

THE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

East Lincolnshire.

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Ministry newsletter



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All are welcome to join us for the **Meetings** of the Church of the Nazarene, East Lincolnshire. Our meetings during **October** will be led by our Pastor, **Rev'd Ian Banks**.

Preaching this month will be our Pastor, **Rev'd Ian Banks**, Local Minister, **Keith Beaumont**, and on **October 25th** we welcome to our meeting in **Skegness June and Ian Mitchell** from our sister church in King's Lynn. June will bring us an insight into the work of the **Nazarene Missions**.

For details of our October meetings and our theme, **Calling Out**, please see further notices in this newsletter.

Please join us as we continue our journey into the faith we have in Jesus.

Our Sunday Meetings are at 10.30 a.m. in the County Hotel Skegness & at 6 p.m. in Sibsey Village Hall

Our meetings are open to people from all denominations of the Christian Faith and to those who are seeking a faith. You will receive a warm welcome in the name of Jesus Christ.

Please note that if you require further information or transport please contact us at the phone numbers or e-mail address below or visit our web site.

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ABOUT THE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

The Church of the Nazarene is an international evangelical denomination in the Wesleyan-Holiness tradition, working in over 151 world areas with over 1.7 million members in 14,000 congregations. In the UK there are 90 churches organised into two districts, North and South. The Nazarene Theological College is an affiliated institution of The University of Manchester offering degrees up to PhD.

OUR LOCAL CONGREGATIONS

Each local congregation of the Church of the Nazarene is a faith community, ready to greet you in Jesus' name. There you will discover opportunities not only to encounter Jesus as your Saviour and Lord, but to grow as a follower of Christ. Local churches offer ministry opportunities for serving others. Fellowship, worship, training and education are all part of our life together in Christ.

CALLING OUT (Sharing our Faith)

When we come to know Jesus as our personal Saviour, we realise that he is the key to Christian Living which leads to eternal life. We become so excited about our faith that we want to tell other people about it and invite them to our meetings. This is because we want them to find Jesus, the key to 'Christian Living', for themselves. In order to speak to others in this way we ourselves need constantly to examine Jesus' relatively short ministry here on earth so that we understand how we are to continue that ministry ourselves. We need to understand the 'big picture' because the Good News of Jesus is not just a series of facts, it's part of the long history of God's dealings with the human race. To help us with this task we are incorporating the course 'Calling Out' into the theme of our Sunday meetings between September and the beginning of Advent. The course has been compiled by the evangelist J John. Notes will be made available at each meeting and the meetings will be recorded onto CD and made available on our web site.

J. John writes: My great longing is to see people come to know Jesus Christ. You can call it 'being born again', 'converted', 'making a commitment'; the words don't matter as long as there is the reality of a life-changing switch from being separated from God to knowing him personally through Jesus Christ. For over twenty-five years my life has focused on communicating the great message that in Jesus Christ there is a way for men, women and children to come to know God as Friend and Saviour. I believe that this yearning of mine to reach out to people reflects, in some way, the great desire of God himself. The Bible teaches that God calls out to all people to turn to him. In sharing the Good News about Jesus Christ all we are doing is **calling out** with God.

Meetings During October

October 4, at 10.30 a.m. We meet in **Skegness**.

At **6 p.m.** we meet in **Sibsey Village Hall, Boston**.

Both meetings will be led by the **Rev'd Ian Banks** who will continue the theme **Calling Out (see below)**.

October 11, at 10.30 a.m. in Skegness our meeting will be led by **Rev'd Ian Banks** and will include the sharing of **the Lord's Supper**.

At **6 p.m. in Sibsey Village Hall** our meeting will be led by Local Minister **Keith Beaumont**.

October 18,

WE CELEBRATE OUR FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Our meetings today will be led by the **Rev'd Ian Banks**.

At **10.30 a.m. in Skegness**.

At **6 p.m. in Sibsey Village Hall** when our meeting will include the **Lord's Supper**.

October 25

at **10.30 a.m. in Skegness** our meeting will be led our members and we welcome **Mrs June Mitchell** and her husband **Ian** from **King's Lynn**.

June will be talking to us about **Nazarene Missions**.

At **6 p.m. in Sibsey Village Hall**. Our meeting will be led by Local Minister **Keith Beaumont**.

(Today the Rev'd Ian Banks is at our Kings's Lynn church)

CALLING OUT (Sharing our Faith)

This month we continue our theme **Calling Out (Sharing our Faith)**- below are the the weekly topics and some scripture references you might wish to read in preparation for each topic)

October 4: part 2 of the **Building Blocks of Mission**

(Luke 3:15-16 & 21-22; Luke 4:1 & 16-20; John 14:15-17 & 26; Joshua 24:14-15; Luke 14:25-33; Deuteronomy 30:19-20; Galatians 2:20).

October 11: The Why and Why Not of Calling Out

(Ephesians 4:11-13; 2 Corinthians 5:11-6:2; John 20: 19-21; Matthew 28:16-20; Luke 12:4-12).

October 18: Sharing our Faith Here there and Everywhere

(Acts 1:8; Mark 14: 50 & 70-72; Mark 3: 20-21; Matthew 13: 53-58; Acts 6:7; Acts 8: 4-8 & 14-17; Acts 10: 24-11:4; Romans 15: 14-24).

A Message from the Rev'd Ian Banks:

What a difference a year makes

Please excuse the little bit of poetic licence as I misquote that well known song, 'What a difference a day makes'. The original song goes on to say, "twenty four little hours". Well as I sit in my study writing this message the past year seems like just twenty four hours. It seems like only yesterday that I was preparing for our new venture and inviting people to the inaugural meeting of the Church of the Nazarene, East Lincolnshire which took place in Sibsey Village Hall on October 19th 2008! Wow doesn't time fly when you are blessed and driven by God's Holy Spirit. This month we celebrate our first Anniversary!

Since that inaugural meeting we have been blessed with so much. Back in June of this year we started a morning meeting in the County Hotel in Skegness while continuing to meet in the evening in Sibsey. Our core group, started in Sibsey, have continued to form the nucleus of the Church which now meets regularly in two locations. Since we started a total of fifteen people have made a commitment to membership and one has received a licence as a Local Minister and for this we thank the Lord, Amen! During this first year we have been blessed by the fellowship of so many people from the local areas where we meet and also from our sponsoring church in King's Lynn.

We have had a busy summer in Skegness where we have been involved in the community in a number of ways including the dedication of a seat in the Seal Sanctuary, the VJ Day service at St Clement's College, my trip out to sea on the Lifeboat, the blessing of a wedding ring and our first Fellowship Lunch which rounded off the summer in grand style. Our Christmas, Easter and Pentecost meetings have been a blessing and a time of renewal for us all. Finally during this year we have looked at several themes as we have taken stock of our faith and the need for it to grow and be shared.

Autumn is a time to take stock of the harvest: has it been sufficient; is it of good enough quality; will it see through the Winter? So it may be also a good time to take stock of the harvest of our first year here in East Lincolnshire. In doing so we should go far beyond the material world and should embrace the spiritual harvest of our lives and the lives of those in the communities we seek to serve. Our current preaching theme is entitled Calling Out and so I urge you, whatever stage of the journey of faith you are at, to join us in the task of Calling Out to all God's people with the Good News of Jesus.