

Skegness Community Church

Registered Charity Number 1161383

Ministry Newsletter December 2025

www.skegnesscommunitychurch.org.uk



**For to us a child is born, to us
a son is given, and the
government will be on his
shoulders. And he will be
called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.**

**Of the greatness of his
government and peace there
will be no end.**

(Isaiah 6-7)

This month our theme is

The Bigger Picture

**May the blessing, peace and
hope of the real Christmas be
with you all.**

**All are welcome to join us as we
celebrate the seasons of Advent
and Christmas**

In the Community for the Community

Skegness Community Church
**27 Alghitha Road
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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](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.

Amid all the excitement and the build up to Christmas remember and pray for those who might be dreading the festivities for a variety of reasons. And so we pray: Lord as Advent begins and we turn our minds to preparations for Christmas, we pray especially today for all for whom this time of year is difficult and challenging. May Your Church in each community, and we as Christians, be aware of the needs of those around us, and respond with love, holding out **hope** through friendship and a helping hand. Bless the special efforts made by individual congregations at this time, to be a beacon of **hope** and Christian love in their communities. Lord as we prepare to welcome the Prince of Peace, we hold in our hearts the **hope** for hostilities to cease the world over. Amen

Weekly Bible Study 2025 (see website or facebook)

Week 46 - 7th December - Bible Study verse Matthew 6:9

Week 47 - 14th December - Bible Study verse Revelation 5:9

Week 48 - 21st December- Bible Study verse is Revelation 22:17

Week 49 - 28th December - Bible Study verse is 2 Corinthians 5:10

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.

We close on 19th Dec 2025 reopen 20th Jan 2026

Worship During December 2025

This month's Worship Theme is ***The Bigger Picture***

December 7 2nd Sunday in Advent

Our readings will be from
Matthew 3:1-12 &
Romans 15:4-13 on the theme
Prepare the Way of the Lord



December 14 3rd Sunday in Advent

The readings will be from
Matthew 11:2-11 and James 5:7-10.

This week's theme will be

Great Expectations

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

December 21

4th Sunday in Advent

You are invited to come and join our
Carol Service which will include
favourite **Christmas Carols**. During
the meeting we will prepare the crib
for the special child, who was born on
Christmas Day



December 25 Christmas Day

***Please note there will be no meeting
on December 25 and 28th.***

**A Christmas Service will be available
on Facebook and our Web site
Worship Services will recommence on
January 26th 2025**

For your diaries - Birthdays December 15th Alistair Banks (Ian's
brother who is a great supporter of the work we do in Skegness)
then on January 11th 2026 Margaret Kirkham

A Message from the Rev'd Ian Banks

The days are coming,' declares the Lord, 'when I will fulfil the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah. In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line; he will do what is just and right in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety.

This is the name by which it will be called:
The Lord Our Righteous Saviour.'



On November 30th we in the Christian Church began what is called the Season of Advent. By now most people will be familiar with the word Advent as it has been exploited commercially with so called Advent Calendars. Multitudes of companies are selling so-called Advent Calendars offering daily 'gifts' from chocolates to alcohol as a way of selling their merchandise. However, for Christians Advent is a period of preparation for Christmas beginning on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and ending on Christmas Eve. During Advent we not only prepare for the Birth of Christ as a child born in a manger in an outbuilding we refer to as a stable, but also it's a time to focus our minds on the promised second coming of Christ. Both events are foretold in our Scriptures.

Advent is about waiting. But it's not about sitting back and doing nothing. Waiting anticipates that which is not yet reality. But as Christians, the power of that for which we wait is already effective within us; right now we can be grasped by the God for whom we wait. If we have a real passion for Christ, we have the power to transform not just our lives but also those of people around us.

All our time is a time of waiting - waiting for the breaking in of eternity. Indeed, time itself is also waiting for eternity to break in. And as we wait, we are challenged to do all that we can now to ensure that God's justice and God's kingdom are experienced in the here and now.

In both incarnation and resurrection God has already shown us a glimpse of what it means for the future to break into the present. We are challenged to wait and watch actively: to look for the signs that God is alive and active around us; and to be always looking for opportunities to work for God's will to prevail and for the Kingdom of God to come. Against this background, even the most serious of issues that face all of us at this time pale into insignificance.

Whatever stage of the journey of faith you are on, or if you are seeking a faith; please do join us as we prepare and celebrate Christ's coming among us, and **may all the blessings, peace, hope and love of the real Christmas be with you all.**