



Zion Methodist Church Notices Sunday 6 April 2025



Sunday 6 April: 10.30am

- ✝ Worship led by Mr M Jessop
- ✝ 5th Sunday in Lent

Sunday 13 April: 10.30am

- ✝ Worship led by Rev Dr Val Ogden
- ✝ 6th Sunday in Lent; Palm Sunday
- ✝ Charity collection: Centrepont Outreach

Lent Liturgy 5: Soul Mates

Give us this day our daily bread to cement our friendship...

That we may feel loved, wanted, needed, cared for, that we may offer love and care where it is needed.

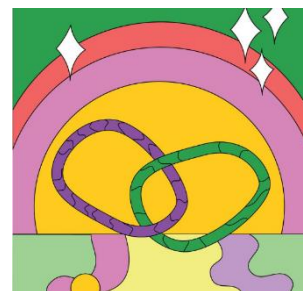
Give us this day our daily bread to cement our friendship...

That we may live companionably with you, our soul friend, that we may live companionably with our friends and neighbours.

Give us this day our daily bread to cement our friendship...

That together with you we can be love and hope for others, that together we are there for each other.

O Lord our God, on this Lenten journey, **be our friend, let us be friends and let us be be-friended, we pray. Amen.**



Methodist Conference President's Visit: Wednesday 9 April

The President of the Methodist Conference will be visiting Boston Circuit on Wednesday 9 April at Centenary, and we hope they will join the Circuit Zoom. This is a great opportunity to promote all that our Circuit does.

We are also invited to attend the District Service during the President and Vice President's visit – on Wednesday 9 April at 7pm at Central Methodist Church, Lincoln.

Circuit Prayer Meeting: Friday 11 April, 10.45am to 11.30am

Circuit Prayer Meeting every Friday, 10.45am to 11.30am, in the Little Chapel at Centenary Methodist Church. If you have any prayer suggestions from yourself or for others (being sensitive, of course, about what we share) please contact Mr G. Carter, Rev Marie Greenwood or Mr B. Stock who are guiding Boston Methodist Circuit's Prayer Ministry.

Plant Sale at Centenary: Sunday 13 April, 12 noon to 3pm

Plants, seeds, magazines, refreshments. Proceeds to Centenary Methodist Church. All welcome.

Boston Methodist Circuit Holy Week and Easter Services

- ✚ Monday 14 April, 2.45pm: Holy Week Stations and Prayer Walk – Kirton Village; meet at the Chapel, refreshments 4pm
- ✚ Tuesday 15 April, 7pm: Soul Food: Feeling well fed? Hospital Bridge; worship and sharing to look back at our Lenten journey 2025
- ✚ Wednesday 16 April, 10am: Holy Week online (Zoom) service with Rev Julie Doddrell
- ✚ Maundy Thursday 17 April, 7pm: Reflective service with the ministry of Footwashing – Zion
- ✚ Good Friday, 18 April
 - ✚ 10am: Worship at Centenary with the Reading of the Passion
 - ✚ 10.45am: Ecumenical Walk of Witness – Boston Town Centre
 - ✚ 2pm: Holy Week Stations and Prayer Walk – Gipsy Bridge Village; followed by reflective service at the Chapel at 3pm with hot cross buns
 - ✚ 7.30pm: Swineshead Sacred Service – Swineshead
- ✚ Saturday, 19 April, 10.30am: Family-friendly Easter journey – Kirton
- ✚ Easter Sunday 20 April:
 - ✚ 6am: Sunrise Service – Centenary garden; hot drinks and breakfast baps
 - ✚ 10.30am: Easter morning services at Centenary, Kirton, Swineshead and Zion
 - ✚ 2.30pm Easter service at Gipsy Bridge
 - ✚ 6pm: Easter service at Hospital Bridge

A journey through Holy Week: from Monday 14 April

Join the President and Vice-President as they travel through Holy Week and share a short video reflection. Each video will be available from 7am every day starting on Holy Monday. Watch the whole playlist, as each video becomes available.

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/faith/easter-2025/a-journey-through-holy-week/>

An Easter Message from the President of the Conference

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Celebrating Easter in the military

Armed Forces chaplains share what it is like to celebrate Easter in the military, highlighting parallels between military life and the Easter story.

Our calling leads us to be with people doing some extraordinary things. Easter is a special moment in the church year, but what is like for those who are in the military? Sacrifice, suffering, separation and hope. These are themes within the

Easter narrative that speak to the experience of our Armed Forces communities. In this video Armed Forces Chaplains share their experience of Easter in the military.

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/faith/easter-2025/celebrating-easter-in-the-military/>

Table Top Sale at Centenary: Saturday 26 April, 10am to 2pm

Grab a bargain at Two Bridges Methodist Mission Table Top Sale at Centenary Methodist Church. Having a spring clear out? Sell your stuff and make some money! Free entry. Tea/Coffee and Refreshments available. Tables available (pre-book only) £5 contact Lynn on 07896 128727 / email nnylthorn@gmail.com

Circuit Meeting at Centenary: Tuesday 29 April, 7pm

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 29 April at 7pm in person at Centenary.

Celebrating chaplaincy in Lincolnshire

The vital ministry of chaplaincy was celebrated at the Festival of Chaplaincy held at Lincoln Cathedral over the weekend Friday 21 to Sunday 23 March.

Organised by the Lincolnshire Rural & Agricultural Chaplaincy and the Lincolnshire Methodist District, over 3,000 people attended the festival with discussions about faith and aimed to raise awareness and inform the visitors about the amazing work that chaplaincies carry out every day within communities throughout the UK. The Chaplaincy Dinner in the Cathedral on the Friday evening, including an auction, raised around £50,000 for three charities: Lincolnshire Methodist District's Community Healthcare Chaplaincy, the Lincolnshire Rural and Agricultural Chaplaincy, and Lincoln Cathedral

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/about/news/celebrating-chaplaincy-in-lincolnshire/>

Would you like a piano?

A friend of mine has an upright steel frame Chappell piano which she is giving away, for free. She is a retired opera singer, so I am sure the piano is a good one. However, it will need tuning and whoever has it will have to arrange transport etc. Do you know of anyone or any organisation that would like to take advantage of this offer? if so, contact me at: john.wright1279@gmail.com

Myanmar earthquake – the Methodist Church responds

The Methodist Church Upper Myanmar (MCUM) is a Partner of the Methodist Church in Britain, and the main MCUM offices are in Mandalay, at the centre of the earthquake. As the Methodist Church in Britain, we have been in touch with our partners offering prayer and solidarity.

The Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) has launched an appeal to help with the relief effort. Christian Aid (of which the Methodist Church was a founding partner) is one of the 15 leading aid charities that make up the DEC.

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/about/news/earthquake-in-myanmar-the-methodist-church-responds-and-supports-christian-aid-appeal/>

Prayer

Loving God, we pray for all those affected by the earthquake in Myanmar. Our hearts are heavy as we see scenes of extensive damage experienced by people who are already suffering from the uncertainties and deprivations of war.

We pray for all those who have lost friends and family members, and those unable to find out if loved ones are safe or not, especially those who fear for the lives of those trapped under collapsed buildings in Myanmar and Thailand.

We pray for restoration of power and communication, and enough information to allow appropriate relief to be channelled quickly.

We pray for all those involved in relief efforts, and for all those trying to provide logistical, emotional and spiritual support.

And we give thanks that you, Lord God, know the details that we don't know, care about each person, and are present in every situation. May we show your compassion through our prayers and our giving. Amen.

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)
	7.15pm-8.45pm	Guides
Thursdays	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