

Skegness Community Church

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Ministry Newsletter September 2025

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Large crowds were travelling with Jesus, and turning to them he said:

"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters - yes, even his own life - he cannot be my disciple.

And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

(Luke 14: 25-27)

This month our theme is

The Cost of Our Spiritual Treasure

Do join us as we celebrate our love of the Risen Lord Jesus and may you accept Jesus as your Saviour and so inherit your Spiritual Treasure - Eternal Life.

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.

Let us pray: Lord we live in a world full of injustice, full of greed, full of people seeking domination over others. This is not how you created us to live. and so we pray against injustice, greed and domination. We pray the comfort of your Holy Spirit on the people who suffer as a result of such evil. We pray for those who are suffering from war, famine, and earthquake. We pray for the leaders of the nations, asking that you will give them wisdom to speak out and to bring an end to war wherever it is fought. Lord, you call us to show hospitality to strangers, so we pray for all who are in genuine need of refuge, and we pray against those who are abusing our hospitality for selfish reasons, and for the criminal gangs who are exploiting people. We pray for the people and situations known to us, that there might be healing and renewal. Amen

Weekly Bible Study 2025 (see website or facebook)

Week 33 - 7th September - Bible Study verse Joshua 1:8

Week 34 - 14th September - Bible Study verse Matthew 5:41

Week 35 - 21st September - Bible Study verse is Ruth 1:16

Week 36 - 28th September - Bible Study verse is Acts 1:8

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 September 2025

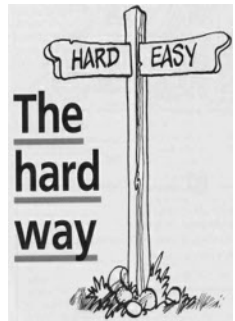
This month's Worship Theme is

The Cost of Our Spiritual Treasure

September 7,

At our meeting today will begin our new main theme; ***The Cost of Our Spiritual Treasure*** as we continue to explore the Gospel of Luke. The readings will be from Luke 14: 25-33 and Deuteronomy 30: 15-20.

Our theme today will be ***Be Prepared to Change***



September 14,

Our meeting today will include the **Celebration of the Lord's Supper .**

The readings will be from Luke 15: 1-10. and 1 Timothy 1: 12-17.

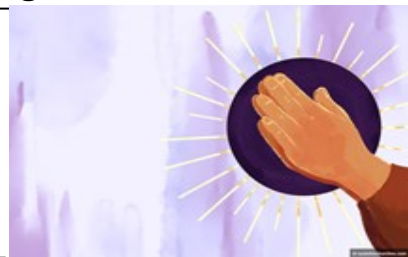
The worship theme will be, ***Seeking the Lost***

September 21,

The theme of our worship will be

Serving God Alone

with readings from Luke 16: 1-13 and 1 Timothy 2: 1 - 7.



September 28

The reading will be from

Luke 16: 19-31. and

1 Timothy 6: 6-19

The worship theme will be, ***Jesus our Source of Hope***

For your diaries -

Birthdays:

Katrina Fox 2nd; Graham Price 8th; Kathleen Fox 16th

A Message from the Rev'd Ian Banks

The Cost of Our Spiritual Treasure

As September begins, the population of Skegness will drop dramatically as the holidaymakers, many with young families, return to different parts of the country for the start of the "New" school year. I wonder, what impressions and memories will they take home with them? For a few, part of their memory will be of sharing fellowship and or worship with us. Sadly though, the vast majority of holidaymakers will have had no meaningful contact at all with the Christian community. Worse still, neither will they when they return home.

Last month our worship and preaching theme was Spiritual Treasure, when we looked at what the scriptures tell us about our inheritance as believers - that is Eternal Life. Despite this Spiritual Treasure being available for all to inherit, for those who choose, for whatever reason, not to embrace the riches that our God provides, both now and for eternity, such Spiritual Treasure is lost treasure. A life changing opportunity wasted.

However, with anything of great value there is always a cost. So this month I invite each of us to take stock as we explore the **Cost of our Spiritual Treasure**. Sadly, one of the reasons why so many people squander their inheritance of eternal life is that they are not prepared to accept the cost.

I invite you all to search for ways in which we can encourage others to discover for themselves the real liberty, the real life, the real wealth of a life given to joyful service in the precious name of Jesus. I urge each of us to **be prepared to change**, to endeavour to **seek the lost**; and commit to **serving God alone**. I also urge you to remember that **Jesus is our Source of Hope** and that without faith, we have no hope for the future.

The Parables from Luke's Gospel that we shall be reading over the next few weeks are particularly fruitful in this process. In these parables we find connections with our real world of economics and employment, of generosity and greed, of humiliation and hospitality. Luke was there before us, alerting his readers by applying these stories to their circumstances, and he is a good guide as we pray that their significance will be revealed 'among us'.

So as we get back to 'normal' after all the business of the summer season, we give thanks to God for all the Spiritual Treasure He has provided and has promised to provide in the future, and we give thanks for each one of us who have been drawn together in this fellowship - we are truly like a family; for that is indeed what being church is all about; being part of God's big family. Do join us for fellowship and worship and may we all continue to thank the Lord daily for being our Source of Hope.