change which is made possible through our words and actions. We freely and wholeheartedly offer them to you Creator God. You who has made all equal in your image. That in our working together and in partnership, we might become the best version of humankind you envision, where we all equally belong, are seen and empowered, to fulfil our potential in this world. **Amen.**

Circuit Prayer Meeting: Tuesday 10 March, 10.30am

The Circuit Prayer Meeting now takes place every Tuesday, at 10.30am at Centenary. If you have any prayer suggestions from yourself or for others (being sensitive, of course, about what we share) please contact Mr G Carter, Revd Marie Greenwood or Mr B Stock who are guiding Boston Methodist Circuit's Prayer Ministry.

Zion Youth Group: Friday 13 March, 6pm to 7.30pm

Youth Group at Zion every Friday, for young people age 10 to 16 years. Everyone welcome. Refreshments provided. Activities may include arts and crafts; drawing and painting; table tennis; pool table; sports and games; music and singing; badminton; DIY projects; football; and much more. Come along, bring a friend, have fun in a safe space.

Contact Alina for more information: zionnw4@gmail.com

Alina will also be looking for volunteers to help with the Youth Group as it grows and to help with other events and activities. More details as we go along.

Boston Circuit Vine Worship at Kirton: Saturday 14 March, 10-11.30am

Could you be a branch of the Boston Circuit Vine and help to lead Sunday services? "The Vine" material is produced faithfully each week by highly trained and experienced preachers and worship leaders.

Boston Circuit needs more Vine Worship Enablers who feel prompted by God to explore this ministry; who would prepare and pray through the material carefully; who can lift words off the page confidently for others; and who are willing to lead services once or twice each quarter.

Interested...? Come and explore more with Rosemary Pettitt (Vine Worship Enabler) and Rev Dr Val Ogden (Circuit Superintendent) on Saturday 14 March, 10-11.30am, at Kirton Methodist Church.

Mother's Day at Zion: Sunday 15 March, 10.30am

The Gratitude Pathway – a shared journey of thanks and reflection.

Join us for a calm and meaningful Mother's Day experience, as we celebrate mothers and all who have shown love, care and guidance in our lives. There will be three gratitude stations: art and messages of thanks; quiet reflection and prayer; stories celebrating mother figures. All are welcome.

Please note that the service will take place in the church hall, so will not be available to view online via YouTube on this occasion.

Come, pause, reflect, and celebrate the gift of love.

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.

Boston Choral Society Spring Concert: Saturday 28 March, 7.30pm

At St Thomas' Church, London Road, Boston PE21 7EN. Tickets £12, <https://wegottickets.com/event/689710> or via The Stump Gift Shop. Tickets on the door £15. Accompanied under 16s free. Doors open at 7pm. In support of Macmillan Cancer Support.

School Visiting Zion: Monday 30 and Tuesday 31 March

Boston West Academy will be visiting Zion on Monday March 30 and Tuesday 31 March. They will arrive about 1.20pm and leave about 2.40pm. If anyone can help, please sign up on the sheet on the board, near the entrance doors.

'Love Easter': by Wednesday 1 April

Easter love in action. This Easter, Zion is supporting vulnerable families in partnership with Carlton Road Academy. We invite you to help us share hope, care, and kindness through practical Easter packages.

How you can help:

- ✚ Donate food or essential items
- ✚ Give an Easter treat
- ✚ Volunteer to pack parcels
- ✚ Pray for the families.

Collection point in church, by Wednesday 1 April.

Swineshead Easter Teapot Service: Friday 10 April, 3pm

Contact Dianne 01205 820415 to book.

RoadHoG Prayer Meeting at Leverton Church Hall: Friday 24 April, 7pm

All are welcome to come along for this hour of prayerful worship for roadHoG.

Voluntary Work in Uganda

Kelly Reay, a member at Centenary, is going to Uganda in January 2027 to undertake some voluntary work with Mercy Scouts. The main purpose of the trip will be to provide female hygiene items e.g. reusable sanitary products, pants and bras. If you would like to support Kelly, you can donate any of these items which can be brought to the Circuit Office or to Karena in the Rummage Room at Centenary. If anyone is creative and would like to sew some pads a pattern and material is available from Kelly. For any further information please email Kelly at kellyreay1991@gmail.com.

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
	7pm-8.30pm	'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)
	2pm-4pm	Come & Meet Each Other (CAMEO) – table top games, puzzles – (Jul + Sep-Dec)
Saturdays	11.45am-1.15pm	AA
