

Skegness Community Church

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"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

(Matthew 11: 28-30)

**Our worship theme this month is
Living with God**

Whatever stage of the journey of faith you are at, please do join us at our Sunday meetings or during the week at our Meeting Point Community Outreach, either in the Charity Shop or cafe and may the Holy Spirit of God empower your life and, through that power may you know that you are, even now, living with God

In the Community for the Community

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 hold before you the victims and survivors of the twin earthquakes in Venezuela. We pray for the people caught up wars and the threat of war around the world especially in Ukraine, Gaza, the West Bank, Southern Lebanon and the Middle East. Lord in this troubled world, we pray that everyone will live their lives as they were created to live and so bring peace and understanding throughout the world. We pray that there will be an end to wars and exploitation and the constant seeking by countries and individuals to dominate. Lord we pray for our own Nation, especially our Government. We pray for an end to division, and that those charged with the responsibility of serving others, will do so in ways that really do serve the people rather than their own interests. Lord we pray for all who are struggling financially, and those in our communities who are sick or hurting or sad right now and those who care for them. Lord we pray that trusting in You we will all be able to **Live this Life to the full** trusting You for every step of our earthly journey. 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 July 2026

Worship Theme is **Living with God**

July 5,

Our theme today will be:

Live Life to the Full

The readings will be from
Matthew 11: 16-19 & 25-30 and
Romans 7: 15-25.



July 12,

Our theme today will be:

God's Activity in our Lives and Communities

The readings will be from Matthew
13: 1-9 & 18-23 and Romans 8: 1-11.
Today our Worship will include the
Celebration of the Lord's Supper



July 19,

Our theme today will be:

Trust God for Protection

The readings will be from
Matthew 13: 24-30 & 36-43
and Romans 8: 12-25.



July 26

Our theme today will be:

Waiting with Trust and Patience.

The readings will be from
Matthew 13: 31-33 & 44-52 and
Romans 8: 26-39

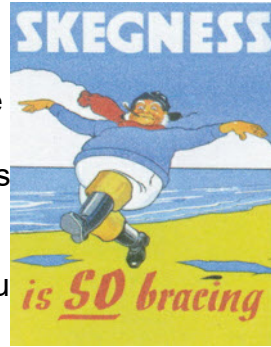


For your diaries - Birthdays:
Eleanor Sharpe on the 14th

A Message from the Rev'd Ian Banks

Oh we do like to be beside the seaside.

July usually sees the start of the 'Summer Holidays' although the schools don't break up until the end of the month and so for many the holiday gets underway in August. But judging by the increasing number of visitors to "bracing" Skegness, the holidays have started. It's good to take a break from the stress of daily routine, although I have to wait until January! But whenever you take a break the seaside seems a good place to go



We who live at the seaside have an opportunity to meet up with so many people from all around the country as we welcome the visitors. This is one of the highlights of our Meeting Point Community Outreach. It really is so good to meet so many different people, many of whom are regular visitors who stay for many weeks at a time.

This is such a fantastic opportunity to witness for our faith, but this also places a huge responsibility on us. We are members of the church and as such are representing Jesus. How we offer a welcome, what we say, what we do, is so vitally important. Whether we like it or not we have to behave in the way that Jesus would.

We must welcome everyone, we must show the sincerity of our faith; we must show that our faith brings us joy whatever our individual circumstances; we must show that our life of faith enables us to **live life to the full**. The people we meet must see in our words and our actions **God's activity in our lives and community**. We must demonstrate that we **trust God for protection**.

Of course this is not always easy, especially if we are struggling ourselves with various issues. However, we must remember that God knows everything that is going on in our lives and all he asks is that we trust Him and are patient.

God is living with each and everyone of us and so this month we will be exploring that in some detail what that means for our daily lives as we take as our theme "**Living with God**".

My dear friends, whether we live by the seaside, in the country, or in a busy town, as Christians we have a responsibility to witness through words and actions what a joy and comfort it is to be "**Living with God**".

So my prayer for us all is that those who meet us over the coming months will be rewarded by hearing what we say and seeing what we do with understanding and faith, and so start on their journey to salvation. God bless you all.