

Skegness Community Church

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www.skegnesscommunitychurch.org.uk



The Apostle Paul wrote:

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death - even death on a cross!

(Philippians 2: 5-8)

This month as we start the 19th year of our Church here in Skegness and we give thanks for everyone who has assisted us on this journey of faith. We begin this new Church Year by affirming that we are

Committed to Christ

which will be our theme for October.

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/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.

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. Lord God, you gift to your people the Church, a global community of people who acknowledge your Kingship and seek to do your will. We thank you for our part of the church; for the past 18 years that we have witnessed to you and for you in Skegness. Lord you know its strengths; you know its needs. We thank you for those with whom we worship week by week and we pray for them that they may be strengthened by the power of your Spirit. May we all play our part in enabling your word to be proclaimed and your love to be shared. We pray for those in our communities who are sick or sad at this time, and for those who care and support them. **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.

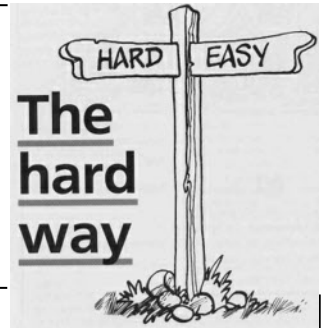
Worship During October 2026
Worship Theme is **Committed to Christ**

October 4

Our theme today will be

Examine Yourself

Our meeting today will include The readings
will be from Matthew 21: 33-46 &
Romans 8: 22-32



October 11

Our theme today will be ***Stand Firm***

Our meeting today will include
a Celebration of the Harvest.

The readings will be from
Matthew 22: 1-14 &
Philippians 4: 1-9

October 18

The theme of the meeting will be

God has Chosen You

Today we also take time
to celebrate the

18th Anniversary of our Church

The readings will be from Matthew 22: 15-22
& 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10

Today we will also Celebrate the Lord's
Supper



October 25

Our theme today will be

Love God with your Whole Being

The readings will be from
Matthew 22: 34-46 &
1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8

For your diaries - Birthdays:

Ian Banks on the 10th

A Message from the Rev'd Ian Banks

'We always thank God for you, mentioning you in our prayers.'

The Apostle Paul wrote those words to the people of Thessalonica after having planted the first Christian Church in that city in the summer of A.D. 50. Paul and his companions had to leave the city in a hurry because their lives were threatened. Timothy had returned and brought the news to Paul that the Christians in Thessalonica were remaining firm in the faith and were unified.

This month marks the **start of the nineteenth year** of our Church here in Skegness. Eleven years ago we took a huge leap of faith and moved into our present premises in Alghitha Road, after having started the church at the County Hotel.

The Lord has blessed us in abundance and will continue to do so while we remain faithful to Him and do His work in this place. Indeed our move here has enabled us to preach the word both in word and deed as we reach and serve so many people through our Meeting Point Community Outreach during the week and at our worship service on Sundays.

This work of the past 18 years would not have been possible without the involvement and support of just so many people and, to quote Paul's words, **'We always thank God for you, mentioning you in our prayers. We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus.'**

The theme of our worship during this month will be **'Committed to Christ'**.

Apostle Paul in his letter to the Philippians writes:

Whatever happens conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ. Then, he says, I will know that you stand firm in one Spirit

True fellowship comes from being 'in Christ' and 'sharing in the Spirit'. There can be no higher purpose than to live our lives in a manner worthy of Jesus Christ; indeed to be totally **committed to Christ**.

It's all very well proclaiming our faith, but sometimes we need to really **examine ourselves** and our faith. The bottom line is that our individual faith is a matter between us and God. Only God can make a judgement on our individual faith. We may think our faith is okay, or at least hope that it is, but we have to be honest with ourselves and God. We need to constantly **examine ourselves** to establish that we **stand firm** in our faith.

This all sounds a bit scary, but just remember that God is there waiting to help us and help us plug any gaps or failings in our faith that we might uncover. Remember too that **God has Chosen You** and He loves you, so we too must **Love God with our Whole Being**.

My dear friends, I pray that we all remain **Committed to Christ**, whatever happens in our lives, for in doing so we will inherit eternal life. May God bless you all and do join us for fellowship in His name, especially on Sundays.