

Skegness Community Church

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www.skegnesscommunitychurch.org.uk



The Apostles said to the Lord,
"Increase our faith!"

He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you."

(Luke 17: 5-6)

The Apostle Paul wrote:
All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the people of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work

(2 Timothy 3: 16-17)

This month our theme is
Growing Our Faith

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 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/skegnesscommunitychurch>

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: We pray for peace. Lord the pursuit of power and wealth inevitably leads to war and unrest, and so we pray for all those people who are the victims of war around the world at this time. We pray that the situation in Ukraine will not escalate to involve other countries. We pray for a just and peaceful solution to the war in Gaza. We pray for all those whose lives have been torn apart by the death of a loved one, for those who struggle to cope, for those who can't find a way to understand just what has happened. Lord we pray for those who are struggling with illness. Lord. we pray for those who are seeking you; for all those who feel they have been rejected, for those who for those who fear they will be turned away, for those who don't know how to access your strength and love. Amen

Weekly Bible Study 2025 (see website or facebook)

Week 37 - 5th October - Bible Study verse Romans 6:23

Week 38 - 12th October - Bible Study verse Psalm 23:4

Week 39 - 19th October - Bible Study verse is James 2:26

Week 36 - 26th October - Bible Study verse is Romans 5:8

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 October 2025

This month's Worship Theme is

Growing Our Faith

October 5,

At our meeting today will begin our new main theme; ***Growing our Faith*** as we continue to explore the Gospel of Luke and the letters to Timothy.

The readings will be from Habakkuk 1: 1-4 and 2: 1-4, Luke 17: 5-10 and 2 Timothy 1: 1-14

This week's theme will be **Grow in faith.**



October 12, HARVEST FESTIVAL

Today will be a

Celebration and Thanksgiving
for the **Harvest**

and also we will be **Giving Thanks**
for **our Church here in Skegness**

The readings will be from
Luke 17: 11-19. and 2 Timothy 2: 8-15.



October 19,

Our meeting will include the
Celebration of the Lord's Supper

.Readings today will be from
Luke 18: 1-8 and 2 Timothy 3: 14 -4: 5

This week's theme will be **Persevere**



October 26

Today our readings will be from
Luke 18: 9-14 and 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18

The worship theme will be

Show Mercy



For your diaries -

Birthdays: Ian Banks 10th

A Message from the Rev'd Ian Banks



The start of this month marks the start of the eighteenth year of our church. Having begun in Sibsey in October 2008 and in Skegness in June of 2009 we have now firmly established the **Skegness Community Church**. We have now been in our premises in Algitha Road for ten years. This hasn't been an easy journey and we have had many ups and downs along the way. Establishing this new church would not have been possible without the support of just so many people and the initial backing of the Church of the Nazarene.

To all who have helped in whatever way, I quote the Apostle Paul's words,

'We always thank God for you, mentioning you in our prayers. We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus.'

We will be celebrating and **giving thanks** for this milestone on our spiritual journey during our worship on October 12th when we will also be celebrating the **Harvest**.

During this month we continue our spiritual journey with the theme **Growing Our Faith**. Both as individuals and as a worshipping community, we must be constantly growing our faith and indeed growth is the theme of our Mission Prayer; to grow in love, service and numbers. But such growth can only happen if we each live out our faith and pass it on to those who will honour it in the way we do. The Apostle Paul was keen to do just that as is clear from his letters to his young friend Timothy. We shall be taking a look at Paul's second letter to Timothy during October as well as continuing to explore the Gospel of Luke.

Growing our faith requires **perseverance** as it more and more conflicts with the values and lifestyles of the world around us. It also requires that we **show mercy** to those less fortunate than ourselves.

Please do join us on our spiritual journey at our meetings and fellowship. Our Meeting Point Charity Shop/Cafe is a great place to start. There you can develop a relationship with our church members in a relaxing way, especially if you are seeking a faith or are looking to grow your faith in a fresh place. **May God continue to bless us all.**