



ZION METHODIST CHURCH

Weekly Notices

Sunday 6th September 2026



THIS SUNDAY

6th September, 10.30am

Rev Pete and Deacon Sam Taylor
Holy Communion

NEXT SUNDAY

13th September, 10.30am

Mr M Jessop
Charity collection: Centrepont Outreach

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MARIAN RICHARDSON

Marian's funeral service will be held at Zion on **Wednesday, 16th September at 12.30pm**, followed by 1.30pm at Boston Crematorium. Everyone is then welcome to join the family at Blackfriars for a buffet lunch.

Black is not required or expected. Please be comfortable and feel free to wear colour. Flowers are welcome or donations may be made to Alzheimer's Society: <https://marian-richardson.muchloved.com>

Marian had links with Zion in years past. She was a resident at The Gardens Care Home and regularly joined in the services held there. The family would find comfort in sharing the day with people who knew Marian and remember her fondly.



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.

Please let Louise know if you are planning on attending, so she has an idea of numbers for refreshments at Blackfriars: loobielou24@sky.com

CHURCH FLOWERS

Could you help with our church flowers?

The flowers in church each Sunday bring colour and beauty to our worship and are enjoyed and appreciated by us all.

We have a few gaps in our flower rota and would be very grateful for some extra help.



Please speak to Irene if you can help and thank you to all those who already do.

UPDATE FROM ALINA

A big thank you to everyone who donated items for last Saturday's market stall, and to everyone who came along to support the cycling event on Thursday on behalf of Zion.

Alina's next outreach project is 'Generation Podcast' at Elmwood House. No volunteers are needed for this one, but please continue to remember Alina and all the outreach projects in your prayers.



MISSION & OUTREACH

Autumn Days: Zion will be having a table in The Stump at this community event on Thursday 24th September 10am-2pm. Information for other circuit churches will be displayed too. Please visit. Anyone wishing to help please see Lesley.



We will not be taking part in Heritage Weekend this year, but Zion was represented at the Tour of Britain cycling event on Thursday 3rd September.

Mission & Outreach Meeting: At our next meeting we will be looking at the different groups which meet at Zion. Group leaders are invited to prepare a short update about what their group has been doing this year and any plans for the future, or simply come along and share the information with us. Alina will also update us on her outreach work.

We will also review our new information leaflets, which will be in the church foyer, and look at this year's special services, considering how Mission & Outreach can help to enhance these occasions.

Remember 'Holiday at Home'? We are planning a similar one-day event – look out for more details soon.

The date of the next meeting will be announced shortly.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.
Autumn Days Event at The Stump	Thursday 24 th September, 10am-2pm	Community coffee morning with stalls hosted by various local groups and voluntary organisations to showcase community work and connect residents.
'2026 miles in prayer' at Navenby Methodist Church, Lincoln	Thursday 1 st October, 11am-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.

ZION YOUTH CLUB

Volunteers urgently needed for Zion Youth Club

We are really hoping to restart **Zion Youth Club in September**, but unfortunately we cannot do so without some additional volunteers.



The club has grown and we now have **17 young people** wanting to attend, which is wonderful! However, at present, Alina and Geoff are the only regular volunteers. To make sure the club can run safely, we need to recruit at least two more people who can help on Friday evenings.

Could you help? Even if you would simply like to find out a little more about what is involved, please speak to Alina or Geoff.

The Youth Club is an important part of Zion's work with children and young people, and we would dearly love to see it continue.

Please consider whether you could give a little of your time to help us make that possible. Thank you.

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 (hoping to restart soon)
SATURDAYS	11.45am-1.15pm	AA

A WOUNDED COMMUNITY – REFLECTIONS AND PRAYER

“We pray for healing in our communities and for people to be brought together.”

Communities in Teesside and Middlesbrough have featured in the news recently. As people seek to make sense of a series of tragedies, Carolyn Godfrey, Past Vice-President and Regional Officer for Safeguarding – North East, shares her reflections and a prayer for healing in all communities: <https://www.methodist.org.uk/about/news/a-wounded-community/>

REV. PETER TAYLOR



Hello everyone!

I am Rev. Peter Taylor, and I am the new Superintendent Methodist Minister for Boston Methodist Circuit. I am grateful to those I have met already who have made me and Deacon Sam feel so welcome and I am really looking forward to getting to know you and others as the days go by and becoming involved in church and community life.

To introduce myself, I was born in Peterborough, lived in Derby until the age of eight and then lived in Boston for 12 years. I became a Christian aged 16. Work life started in Boston, as an apprentice at Burton Menswear. In 1991 I was promoted to assistant manager in Long Eaton and lived in Derby. A few years later I got my first manager post in Leicester, working in various stores in and around the city until my last post at Royal Leamington Spa. Around this time I met Sam, who was in Boston training to be a nurse. We were married in 2000 in Leicester. Sam was a community nurse whilst I was working for a charity, Rathbone Training helping excluded young people gain employment. Sam went to Kosova & Macedonia on short mission trips with a Baptist charity called Smile International, which had a huge impact on her faith and life. We both went out to Kosova for a week in 2002 and it impacted me too. We prayed and then applied to the World Church Office now Global Relationships of the Methodist Church. We were accepted as Mission Partners and served in Bulgaria for just over 3 years. This time was an incredible experience for us and before we returned to the UK, we felt called to ordained ministry. We were accepted and trained for 3 years at Queen's, Birmingham. Sam as a Deacon and myself as a Presbyter.

Prior to Boston we served in our first appointment in Barry, South Wales and then in a circuit within North Notts & North Derbyshire. In our last appointment, Sam served for the latter part, largely due to the Covid pandemic, outside the church in the NHS as both a Chaplain and a nurse.

We have two adult children - Rose is 21 and graduated from University a few months ago and is near Derby working for Autism East Midlands. Matt is 18 and is going to join the Army in October, training to be an Armourer.

Sadly this year in the space of just three months both our Dads died. There has been much to do and still are things ahead to navigate. As you will have seen, the Methodist Connexion and District chair Rev Angy Long have recommended that I proceed steadily in this new appointment.

In this heatwave year it is hard to think that Autumn is approaching soon! October is the month when we see trees preparing for winter and I love the words of Donna Ashworth's poem, *'There is something so beautiful about Autumn.'* She reminds us that the trees show us how to let go, so new life can come. The Bible also reminds us in Isaiah 40:8, 'The grass withers, the flowers fade but the word of our God stands forever.' My prayer for us all is that in the changing seasons of life, we may each know God's loving presence with us. And that, being in beautiful Lincolnshire we will look to the skies for inspiration.

Thank you for your understanding, patience and prayers. Deacon Sam and I look forward to being with you all soon.

May God bless you,

Rev. Pete