

# Skegness Community Church

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**This month our theme is  
Responding to Easter**

Do join us as we celebrate our love of the Risen Lord Jesus this Eastertide. Our meetings are open to people from all denominations of the Christian faith and to those who are seeking a faith. You will receive a warm welcome in the name of Jesus and may His abundant blessings be on you, and all who you love, today and for all eternity.

Each week please take a copy of our

**Weekly Bible Study**  
**52 Passages of Scripture that every believer should know**

*In the Community for the Community*

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**Sunday Worship**

**10.30 a.m.**

**Worship Services  
are also available on our  
website**

[skegnesscommunitychurch.org.uk](http://skegnesscommunitychurch.org.uk)

**and facebook**

<https://www.facebook.com/skegness.communitychurch>

**Details of this month's  
preaching themes are available  
in this newsletter. Our Worship  
is led by Rev'd Ian Banks**



*Please note you can find this  
newsletter on our website  
and also on Facebook.*

## OUR MISSION PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we thank you for calling us in love to be your children. We pray that together we will **grow in love** with your Son Jesus Christ and with one another, that together we will continue to build up the Body of Christ as we **grow in service**, and that we may be so anointed and inspired by your Holy Spirit that through our love and witness all may at last be gathered into your marvellous kingdom of light, as we continue to **grow in numbers**.

Amen

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## ABOUT THE *Skegness Community Church*

*Skegness Community Church* was set up in October 2008 by the retired Methodist Minister, Rev Ian Banks. Initially the Church was under the oversight and support of the Reffley Community Church of the Nazarene, King's Lynn. The Church of the Nazarene is an international evangelical denomination in the Wesleyan-Holiness tradition, and so in many ways is similar to the Methodist Church. In April 2015 we became a separate registered charity (CIO)(*Charity Registration no. 1161383*) and in March 2019 we were accepted as a fully organised in the Nazarene Church. In January 2020 we were released from the denomination and became an independent Church Community. At a General Meeting of the members held on 10th April 2022 a new Constitution was agreed as was the change of the name of the CIO to *Skegness Community Church*.

The new Constitution has been accepted by the Charity Commission.

Our **web site** is [www.skegnesscommunitychurch.org.uk](http://www.skegnesscommunitychurch.org.uk)

### PRAYER

Wherever you are we invite you to join with our Fellowship in prayer for each other and for the work of our Church. As part of your prayers we ask that you include our **Mission Prayer** (see front page). As a fellowship we uphold each other in prayer and invite anyone to ask for prayer. Each day we remember those in special need.

During May as we approach Pentecost we pray: Almighty God, we recognise that you are the fire, the spark, the vision, the calling, that brings us to our knees to pray for those near and far; and so we pray this day for those people and situations that are on our minds and in our hearts. We pray for those who lead the nations of the world and for the people they lead. We pray for those who speak out against injustice and unfairness. We pray for ourselves, that we may follow in the steps of Christ and in so doing find peace, love and contentment, healing, hope and joy. Amen.

### Weekly Bible Study 2025 (see website or facebook)

Week 15 - 4th May - Bible Study verse 2 Timothy 3:16

Week 16 - 11th May - Bible Study verse Proverbs 29:18

Week 17 - 18th May - Bible Study verse is John 11:35

Week 18 - 25th May - Bible Study verse is John 11:25

### MEETING POINT COMMUNITY OUTREACH

**Our Meeting Point Community Outreach is a base for our outreach into the community and involves a **Charity Shop** where we offer a wide range of items; and a **Cafe** where you can relax over a cup of tea or coffee or a snack or main meal with dessert. The proceeds from these activities go towards the cost of maintaining and supporting our church here in Skegness in it's outreach to the community:**

**Opening Times: Tuesday to Friday 10 a.m. - 3.30 p.m.**

**Please note we will be closed on April 15th**

## Worship During May 2025

This month's Worship Theme is **Responding to Easter**

### May 4, 3rd Sunday of Easter

Theme will be **Take Care of My Sheep**

The readings will be from  
John chapter 21: v 1-19 and  
Revelation chapter 5: v 11-14



### May 11 4th Sunday of Easter

The theme will be **Remain in the Flock**

The readings will be from  
John chapter 10 v 22-30 and  
Revelation chapter 7: v 9-17  
Our meeting will include the  
**Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

### May 18 5th Sunday of Easter

The theme of our meeting will be  
**New Life in Christ**

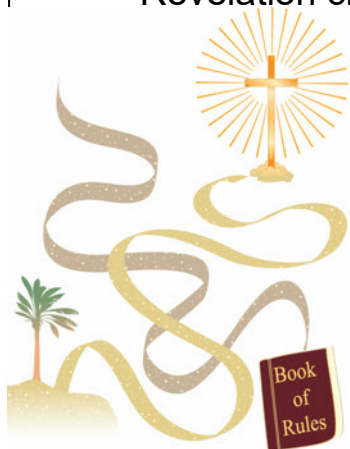
The readings will be from  
John chapter 13 v 31-35 and  
Revelation chapter 21: v 1-6



### May 25 6th Sunday of Easter

The readings will be from  
John chapter 14:23-29,  
Revelation 21:10,22 - 22:5 and  
Acts 16: 9-15.

This week's theme will be  
**A New Way.**



**For your diaries -**

**Wedding Anniversaries: Elsie & Ian Banks 1st;  
Kathie & Graham Price 10th.**

## A Message from the Rev'd Ian Banks

### Responding to Easter

We read in Philippians 3: 10; I want to know Jesus and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Last month we celebrated Easter; the pivotal event in the whole of human history; God's triumph over death and evil. What a roller-coaster ride of events and emotions preceded the Easter event, including Jesus being hung on a cross to die like a common criminal! But then just three days later the miracle to beat all miracles; God raised Him from death. The Resurrection is indeed the **Supreme Miracle of Christianity**.

There is a danger, however, that while we dip into the "adventure" of Easter we celebrate only what is "seen" and "revealed" and this can result in a shallow and superficial understanding of the significance of those world changing events. We have the advantage of hindsight and we know that everything that happened to Jesus turned out for the best in the end, even when He was hung on a cross. At the time though, these events would have seemed to Jesus' followers to have been a disaster from which there was no turning back. Many people in the world today are faced with a similar situation of despair in their lives. We cannot even begin to think what the people in the numerous war zones around the world are thinking at this time but we continue to pray that they will trust God even in this desperate time. This is why we need to not just celebrate Easter but **respond to Easter** and fully accept the **New Life in Christ** which is our undeserved gift from God through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. A **New Life** lived now that will lead to Eternal Life.

The Christian faith encourages us to believe that God is with us and committed to us. He forgives us and hears and answers our prayers. He loves to reveal his ways to us. However, we cannot be tempted to treat God as if He has placed himself at our command; to become so preoccupied with God being for us, that we forget our need to **respond** by receiving what God wants to give. He wants us to truly know Him in a way that will radically change our lives. As Christians we continue to pray that God's resurrection power will open our eyes to a deeper understanding of the glorious future He has planned for each of us.

**Whatever stage of the journey of faith you are at, please do join us for worship or during the week in our cafe, that together we can celebrate the supreme miracle of Christianity.**