



## Zion Methodist Church Notices Sunday 5 July 2026



### Sunday 5 July: 10.30am

- ✝ Worship led by Rev Dr Val Ogden
- ✝ Holy Communion
- ✝ Charity collection: Centrepont

### Sunday 12 July: 10.30am

- ✝ Worship led by Mrs K Willis

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### Bible Month – Philippians: July 2026

July is Bible Month and you can download a reading guide online at:

[https://media.methodist.org.uk/media/documents/Bible\\_Month\\_2026\\_Reading\\_Guide\\_web.pdf](https://media.methodist.org.uk/media/documents/Bible_Month_2026_Reading_Guide_web.pdf)

- ✝ Sunday 5 July: Philippians 1 – A Harvest of Joy
- ✝ Sunday 12 July: Philippians 2 – Shine Humbly
- ✝ Sunday 19 July: Philippians 3 – Press On
- ✝ Sunday 26 July: Philippians 4 – Grace Be With You

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### Denny Shields

Denny Shields sadly died last Sunday. She had been in The Gardens Care Home for a number of years and came to the services there when able. Our thoughts are with Malcolm and the family at this sad time.

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### “Coffee on the Street” at Zion: Wednesday 8 July, from 9am

Alina is planning “Coffee on the Street” on Wednesday 8 July. She will be serving coffee to passersby and giving out ice creams and the “World Cup 2026” booklets. She will need a volunteer to help her please.

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### Methodist Conference Update

The Methodist Conference has elected and inducted the Revd Mark Slaney to serve as President and Caroline Steed to serve as Vice-President. The induction marks the start of their year in office.

Revd Dr Jennifer Smith and Daniel Keen have been designated to serve as President and Vice-President for 2027/2028.

You can read all the Conference news, including the President’s and Vice-President’s Addresses here: <https://www.methodist.org.uk/about/structure-and-governance/the-methodist-conference/> This includes updates on Online Communion, Palestine, AI, Net Zero and Justice, Dignity and Solidarity

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### Online Circuit Coffee, Chat and Prayer: Wednesday 8 July, 10am

<https://zoom.us/j/92835200037?pwd=VmVuQ1FYTWt1R1Vpb1YzaVILOjJqUT09>  
Meeting ID: 928 3520 0037. Passcode: 174901.

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## **Centenary Summer Season of Music 2026: Wednesday 8 July, 7.30pm**

Centenary Summer Season of Music continues on Wednesday 8 July with Centenary Showcase with Rev Val. The concerts will run every Wednesday evening, to 26 August, 7.30pm to 8.30pm. Free entry. Donations welcome on the night.

- 8 July: Centenary Showcase with Rev Val
- 15 July: David Ivory – Organ
- 22 July: Coastal Community Choir
- 29 July: Boston Salvation Army Band
- 5 August: ROCK CHOIR – Choirs led by Lulu Grainger
- 12 August: Lincs Soul Collective
- 19 August: Joanne Shields – 50 years of popular music
- 26 August: Pat Campbell – an evening of non-stop hits!

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## **Tea in a Tent at Zion Update: Saturday 11 July, 2.30pm**

A few weeks ago, St. Botolph Rotary decided to raise some money to fund a Shelterbox by holding a tea party on the lawn at Zion. Nobody could imagine what terrible destruction there has been since. The Venezuelan earthquake has caused whole districts to collapse, ripped families apart, made thousands homeless and killed hundreds. This makes the fund raising even more important. I have already had people say they will be coming and that they also intend to give donations and bring cake ..... thank you all. We look forward to seeing you, enjoying the tea, each other's company and hopefully making a difference to those in need. Remember: Tea in a Tent at Zion on Saturday 11 July, from 2.30pm to 4pm. Tickets £5 from John Wright.

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## **Farewell Service at Centenary: Friday 24 July**

This summer, after 8 years, Rev Dr Val Ogden is moving on from Boston's Methodist Churches to a new appointment in London. We welcome anyone from Church & Community to drop by and say bye to Val on Friday 24 July, between 3pm and 5.30pm, followed by a simple farewell service at 6pm. Soft drinks & mini-snacks available, or bring a picnic – we've ordered the sunshine! Very informal. See you there.

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## **Ploughman's Lunch at Gipse Bridge: Saturday 1 August, 12pm**

Join us for a delicious ploughman's lunch and a fun quiz at Gipse Bridge Chapel on Saturday 1 August. Starts at 12pm. Max 6 people per team. £12.50 including lunch and quiz. Booking essential – contact Eileen on 01205 280516 or Rachel on 07931 366998. Food, fun and friendly competition! Everyone welcome!!

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## **Zion Church Council: Summary of June Meeting**

**Church Stewards** - team(s) of new stewards needed as soon as possible.  
Please see Stephen or Stuart

### **Finance**

- Circuit Assessment has been increased by £500
- Circuit Administrator looks likely to take on book-keeping duties for Zion from Sept with Circuit Finance Lead undertaking the accounts

### **Mission & Outreach**

- Church website – this has been updated – please send any photos of events/groups to Lesley

### **Social/Fundraising**

- Beetle Drive for Autumn
- Christmas Fayre – no date as yet

### **Circuit**

- Reshaping for Mission – Audit to follow later in the year
- Visit of President & Vice President – Tuesday 11 August at 10am at Zion - looking at work of Youth and Families followed by visit to Kirton
- Circuit Property Facilitator for Boston & Sleaford is John Edwards
- Rev Val's Leaving Service – Friday 24 July - 3pm Picnic - 6pm Service

**Next Church Council meets – Monday 5 October at 2pm**

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## **RoadHoG News: July 2026**

Catch up with the latest roadHoG news at: <https://roadhogbus.org.uk/support-us/newsletter/>

If you have never had the opportunity to see aboard the Bus itself and/or wish to know more about the Project, you are warmly invited to visit Boston Baptist Church on **Sunday 12 July**. They will be discussing the Project in detail during the Church Service – which starts at 10:30 – but if you would rather not miss worship in your own Church, they will be opening the Bus up for viewing from 11:30 onwards and roadHoG Team Members will be available to answer any and (hopefully) all of your questions, so why not come along after your own Church service has ended?

They are also looking for 1 or 2 more cleaners for the inside of the Bus – details in the newsletter or email [mojo.zara@btinternet.com](mailto:mojo.zara@btinternet.com) to find out more.

Please pray for the Project Management Team who keep the whole thing going behind the scenes. You can find information about each of the team members in the newsletter. Please keep Janice, Ant, Jenny, Trevor, John, Kevin, Andrew, Tony and Kev in your prayers.

There will be a roadHoG BBQ at Boston Rugby Club on **Saturday 5 September**, from 3pm, to say thank you to the Team and all are welcome to join them. It will be outside if it's sunny and inside if not!

Please also remember in your prayers, the planned visit to Fulney Skate Park in Spalding on **Friday 11 September**.

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## District Reshaping

Anyone who has not been able to attend a reshaping event with Rev Angy Long in their own circuit might like to attend a Zoom meeting which is to be held at 7pm on **Tuesday 14 July**. This is an open meeting for anyone to come along and hear more about the possible reshaping of our 8 circuits into 1, to comment and ask questions. Please contact Alison at [pa@lincolnshiremethodist.org.uk](mailto:pa@lincolnshiremethodist.org.uk) for the Zoom code.

## Olive Tree Celebration

Olive Tree are celebrating 25 years in Old Bolingbroke. You are invited to join them for their silver anniversary in July. Throughout the month, they are offering 25% off many items, including books, fairtrade, giftware and cards. There will be an exhibition of a scale model of the tabernacle, where you will receive a free booklet explaining its use and meaning. Visit them at High Mill, Kirkby Hill, Old Bolingbroke, PE23 4HP. Tel: 01790 763627 or email: [info@olivetreelincs.co.uk](mailto:info@olivetreelincs.co.uk)

| WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT ZION                                                                             |                |                                                                             |
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|  <b>MONDAYS</b>      | 10am–12pm      | Knit & Knatter                                                              |
|                                                                                                       | 2pm–3pm        | Dance for Fun                                                               |
|                                                                                                       | 7.15pm         | Badminton (Sep–Apr)                                                         |
|  <b>TUESDAYS</b>   | 6pm–7.15pm     | Beavers and Cubs                                                            |
|                                                                                                       | 7pm–9pm        | Scouts                                                                      |
|                                                                                                       | 7pm–8.30pm     | 'The Way' Fellowship Group (1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tue)        |
|  <b>WEDNESDAYS</b> | 9.45am         | Boston Community Health Walk                                                |
|                                                                                                       | 5pm–6pm        | Rainbows                                                                    |
|                                                                                                       | 6pm–7.15pm     | Brownies                                                                    |
|                                                                                                       | 7pm            | Short Mat Bowls (Sep–May)                                                   |
|                                                                                                       | 7.15pm–8.45pm  | Guides                                                                      |
|  <b>THURSDAYS</b>  | 9.30am–11.30am | Coffee Morning                                                              |
|                                                                                                       | 12.30pm        | Community Lunch (3 <sup>rd</sup> Thu; booking required)                     |
|                                                                                                       | 6.30pm–7.30pm  | Pilates                                                                     |
|                                                                                                       | 6.45pm–8.15pm  | AA                                                                          |
|  <b>FRIDAYS</b>    | 10am           | Trinity Badminton Group (Sep–Dec)                                           |
|                                                                                                       | 2pm–4pm        | Come & Meet Each Other (CAMEO) – table top games, puzzles – (Jul + Sep–Dec) |
|                                                                                                       | 6pm–7.30pm     | Zion Youth Group – age 10 to 16 years                                       |
|  <b>SATURDAYS</b>  | 11.45am–1.15pm | AA                                                                          |