

Skegness Community Church

Registered Charity Number 1161383

Ministry Newsletter March 2026

www.skegnesscommunitychurch.org.uk



Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no-one can see the Kingdom of God unless he is born again.

I tell you the truth, no-one can enter the Kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

For God so loved the world that he gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life

(John 3: 3ff)

This month our theme is

Journey to Salvation

Please do join us for Worship on a Sunday morning or at our Meeting Point Outreach Cafe during the week

In the Community for the Community

Skegness Community Church
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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.

Lord, we pray with heavy hearts asking why there are wars in Ukraine and Gaza and so many parts of the world. We don't understand why we, as your creation, have allowed ourselves to spoil your world with pollution and mismanagement of resources, so that many millions starve while others have more than enough. Lord we know in our hearts that you created us all to live in peace and harmony with each other. This has been your message from the beginning of time; this is your message which needs to be heard in the world today. Lord on our own we cannot change the world, but we can change ourselves; we can change our families and friends, we can change our neighbourhoods. We can do so by proclaiming your love and your word to those around us. Lord we need revival and we know that each of us is tasked with helping to bring that about, in whatever way you ask. So Lord help each of us today and everyday to be open to the enabling power of your Holy Spirit, that we may each play our part in bringing revival. Thank you Lord, **Amen**.

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.

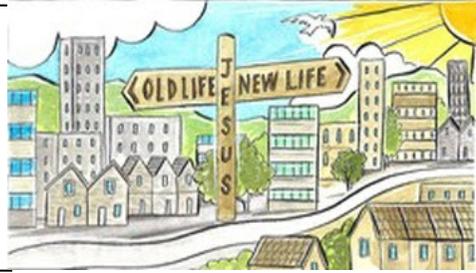
Worship During March 2026

This month's Worship Theme is **Journey to Salvation**

March 1 Lent 2

Our readings will be from
John 3: 1-7 &
Romans 4: 1-5 & 13-17
on the theme

Stepping Forward in Faith



March 8 Lent 3

Our readings will be from
John 4: 5-42 and Romans 5: 1-11
Our theme will be **See for Yourself**
Our meeting today will include the
sharing of the **Lord's Supper**

March 15 Lent 4 Mothering Sunday

The theme of our worship today will be
A New Insight

The readings will be from
John 9: 1-41 and Ephesians 5: 8-14.



March 22 Lent 5

The theme of our worship today will be
Never Loose Heart
The readings will be from John 11: 1-45 and
Romans 8: 6-11

March 29, Palm Sunday

Our Theme today will be
Riding on a Donkey
The reading will be from
Matthew 21: 1-11 and Philippians 2: 5-11



For your diaries - Birthdays: Dot Darby 14th;
Tony Sharpe 18th; Chris Young 20th; Ann Powis 24th.
Wedding Anniversary: Pat & Alex 24th

A Message from the Rev'd Ian Banks

We begin March in the season of Lent. Lent is traditionally the time when Christians prepare for Easter, often paying particular attention to prayer, fasting and studying the Bible as a way of deepening their own spiritual discipline.

During last month, we in the Skegness Community Church, have taken a hard look at our discipleship as we have been unpacking Jesus' Sermon on the Mount as found in Matthew's Gospel. So, in a way, for us the spiritual disciple of Lent started at the beginning of February. We continue our Lenten journey this month with the Theme, ***Journey to Salvation***.

Our whole Christian journey involves ***stepping forward in faith*** each day so that we can ***see for ourselves*** the blessings that God has planned for us and, of course, the greatest blessing is the life of love and peace that is eternal life.

Having a true faith gives us all ***a new insight*** into how God created us to live. Sadly it is becoming more and more difficult to live as we created to live due to the domination of sin that pervades the world. But we must ***never loose heart*** because "God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life". Furthermore, we read in John's Gospel that "God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.

So whatever happens to us in this life we cannot loose the gift of eternal life if we hold strong to our faith in God and His Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Not only that, but we have the comfort of knowing that God is watching over our lives and has given us His Holy Spirit that we might overcome all adversity. All He asks of us is that we keep the faith.

In Psalm 121 we read: "I lift my eyes to the mountains - where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip — The Lord will keep you from all harm - He will watch over your life Both now and forevermore".

My dear friends, no earthly ruler or being can offer such help. If we believe, our help comes from the Lord. Each new day is a step into the unknown. But each step forward you take in faith, know that God is with you. **Please join us for our weekly worship and our fellowship through our Meeting Point Outreach and experience the love we share in Jesus. God Bless you all**