

Skegness Community Church

Registered Charity Number 1161383

Ministry Newsletter June 2025

www.skegnesscommunitychurch.org.uk



When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

(Acts 2: 1-4)

This month our theme is

A Faith Driven Life

May the Holy Spirit of God empower your life as it did for the disciples on the day of the first Christian Pentecost and through that power may you be enabled to share the Good News of Jesus. May the abundant power of the Holy Spirit be with you today so enriching your life today and for eternity

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

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

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.

Lord, we pray for a world which seems to be out of control. We pray for minds held captive to dark thoughts of violence, beseeching you that they might be released from the evil which has bound them. We pray for the release of minds held captive to the spirit of strife and destruction. Lord, we pray for your Church in these increasingly difficult times, when your message of salvation is misunderstood or distorted. Lord, open the eyes, hearts and minds of those who are captive to the cynical spirit of our present age; set them free to understand the message of your merciful love. **Amen**

Weekly Bible Study 2025 (see website or facebook)

Week 19 - 1st June - Bible Study verse 2 Chronicles 7:14

Week 20 - 8th June - Bible Study verse Galatians 2:20

Week 21 - 15th June - Bible Study verse is Mark 1:17

Week 22 - 22nd June - Bible Study verse is 1 John 1:9

Week 23 - 29th June - Bible Study verse is Luke 10:27

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.

Worship During June 2025

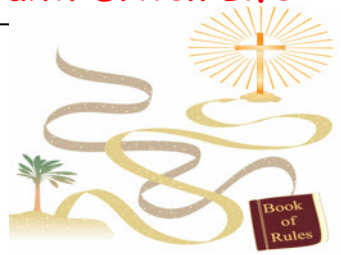
This month's Worship Theme is **A Faith Driven Life**

June 1 7th Sunday of Easter

The readings will be from John chapter

The theme will be **A New Priority**

The readings will be from John chapter
17:20-26, Revelation 22:12-21.



June 8 - Pentecost

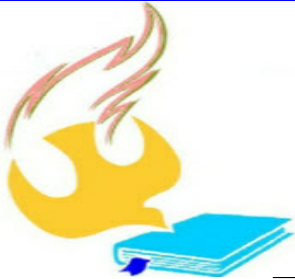
The theme will be **A New Empowering**

The readings will be from Acts 2:1-21.

and John 14: 8-17 & 25-27

Our meeting will include the

Celebration of the Lord's Supper



June 15, Trinity Sunday

The readings will be from John 16:12-15,
and Romans 5:1-5

This week's theme will be **A New Vision**

**Today we also celebrate the
Sixteenth Anniversary of our
Church in Skegness**



June 22 - Father's Day

This week's theme will be **Clothed with Christ**

The readings will be from Galatians 3:23-29
and Luke 8: 26-39.

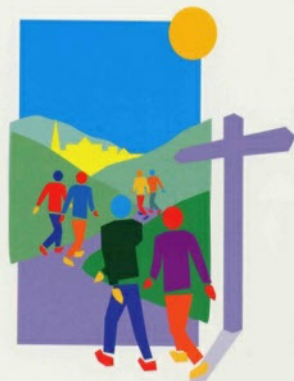


June 29

The readings will be from
Galatians 5: 1 & 13 v 25 and Luke 9: v 51-62

This week's theme will be,

The Way of Faith.



For your diaries -

Birthdays:

Alan Clark 6th; Elsie Banks 30th;

A Message from the Rev'd Ian Banks

A Faith Driven Life

This month we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit onto and into the Disciples of Jesus. There is another reason for us to celebrate as a church this month as we celebrate another milestone in our Spiritual Journey together; sixteen years of being a Church community here in Skegness. Our motto from the beginning has been, *"In the Community .. For the Community"*.

On Sunday June 7th 2009, (Trinity Sunday) we started our Church Plant in the County Hotel on North Parade. In October 2015 we moved to Alghitha Road where our premises are officially registered as a place of worship.

Over the last sixteen years we have been able to minister to both local people and those who are on holiday in the town or surrounding area through our Meeting Point Community Outreach which is open four days a week. We will never know how many people, even after a brief encounter with our fellowship, have gone on to ask Jesus into their lives, but there are many who we do know and who have become members of our church, although sadly some have since passed to glory or have moved to another town. We hold them all in our prayers.

Many people still think in terms of Church as being something completely set aside from the world and our ordinary daily lives. Part of this may be due to the fact that most people think of the Church as a building. But Church is the collective word for the **people** who believe in and commit to Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour and so Church is anywhere and everywhere God's people live and meet.

Last month we saw how Jesus prepared His Disciples to continue His work on earth to bring all peoples everywhere into the Kingdom of God, not for His sake but for theirs. This is the work Jesus commissions us all to continue.

It's an awesome task, but Jesus does not leave us to struggle with the task alone. Before Jesus left His Disciples He promised to send another "helper", who will show them what to do and enable them to do it. That "helper" is the **Holy Spirit of God** and this month we celebrate the great outpouring of the Holy Spirit onto and into Jesus' disciples on the day of **Pentecost**. This wonderful gift of the Holy Spirit has continued to pour into peoples lives ever since. We too are promised the "helper" and all we have to do is accept that great gift from God, and confess that Jesus is the Son of God.

As "Church" we live a **Faith Driven Life**. This month we shall be exploring that theme in our worship and fellowship together. The Apostle Paul writes, "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. A **Faith Driven Life** is one in which we are **ruled by the love of Christ**. We are **clothed with Christ** when we **choose to live the way of Faith**. **Whatever stage of the journey of faith you are at, please do join us so that together we may live out a Faith Driven Life.** May God bless you all.