

# Skegness Community Church

Registered Charity Number 1161383

Ministry Newsletter January & February 2026

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**"Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of God.**

**Blessed are the meek for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see**

**God. Blessed are the peacemakers , for they will be called sons of God.Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

**Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven"**

(Matthew 5: 3ff)

**This month our theme is**

**Back to Basics**

**May the blessing, peace and hope of God be with you all in this New Year and always.**

***In the Community for the Community***

## 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



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

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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 **Mission Prayer** (see front page) and join our Fellowship in prayer for each other and for the work of our Church.

Lord, as we reflect on the year that has just passed, fix our thoughts on where we saw glimpses of hope and help us to see where you were at work. Sometimes our world feels hope-less. We hear of wars and rumours of wars, especially in Ukraine and the Middle East. Our world seems a place of confusion and unrest, especially in Venezuela and other parts of the western hemisphere. Lord of hope, you see all this and you weep. Yet, you also show us a new way of living: justice is proclaimed, the sick are healed and the captives freed. Lord, you came to set us free. Help us to walk in that way of freedom, following your lead and bringing your justice and love to everyone we meet. Lord of hope, we pray for our nation. We pray for those in government, that they may be people of integrity, honesty and peace. We thank you that you came in humility to be our King. May all our earthly leaders follow your way of justice and love. We pray for our families now and we thank you for them. We pray for those who are ill or in trouble of some sort. Lord, enable us to be bringers of hope to them. We pray in the name of Jesus, **Amen**

### Conclusion of our Weekly Bible Study 2025 (see website or facebook)

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

Week 50 - Bible Study verse Philippians 3:20

Week 51 - Bible Study verse is Revelation 22:20

Week 52 - Bible Study verse is Ecclesiastes 12:13

### 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 reopen 20th Jan 2026**

# Worship During January & February 2026

This month's Worship Theme is **Back to Basics**

## January 25, Epiphany 3

Following our Wesleyan-Holiness tradition our meeting today will include a

**Covenant Commitment and the Celebration of the Lord's Supper.**

The theme of the meeting will be

***Called to be Disciples***

The readings will be from Matthew 4: 12-23 and 1 Corinthians 1:10-18



**February 1 Epiphany 4**  
Our readings will be from Matthew 5:1-12 & 1 Corinthians 1: 17-31 on the theme ***Walk Humbly with Your God***

## February 8th Epiphany 5

The readings will be from Matthew 5:13-20 and 1 Corinthians 2: 1-16.

This week's theme will be

***Let Your Light Shine***



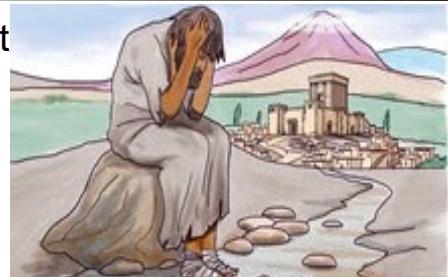
**February 15 Transfiguration**  
We meet for **Worship** with the theme ***Live and Feel Close to God.***

The readings will be from Matthew 17: 1-9 and 2 Peter 1: 16-21

## February 22nd - 1st Sunday of Lent

The theme of our worship today will be ***Trust God -Always.***

The readings will be from Matthew 4: 1-11 and Romans 5: 12-19.



***For your diaries - No dates this month***

## A Message from the Rev'd Ian Banks

I am writing this message two weeks into 2026. Although Elsie and I are having a month's break I'm having to get myself prepared for when we start up again. So as this is my first newsletter of the New Year, the first thing I would like to do is to wish all of you a **very blessed and happy New Year**. Of course this may seem a bit optimistic given the year we have all just experienced! I will not waste time going in to detail as I'm sure you have heard enough about our useless Government, illegal immigration, wars etc. etc., which seem to occupy much of the daily news.

As I have drawn myself back into work mode it has occurred to me that the Christian faith is still being pushed further into the background. But what about this; what if this was to be our Church's best year yet? A New year brings more than a fresh calendar, it brings renewed hope, fresh vision, and a powerful opportunity to move forward with purpose. So as we enter a New Year it is appropriate that we remind ourselves of our Faith, and so our theme for the beginning of this year will be "**Back to Basics**", We will begin by revisiting the Beatitudes as spelt out by Jesus in His Sermon on the Mount. Jesus sets out very plainly the attitudes we should have and makes it clear that throughout this earthly life we must **Walk Humbly with Our God**.

Our lives are in the hands of a God who does not await New Years' resolutions to be fulfilled, as though by our own moral efforts we could count ourselves worthy of God's blessing. These scriptures speak of our being blessed by God, not because of our own desire to be blessed, but because of God's loving purposes for all people, despite our propensity to unfaithfulness. When we come to know Jesus as our personal Saviour, we realise that he is the key to Christian Living which leads to eternal life.

Whatever New Year's resolutions we might make, nothing compares to renewing our Covenant Commitment to God. Many denominations have adopted John Wesley's **Covenant Prayer** as a way of renewing that Covenant. I will be inviting you to participate in that *Covenant Prayer* at our meeting on the 25th January and both the prayer and the Beatitudes are included as a supplement to this month's newsletter.

God's desire for each of us that we should walk humbly with our God, as we shine His Light on our troubled world, living a life of integrity, always living and feeling close to God and, most of all, **ALWAYS** trusting God - . Do join us for worship as we all get back to basics in our journey into the Lord and Saviour of our lives. God bless you all.