

Skegness Community Church

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www.skegnesscommunitychurch.org.uk



Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ ... Then I will know that you stand firm in one spirit .. Without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you.

Philippians 1:27,28)

Our worship theme this month is

Living God's Way

This month we shall look at how we should live as Christians in the world. Sometimes this is not easy and we find ourselves having to constantly choose whether to take the easy route or the hard route. So often our faith calls us to choose the hard route. However, always remember that whatever hardship we face we have the promise that the Holy Spirit of God will protect and guide us through this transitory life to an eternity with God.

In the Community for the Community.



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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>

**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.

We pray that more and more people will live their lives as they were created to live and accept Christ as their Lord and Saviour and trust God for their future. We pray for **REVIVAL**. We pray that there will be an end to wars and exploitation and the constant seeking by countries and individuals to dominate. We pray for the people of Ukraine and Gaza and all people caught up wars and uprisings around the world. We pray for the ongoing negotiations between the USA and Iran. We pray for all those who have lost loved ones in the floods in Nepal; for friends and families still waiting for news. We pray for the rescue workers as they search for survivors. Closer to home, we pray for all families and communities where there has been tragedy on the roads and at sea. We pray for those in our communities who are sick or sad at this time, and for those who care and support them. We ask your prayers for Elsie as she visits our family and friends in South Africa.

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 September 2026
Worship Theme is *Living God's Way*,

September 6

Our theme today will be
Resolving Differences
The readings will be from
Matthew 18: 15-20 &
Romans 13: 8-14



September 13

Our theme today will be
Learning to Forgive
Our meeting today will include
the Celebration of the Lord's Supper.
The readings will be from
Matthew 18: 21-35 &
Romans 14: 1-12



September 20

The theme of the meeting will be
Work Together
The readings will be from
Matthew 20: 1-16 &
Philippians 1: 21-30



September 27

Our theme today will be:
Examine Your Faith
The readings will be from Matthew 21: 23-32
and Philippians 2: 1-13

For your diaries - Birthdays:

Katrina Fox on the 2nd;
Graham Price on the 8th;
Kathleen Fox on the 16th



A Message from the Rev'd Ian Banks

'Conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ'

What a strange year this has been so far and I'm not just referring to the weather. The economy of the country has suffered enormously due to months of Government mismanagement and quarreling between and within the political parties, the continuing crisis in Ukraine and the Middle East, the continuing influx of thousands of illegal migrants, and so many other issues. Of course the underlying issue is uncertainty. The whole world seems to be caught up in uncertainty and unrest. There is even murmurs that Russia might be planning to attack the UK!

From a more local perspective, there has been a reduction in the number of people who normally spend many weeks of the summer in Skegness and other coastal resorts in our area. It seems that more people are just making day trips to the coast. Now we are in September when we would normally expect a big drop in visitor numbers but of course we might be pleasantly surprised.

Looking at the bigger picture however, the economic situation has also covered up a lot of what is happening in society. There appears to be a fundamental trend whereby societies across the world are ceasing to believe in law and order, a moral code, co-operation, and the very purpose of existence. The Christian Faith is also taking a hammering over Evangelical Christians continuing to oppose the many changes to the law regarding basic moral issues. Freedom of speech is being misused and it is also becoming one-sided. What people fail to see is that the decline of Christian morals and teaching in favour of an 'anything goes' model of society is a real threat to our lives both now and in the future. The truth is that we were created for community and until everyone learns to live in the way God created us to live, there will always be a high volume of people having a 'giant adventure', with no concern for the consequences of their actions. There is no higher purpose than to live our lives in the service of others and, as the Apostle Paul puts it, **'to conduct ourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ'**. That call is directed at us but it cannot stop there. We each have a duty to engage with society in bringing about a return to **Living God's Way**. It's what we were created for and it's the example of inclusive community which our Lord and Saviour Jesus, lived and died for. We shall be exploring this during our worship this month. Please join us for our Sunday Worship and of course during the week in our Community Outreach Cafe when we can discuss these issues and more over a cup of tea or coffee. God bless you all.