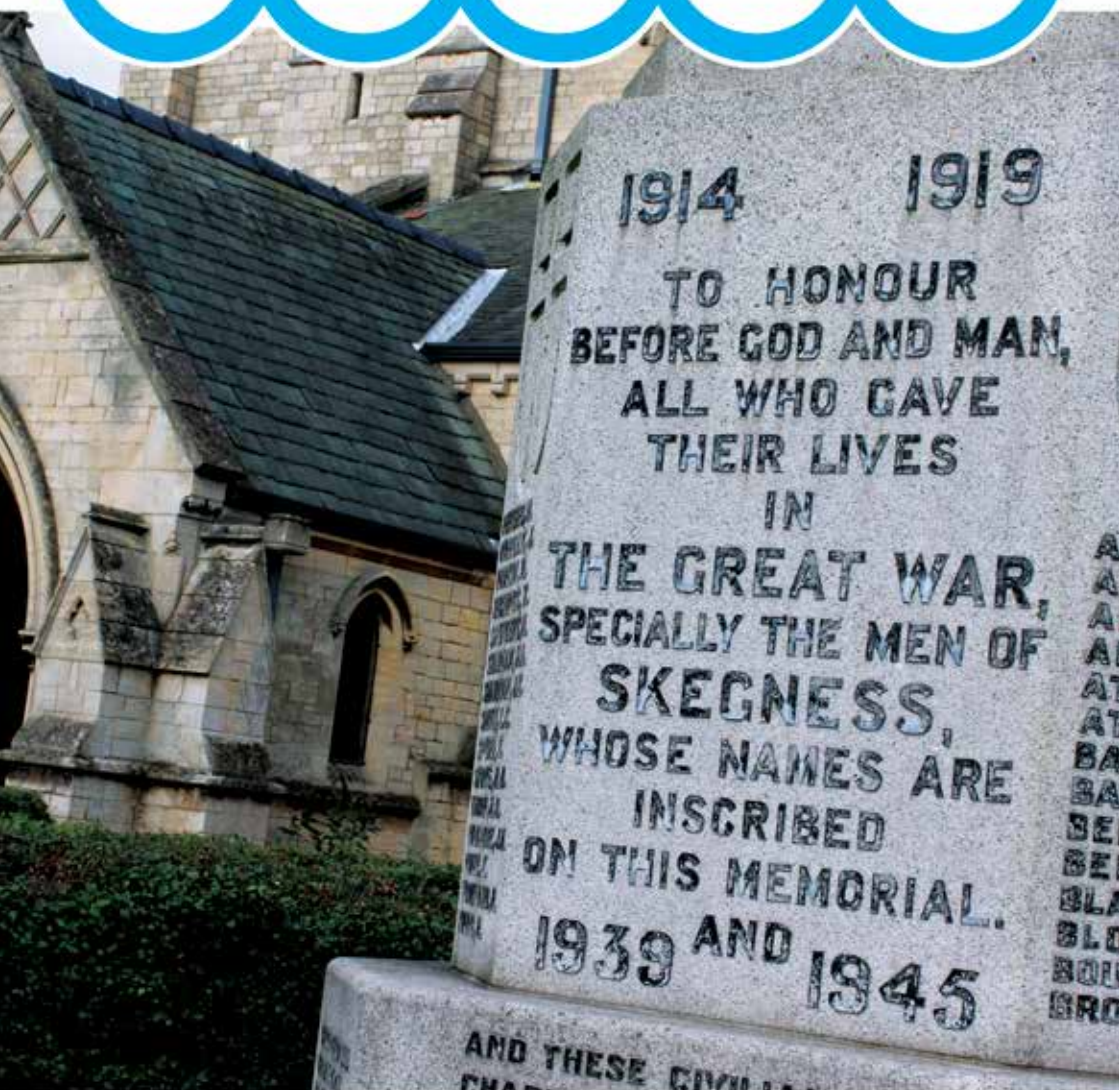


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November - That 'Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness' is a month when we think about the year coming to a close, but also about those whose lives have come to a close.

The commemoration of All Souls on November 2nd reminds us-if we need reminding-of those people in our lives who were so special to us and who now rest in Christ. It is an attempt to reach out in faith to those who have had a bond with us.

Memories flood back of those who have been with us until recently, those who were with us last year, those who shared our early years and those who experienced with us their love of life. Each has formed a unique place in the hearts of those they left behind.....

.....And on the second Sunday of November we remember those who have died in many conflicts-those on both sides, most of whom had no choice but to go to war.

The Bible tells us to love our enemies and do good to those who hate us. But we live in a different world, modern communications make us aware of the appalling details of conflicts far away and the denial of human rights. War was not just 'then', it is now and continues all over the world, declared and undeclared.

On Remembrance Day we thank God for the freedom we enjoy, freedom of speech, freedom from oppression, whilst remembering the millions who have given their lives for the cause of freedom.

"At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them."

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The Church isn't Titanic it's More Like Noah's Ark

I'm not of the opinion that Church is irrelevant to society today, on the contrary, I seems to me that the hard times we are living in are forcing the Church back to the heart of the community again. I'm amazed at the amount of social enterprises Churches are now involved in, from helping the bereaved to providing food parcels. From Pastoring our town centre at night, to finding people housing. The Church isn't the Titanic, it's more like Noah's ark. It was always meant to be the means of salvation, a boat that gives hope through the extremes of turbulent times. However, I think its important to say that we don't want to be just thought of as an Ark for stormy seas, we want people to know that it's also a cruise liner where its normal to find Blue skies and warm climates, friendship and laughter, excitement and purpose.

But it is still on a mission to tell the town that God loves us, that there is amazing grace to be found, and that there is still power in the message of the Gospel to turn lives around. For us Church is not only relevant to our culture, but is a culture shaper: a producer life-giving things, a joy bringer and a boat for all seasons.

Rev. David Middleton.
Chair of the Fellowship of
Skegness Churches.

Through All the Changing Scenes of Life

Malcolm Tedman St Peter & St Paul's Ingoldmells

'The summer sun is fading as the year grows old and darker days are drawing near'

Autumn is upon us, it is a time of change and nature displays glorious colours as trees shed their leaves in readiness for the long winter months. Change for us to as we say goodbye to Reverend Martin Faulkner as he prepares for new ministry outside of Lincolnshire. There may be good and bad news about Autumn, darker evenings as the clocks go back one hour, if you are a commuter those leaves on the line delaying trains. Good news though, less traffic on the roads, no more 40 minute journeys from Chapel St Leonard's to Skegness! Jeff Wayne, a musical composer of 'War of the Worlds' fame wrote

these words: 'The summer sun is fading as the year grows old and darker days are drawing near. The winter winds are much colder now you're not here' The song laments a loved one far away, but as Christians we have a Lord who is never far away, no more than a prayer, Jesus can be that close.

Autumn and winter dark nights are lit by the Light of the World (John 8 v 12) and in John's gospel we read: 'In him (Jesus) was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness but the darkness has not understood it' (John 1 v 4-5)

We can bring that light of Jesus to dark places of the world, of our lives by prayer, our witness and support of Christian action.

May we Let the light of Jesus guide us on our Christian Journey; an old hymn sings these words: 'Through all the changing scenes of life, in trouble and in joy, the praises of my God shall still my heart and tongue employ'.

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Florence

Frank A Forster

When I first met Florence she was in her mid sixties. It was on Easter Monday 1951, and over the next eighteen years I came to know her well. She was a remarkable lady, small, with long grey hair, tied in a bun. But it was her eyes that struck me, then, and many times after. They were very blue, and in repose somewhat sad. When something pleased or amused her however they twinkled.

Florence had a very even temperament, on occasion she might be annoyed or frustrated but I never saw her angry. If she was she never displayed it. She was the daughter of an estate carpenter and had several siblings. Her parents would at that time have had a very modest lifestyle, though, as the estate carpenter her father would have had a steady job.

She married very young to a farm worker, and they set up house and over the next twenty years or so raised eleven children. Sadly the eldest, a boy, died from illness brought on by a fall from a farm wagon.

Money was always in short supply, I doubt however that any of the children went hungry, though I quite believe that she may have. A consummate housewife, Florence produced the most delicious food, the greater part of which came from the garden behind the house. In the living kitchen of that house she worked her best magic at the scrub topped table with an oilcloth cover on it. She bought in only what was absolutely necessary. Her busiest period would be pig killing time—there were always two pigs to the sty, and the salt cured result hung from the ceiling hooks.

As I said earlier she lost a son, not too long before the Second World War, and she often spoke of him in such a way that it might only have been a short while ago that it happened. In that war, she had no less than four sons serving. One was in a heavy anti aircraft battery. The second spent a long time in the Western Desert, a member of the Royal Engineers; his job was to detect and clear landmines. As a reward, if you like to put it that way, he then went to Italy where he took part in the siege of Monte Cassino. However he did meet up with a younger brother whilst in Italy. The brother was later to take part in the invasion of Europe, in the Bocage District of Normandy and in the siege of Caen.

The fourth member of the family lied about his age, joining the Royal Navy and serving on a minesweeper out of Sliema Creek, Malta and the Far East. Added to that, two of her daughters were married to serving men, one in the Army, one in the Royal Air Force. A nephew, a navigator on heavy bombers was shot down over Germany, and in the latter stages of the war was to survive the notorious death march ahead of the Red Army. I told you she had grey hair!

Florence also did her bit for the war effort. Within earshot of bombers taking off and returning, she opened her house to many a serviceman to find some refreshment and rest. She had two serious illnesses during her life, but I never saw her let anything get in the way of what she had to do. Her home, modest though it was, was never less than spotless.

Her family held her in the highest regard and her grandchildren worshipped her. Every Sunday they would visit her, and there might be as few as four or five, or as many as a dozen in there at any one time. Florence took everything in her stride, and always thought the best of people. She seldom left the house, a few times she'd have a few days with one of the two daughters who did not live in the village.

Finally she was left on her own, and, for the next few years she would be looked after by her family. By turn she stayed with them for quite long periods where she was cared for in the way she deserved. It was whilst she was staying with one of her daughters that she passed away in March 1969.

Postscript

On All Saints, Malcolm, our priest, was speaking on the qualities of a saint: what makes a saint, how an otherwise ordinary person might become one. In closing he looked at me, pointed and said “Who knows, Frank? One day you may become a saint.” I replied that it was highly unlikely, but I had once known one. That is how I came to write this.

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Advent Wreath Festival

2015 Advent Wreath Festival
at St Matthew's Church, Skegness

The Advent Wreath Festival is a display of wreaths from businesses and organizations in the Skegness area. It is a low cost form of advertising as we hope that you will use your imagination to make a wreath depicting your identity.

In order to help with this we are offering the following

- Wreath Kit including everything you need to make a classic wreath £10
- Ready made wreath £15
- Wreath ring – basic metal ring for you to use your imagination £1

There will also be 2 workshops on how to make a wreath. These will be held at 10.00 am on Tuesday 17 November at St Matthew's Church, Skegness or at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 24 November at Trafford House, Marsh Lane, Burgh le Marsh, PE24 5AG. Please telephone Sandie on 01754 811629 to confirm if you wish to attend either of these workshops.

We ask for a donation of £10 to display each wreath at the festival. The proceeds go to St Matthew's funds.

Wreaths should be delivered to St Matthew's week commencing 23 November anytime between 09.00 and 12.00.

Please return this slip and return to Parish Secretary, St Matthew's Church, Lumley Avenue, Skegness, PE25 2AT by Monday 16 November 2014

Name of Organization.....

Contact Name.....

Address.....

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Telephone No.....Donation.....

The Advent Wreath Festival, held during Advent at St. Matthew's Church in Skegness has now become a popular fixture on the local calendar.

For the season of Advent the church is filled with wreaths and small Christmas trees representing businesses, charities, organizations, schools etc. There is also a section displaying wreaths in memory of loved ones.

The wreaths depict the nature of the business or organization donating the wreath and those displayed in memory often portray a personal message.

The cost for displaying a wreath is £10.00 and the money raised goes to St. Matthew's funds.

Why not use your imagination and take part in the Advent Wreath Festival. For those of you who need some help we have wreath kits, a basic wreath ring or even ready made wreaths. Please see the form opposite.

Or perhaps you want some help in making a wreath? Sandie of Eden Florist is holding two workshops (see opposite page). Book your place now and learn how to do it professionally.

Sandie will be writing a regular article on flowers in Shoreline.

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Newsletter
October 2015

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Justice Online

In households which cannot afford an adequate diet for their children, 93% have at least one adult who 'skimps' on their own food to provide meals for their children.

Poverty and Social Exclusion UK

'Food banks' and 'Food poverty' are phrases we hear all the time nowadays, but what do they mean?

Food poverty is simply the inability to provide yourself or your family with affordable healthy food so people have to use charity food banks as a result.

The Skegness Food Bank aims to help reverse this problem. Last year 2014 we supplied approximately **1177** food parcels to people in the Skegness area. That is approximately 5% of the population and equates to **14154** meals in 2014!

Not only do we provide three and five day food parcels but we actively work with people to begin to help bring them out of the cycle of poverty. All of this is made possible by generous donations from the public and organisations.

Please continue to give generously over the coming months.



Check us out on Facebook
Skegness Food Bank at The Storehouse



Beacon Primary Academy handing over the Harvest Festival Donations to Mr. Bailey from The Skegness Foodbank.



The Skegness Food Bank is serving local families in need.

To serve these people we need your help.

Please could you donate some of the items below?

Pasta
Soup
Tinned Fish
Coffee

Tinned Veg
Tea Bags
Pasta Sauce
Jam

UHT Milk
Rice Pudding
Powdered Mash
Tinned Fruit

The Remembrance Day I Will Always Remember

Tom Hedges

I married my wife Carol on 10th November 1979. Our lunchtime wedding was followed by a reception in the afternoon and we left about 5.00pm for our honeymoon. A taxi took us to the station and a train to London. We travelled First Class and booked into a 5 star hotel near Regent's Park. The first and only time that we travelled First Class and stayed in a 5 star hotel and paid for it ourselves!

On Sunday morning we rose late and had a leisurely breakfast and decided that we would visit Whitehall and the Cenotaph. After jumping onto a tube we emerged into crowds of people, but we were too late for the Queen

and all the dignitaries who had departed, but arrived in time for the ordinary people paying their respects. We stood transfixed for a long time just watching, mothers, fathers, husbands, wives, brothers, sisters, children or well wishers placing single poppies on the memorial. It was the most moving and humbling experience I have ever witnessed. Both of us had tears in our eyes and we could not speak, as words could do no justice to what we were witnessing.

I have to say that our emotions were heightened because of our wedding day before, but it still stays with me as one of the most moving things I have ever witnessed. I have experienced highs, our wedding, the birth of my children and lows, the death of my father and brother in law and that day ranks very high in my memory.

We get used to the television coverage showing the pomp and circumstance with The Queen, her family and politicians but the real day belongs to those ordinary people. I will never forget that weird mixture of complete joy, our wedding and overwhelming loss, the Cenotaph. What a contrast in less than 24 hours.

Needless to say I have always remembered our wedding anniversary, as the selling of poppies is about as big a reminder, to buy a card, get flowers and book a table, as you can get.



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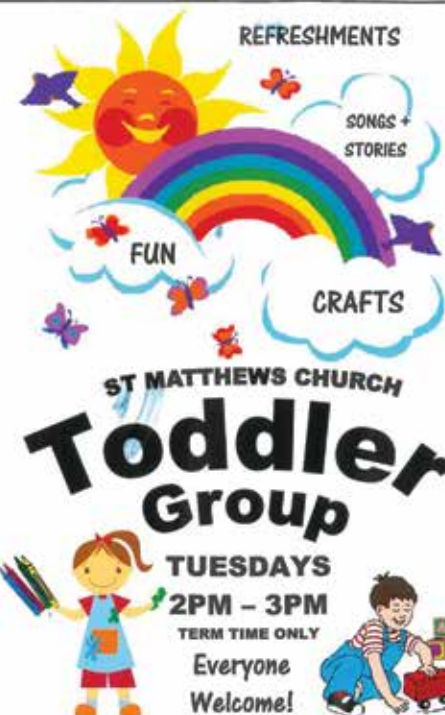
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Thursday 17 December 2015

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Skegness Partnership

Who we are

Skegness Partnership is a business led partnership with the aim of improving the economic success of Skegness for the benefit of residents, visitors and business.

Our board comprises working groups that together reflect the key activities that make Skegness the place it is. These are Retail, Accommodation, Attractions, Community, Marketing & Events and Regeneration and Inward Investment.

The Chairs of each of the working groups sit on the board together with co-opted representatives of the Police, Job Centre and Faith community. More information about our directors can be found on the About Us section of this website.

The board is registered as a Community Interest Company (CIC) no 08416082. This provides a clear legal framework from which we operate.

What we do

The Board has developed a strategy with 4 themes which are devised to support each other to improve the economic viability and vitality of Skegness. Within themes there are individual activities which we businesses can tackle and there are issues which need a broader approach. For the former our challenge is to mobilise business into action for the shared good and for the latter it is to play our part with others. We work with the local, district and county councils. Their role is to create the environment where business can flourish and as businesses we must play our part by creating better and new job opportunities. Overall and together we believe that we can make our town an even more desirable place to live work and play.

The 4 themes are:-

- 1) Better Business
- 2) Extend the Season
- 3) Improve the Infrastructure
- 4) Broaden the Business Base

You can continue your interest in what we do by joining us. As a member of the partnership we will keep you informed about the things we do through our website. .

There are 2 types of Membership

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