

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



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After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples:

'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.'

(Matthew 28: 1ff)

Please do join us for Worship as we celebrate the core of our faith:

The Resurrection of Jesus

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

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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 that Your **Resurrection Power** will bring peace and understanding throughout the world. That there will be an end to wars and exploitation. We pray for the people of Ukraine, Gaza, the Middle East, and so many parts of the world where wars are raging. We pray that everyone hears Your call Lord as you call them by name, and we pray that they will answer YES to Your call and live as we were created to live, trusting You Lord for every step of our earthly journey. We pray for all who are struggling financially due to the knock-on effect of the wars around the world, and those in our communities who are sick or hurting or sad right now, and those who care for them Lord in the light of the growth of other religions, even in our own country, we know that 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 April 2026

This month's Worship Theme is **We have Seen Him**

April 5, Easter Day

Today our Worship of the of the Risen Lord

Jesus will include the

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The reading will be from

Matthew 28: 1-10 &

Colossians 3: 1-4

Our Theme today will be

Resurrection Power



April 12, Easter 2

The theme for our **Worship today will be *A Living Hope***

The readings will be from

John 20: 19 - 31 and 1 Peter 1: 3 -9

April 19, Easter 3

We meet for **Worship** with the theme ***Walking Beside Us***

The readings will be from Luke 24: 13 - 35 and 1 Peter 1: 17 -23

April 26, Easter 4

We meet for **Worship** with the theme

We Hear His Voice

The readings will be from

John 10: 1-10 & 1 Peter 2: 19-25



For your diaries -

Birthdays: Coral 2nd; Don Mentch 8th; Stuart Darby 17th

A Message from the Rev'd Ian Banks



He is Risen!

The supreme miracle of Christianity is the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

This month we celebrate Easter; the pivotal event in the whole of human history; God's triumph over death and evil. In the week leading up to Easter Sunday many things happened in Jesus' life. For three years Jesus had been preparing His Disciples for all the events of Easter and yet they were still shocked by what happened. **So What Did Happen?**

What happened was the wonderful roller-coaster ride of events and emotions that is **Easter**. Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey! He threw over the money changer's tables in the Temple in anger! He turned the traditional Passover festival into an act of remembrance of Himself, something that we still do today in what we call the Lord's Supper. He was betrayed by his closest friends, people who only hours before had said they would rather die than betray Jesus, and yet still they betrayed him! Jesus was hung on a cross to die like a common criminal!

And then three days later the miracle to beat all miracles, God raised Jesus from death.

At the time, these events would have seemed to Jesus' followers to have been a disaster from which there was no turning back. Everywhere in the world today people are facing a disaster of one sort or another. From wars, internal rebellion, and oppressive regimes to corruption in high places. In our own country, while we may not yet be witnessing rebellions, we are seeing so much back-biting and tensions within our Parliament while many people are really struggling with increased energy prices and the cost of basic necessities. Then there is the huge problems arising from the uncontrolled influx of illegal immigrants who are taking up vital resources and costing the country millions of pound a day. Amid all of this we as the Christian Church are struggling to keep our faith alive against more and more apathy, persecution and the spread of Islam. It is vital at this time that we remind ourselves that we do have our God who has an incredible track record of turning **darkness into light**. So as we once again celebrate this supreme miracle let us take comfort from the hope that is our faith, the promise of eternal life for all who believe. Let us continue to pray that God's resurrection power will soon bring health, peace and stability to this broken world and all broken lives.

God Bless you all this Easter and forever