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Happy New Year!

There is something wonderful about new beginnings!

**In the beginning when God made the world
he saw that it was good.**

We too can look out at 2016 and hope and pray that it will be good. We can look at the new unmarked diary and wonder what it will be filled with, good things or bad? I liken it to a heavy covering of snow all pure and untouched until someone runs in it or it melts into mush, or like a perfect new born baby smooth skinned and beautiful with its life before it.

Looking back on this past year there have been tragedies, personally and internationally and at the beginning of the year people say things like, It's got to be better than last year. There is always that hope.

Each New Year is like the beginning of a journey. Where are we going and who is coming with us? What will the end result be? It can be exciting or worrying depending on your circumstances. Like a journey, we have to be prepared.

QUESTION - Has our previous experience given us the skills to cope with what lies before us? Who do we turn to, to help us through the dodgy times? Even if we don't believe in Him, God is always with us because we are part of his good creation.

The church is always here, not just for the memorable occasions of our journey like baptisms, weddings and funerals, but to be a support in the ups and downs of life. Our 5 churches and its people are here for you and want to serve you in whatever way they can. The church of St Matthew is open Monday to Friday from 9am - 12 for anyone.

You can sit and pray or light a candle and find space to be with God. You can ask to speak to someone who will listen to you. Pick up a copy of Shoreline and see what you might like to join in.

Loneliness is one of our biggest problems in our society - we all need to have contact with others and as a community we need to help and support each other.

Jesus said "Bear one another's burdens"

Is there someone you can help on this year's journey through life and maybe they in turn can help you. If there is, then you have done something positive to make it a Happy New Year.

Linda Allaway
Reader



Lincolnshire Chaplaincy Services



Over the past 8 years Lincolnshire Chaplaincy Services (LCS) has been pleased to work with the Skegness Workplace Chaplaincy, an initiative coming out of the work of Skegness parish, but bringing on board ecumenical partners as well. LCS has been there to offer training, advice and support to those who have been visiting a number of local businesses.

With the retirement of Revd Canon Malcolm France, we have been training and recruiting a team of volunteers drawn from the local churches to continue this important work. In the coming months those new volunteers will start to pick up visits to those companies and organisations the Workplace Chaplaincy already had contact with, and start to talk to other organisations about the benefits of Chaplaincy.

There are Five Marks of Chaplaincy, namely, good chaplaincy is:-

- Pastoral, supporting individuals and organisations, in the context of their daily activity.
- Prophetic, actively reflecting on the issues they encounter
- Being a focus for exploring values and ethics, in an ever changing world
- Helping develop religious literacy, in a multi faith age
- Developing networks of trust

LCS will be there supporting the new team of chaplains, both practically and through prayer their important work, and we look forward to sharing in the journey of the new team.

Revd Canon Andrew Vaughan
Chaplaincy Director for LCS

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My Journey

Brenda Walsh

Seven years ago in January 2009 I walked into St Mary's church for their morning service. My son had died in the previous November after a long illness. The day was the first day of my 'New Church Life.' It was very emotional but I felt I belonged. Being from Skegness some members of the congregation knew me and I was welcomed with open arms. Since that day I have attended church on a weekly basis, and gradually my faith has deepened.

During the dark and despairing times when my son was ill I had always been supported and had a helping hand. God was with me leading me comforting and supporting me through the 15 years of his illness. My son and I were never alone. Gradually I became involved in "doing" Toddlers group, Martha's Group, Baptism preparation, Surgeries, Lent Group reading, leading intercessions and a hospital volunteer.

There is never a day that I don't think or talk about my son Simon and although my life will never be the same I have come through this with the help of God and my family at the church.

St. Matthews Toddler Group



St Matthews Toddler Group meets every Tuesday during term times. 2-3pm. I have been very fortunate to be part of this group over the last 14 years, in those days we met in the old part of the church where the new kitchen lies today.

We always start our group with a welcome song, interactive story time, with some seasonal crafting. The children enjoy a drink and biscuit and have lots of fun playing whilst mums can moan /dads groan and grandparents put there feet up for 5 mins and enjoy a warm drink and chat. We have never had an all boys group before, so calling all girls to join these handsome young chaps.

We had super fun at our Xmas party, lovely food, soft play and a visit from Santa and of course that naughty 'Elf on the shelf' who kept getting everyone's name mixed up!!!! this is just one the events we plan throughout the year.

Kirsty Mowbray

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A PLACE: THE CHURCH OF THE BEATITUDES
THE CHURCH OF THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Standing some 200m on Mount Har Nakhum, on the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee, is the twentieth century Church of the Beatitudes. The new church replaces the Church of the Sermon on the Mount which, since the seventh century, has been a ruin and which was built on a level place much lower on the mountain. That was probably the church that was seen by the Nun Egraria during her pilgrimage in the fourth century. The new church, built on Papal land, is octagonal to represent the eight beatitudes and is set in beautiful gardens with a wonderful southward view of the lake.

A THOUGHT: MATTHEW 5-7 LUKE 6

Luke's gospel places Jesus at prayer on a mountain as he chooses his disciples before descending to a level place to meet and address the large gathering crowd. The level place was not necessarily a plain and may have been the spot where the old church was built.

Matthew's gospel has Jesus climb the mountain to teach the crowd. It is a long hard climb on a hot day to climb to the summit, some 30 minutes from the lake, and the site of the old church, neither up nor down, seems about right. But did Jesus stand above the crowd and talk down the hill? Surely not! He would stand on the level and look up at them spread around the hillside. On my first pilgrimage with a group from my theological college we decided to test the acoustics of the bowl shaped hills. We started at the water's edge and, lacking a boat, persuaded one student to wade out into the water to read a bible passage whilst we spread ourselves over the hillside and none nearer than 100m. We could clearly hear every word read by our soggy pilgrim. Although Jesus did not have the acoustic advantage of speaking across water on this occasion, the hillside would still help everyone to hear his teaching.

But what of the beatitudes and the other teachings in Jesus' "sermon"? It was, and is, hard teaching. It remains radical and demands a lifestyle change that most of us in the affluent West do not seem able to make. During my weeks in the Holy Land I observed many devout Muslims and Jews whose study of their scriptures and lifestyle made me wonder if we have not watered down the rightful demands of Jesus' teaching. Adherents to these other "faiths of the Book" often see western Christianity as a soft option. The last two people I saw reading a Bible on public transport in England both turned out to be Jehovah's Witnesses. Yet ordinary religious Jews read their scriptures and pray whilst waiting at bus stops and Muslims stop to pray wherever they may be.

We tend to spiritualise the beatitudes and in so doing appear to make them a little easier. But the beatitudes are of the essence of Jesus' teaching and that is the challenge. These are the "attitudes" we should have, should "be". Whether in developing them we are "happy" or "blessed" matters not. I jotted down these thoughts at Tabgha, at the foot of the mountain by the lakeside on the day of Pentecost. A group of Christians from Hong Kong have surrounded me as they celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. They are both committed and happy and I didn't understand a word of their worship - except for the name of Jesus.

A PRAYER: FATHER GOD,

Thank you for your gift of the Holy Spirit who makes the impossibly hard and demanding teaching of Jesus in the "Sermon on the Mount" possible. Enable me, by your Spirit, to live the life of the Kingdom, today, tomorrow and every day. Melt my bad attitudes and make them yours, in Jesus' name.

AMEN

Memorial Service

Reverend Christine Anderson

For those who have lost a loved one, the weeks after the death are a whirl of arrangements the funeral, informing friends and official agencies with barely a moment to think.

But eventually come occasions when we have time to remember that special person and to reflect upon the times we spent together - to think about the good, the not-so-good and the special moments that meant so much to us.

For many years St Matthews Church has hosted memorial services three times during the year (January, May and September) to which those who have been bereaved in the previous few months are invited - to sit and reflect, to sing some well-chosen hymns, listen to the spoken word and light a candle in memory of that someone special. Those who have lost loved ones in other years are also welcomed.

The services is led by a team, including those who have conducted the funeral event; it lasts about 45 minutes and there is an opportunity to have refreshments and a chat afterwards,

The next service is at 6pm, Sunday 24th January at St Matthews Church, Skegness (the church on the roundabout) and is open to all denominations, to reflect - and remember.



Skegness Seafront achieves WorldHost Recognition status for excellent customer service



Skegness seafront has become the latest seaside resort in the UK to gain national recognition for its commitment to customer service, after being awarded WorldHost Recognised Destination status.

Skegness received the recognition after the area exceeded the target of 25 percent of businesses reaching WorldHost Recognised Business status and signed a commitment to delivering excellent customer service.

WorldHost is a suite of world-class customer service training programmes that have already been used to train nearly one million people worldwide, including tens of thousands of staff and volunteers for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Programmes include training on serving customers with disabilities, welcoming customers from other cultures and an introduction to the general principles of customer service.

On receiving the recognition, Lisa Collins the Skegness Town Manager commented: "We are thrilled to become a WorldHost Recognised Destination – it's a testament to the fantastic commitment that businesses in Skegness have made to delivering excellence service.

"When people see the WorldHost logo displayed in Skegness, people will know

that they are visiting a place that cares about its visitors and values their custom. We hope that this will encourage repeat custom at local businesses and that word-of-mouth recommendations will help attract new visitors to the area."

Organisations were given the chance to undertake World Host Training as part of a £2.3m European Social Fund project that was managed by Boston College. Amanda Mosek Principal of Boston College said "We are delighted that Skegness Sea Front has achieved the prestigious World Host Destination Status. At Boston College we view our work with local employers as very important and we want to see all the local areas we serve prosper. The coastal strip has its own particular set of challenges but I am very pleased to hear about the brilliant season that Skegness has just enjoyed and this award is the icing on the cake".

The WorldHost Recognition was awarded by skills and workforce development charity People 1st, which is rolling out the WorldHost training programmes across the UK in an effort to improve customer service standards. Sharon Glancy, executive director at People 1st, congratulated Skegness on its achievement. She commented: "Becoming a WorldHost Recognised Destination is fantastic achievement and it's incredibly encouraging to see so many businesses willing to go the extra mile for their customers.

"Customer service is vital to the future success of tourism in the UK – research has shown that 88% of employers see it as the most important skill needed in their business in the next five years. This training means that Skegness will be well placed to meet that challenge, and I have no doubt it will have a positive impact on tourism. Congratulations to all the businesses involved."

New Year

If we put our hand in God's hand
As we enter this New Year
Not knowing what the future holds
But that our Friend is near.

We shall not fear what lies ahead
If He is by our side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If He will be our guide.

The Sinless One from heaven came
To dwell with us on earth,
He sought and bought us with His blood
And offered us new birth.

Now as we travel through this year
He knows the things He's planned,
So let us trust and know just this -
Our times are in His hands.

by Megan Carter



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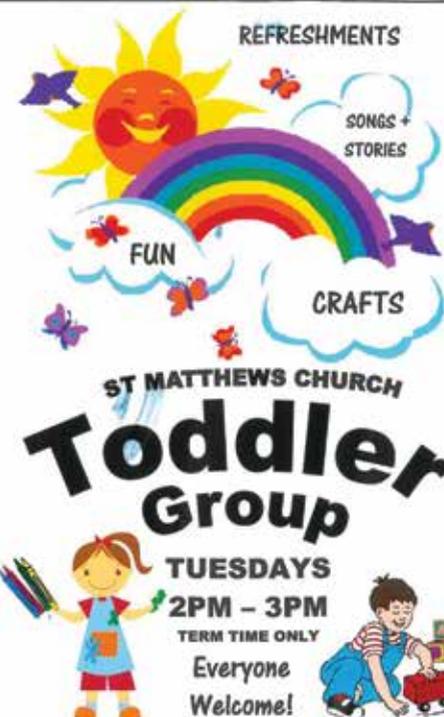
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Skegness Business Awards 2015



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A glittering event, a celebration of Skegness businesses, a sheer delight, were just some of the compliments that heralded the first Skegness Business Awards held at Grand Central on 21 November.

Radio Lincolnshire's Melvyn Prior hosted the evening which saw awards in ten categories handed to best in class businesses and one overall Business of the Year.

One hundred and fifty business people mingled with honoured guests including Matt Warman MP and Skegness Mayor Cllr Carl Macey at the drinks reception before moving to the dining room which was bedecked with decorations including table flowers sponsored by East Lindsey District Council, table linen by Fenland Laundries and programmes by Boston College. The main sponsor Skegness Pier were thanked by John Chappell Chairman of the promoters Skegness Partnership and the evening began with a three course meal with a beef main course.

With the diners now sipping their coffee the awards kicked off. Hosting with humour and skill Melvyn Prior introduced Matt Warman MP for Skegness and Boston cheerfully proposing that the Westminster representative should permanently reverse his constituency title. Matt Warman spoke enthusiastically about the role of business in our community and the importance of pulling together at local, district, regional and national level. He thanked the Skegness Partnership for developing their business strategy and for initiating the business awards. He supported the recognition of the talent and dedication of the Skegness Business community.

The first of the awards was Best New Business. Melvyn Prior summarised the defining characteristics of the three finalists and invited the sponsors Duncan & Toplis Accountants to open the gold envelope and reveal the name of the winner. In this case Natterjack Creative a new enterprise providing design and graphics services. In the familiar format of award ceremonies the winners were invited to say a few words. Remarkably, the speeches were short and relevant and without tears. It added hugely to the evening to hear the sheer surprise and delight of the winners.

Other award winners are:-
Green Business, sponsor Fix Auto The Bodyshop
Winner Caxton House

Accommodation, sponsor North Shore Hotel & Golf Course
Winner Caxton House.

Customer Care, sponsor Hildreds Shopping Centre
Winner Ingolmells Holidays

Business Person of the Year, sponsor Skegness & District Chamber of Commerce
Winner Nicola Williams Nicola's Nursery World

Retailer of the Year, sponsor Kirks Quality Foods Ltd;
Winner Lowndes

Marketing, sponsor Sills & Betteridge incorporating Frearsons solicitors,
Winner dpom

Young Employee of the Year, sponsor MKM Building Supplies
Winner Angel Webster

Care Provider of the Year, sponsor Skegness Town Council
Winner County Care

Best Attraction Award sponsor Licensed Victualler's Association
Winner Natureland

A final award for the Business of the Year was presented to the winner of the winners. The main sponsor Skegness Pier gave this award to the stand out business amongst the previous winners. Business of the Year was awarded to Skegness Natureland who were thrilled and delighted to receive this accolade in their 50th Year. The evening ended with dancing to Marty Wilson singing from songbooks including Frank Sinatra and Abba and a very merry time was had by all!!

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St Matthew Skegness Service of Holy Communion every Sunday at 9.30am

- Sunday 3rd 9.30 am St Matthew Skegness service of Holy Communion & Epiphany
- Sunday 3rd 11.00 am St Mary Winthorpe service of Holy Communion
- Tuesday 5th 10.30 am St Clement Skegness service of Holy Communion
- Tuesday 5th 2 pm – 3 pm Toddlers at St Matthew Skegness
- Wednesday 6th 10.45 am St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells service of Holy Communion
- Friday 9th 10 am – 12 noon Pop in for a coffee and a chat at St Matthew Skegness
- Sunday 10th 9.30 am St Matthew Skegness service of Holy Communion
- Sunday 10th 11.00 am St Nicholas Addlethorpe service of Holy Communion
- Tuesday 12th 10.30 am St Clement Skegness service of Holy Communion
- Tuesday 12th 2 pm – 3 pm Toddlers at St Matthew Skegness
- Wednesday 13th 10.45 am St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells service of Holy Communion
- Wednesday 13th 2 pm – 4 pm Omega meeting at St Matthew Skegness
- Friday 15th 10 am – 12 noon Pop in for a coffee and a chat at St Matthew Skegness
- Sunday 17th 9.30 am St Matthew Skegness service of Holy Communion
- Sunday 17th 11.00 am St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells service of Holy Communion
- Tuesday 19th 10.30 am St Clement Skegness service of Holy Communion
- Tuesday 19th 2 pm – 3 pm Toddlers at St Matthew Skegness
- Wednesday 20th 10.45 am St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells service of Holy Communion
- Friday 22nd 10 am – 12 noon Pop in for a coffee and a chat at St Matthew Skegness
- Sunday 24th 9.30 am St Matthew Skegness service of Holy Communion
- Sunday 24th 11.00 am St Clements Skegness service of Holy Communion
- Sunday 24th 6 pm St Matthew, Memorial Service Skegness
- Tuesday 26th 10.30 am St Clement Skegness service of Holy Communion
- Tuesday 26th 2 pm – 3 pm Toddlers at St Matthew Skegness
- Wednesday 27th 10.45 am St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells service of Holy Communion
- Friday 29th 10 am – 12 noon Pop in for a coffee and a chat at St Matthews
- Sunday 31st 10 am St Matthew Skegness, Candlemas Service