

Shirley Baptist Church

a church for the whole community

Shirley Baptist Church, Southampton, Registered Charity Number 1131764

We welcome you to worship!
We hope you will feel at home with us.

Pastor Shaun Sweeney is speaking at Velmore Church
in Chandler's Ford for their Anniversary

Sunday 5 March

10.30 am Morning Worship with Communion

Leader: Kevin Ings
Preacher: Paul Sutton

Sensing Our Saviour
Born of the Spirit - John 3

Fire!
Groups
will be in the
halls during
this service

4.30pm All Age Home Group in The Link

Our **Fire! Activity Groups** cover all ages from babies to teenagers!
Visiting children are welcome to join in - a welcomer will show you the way!

Communion at SBC: As part of our commitment to being a Church for the Whole Community our bread is gluten free & our wine is non-alcoholic.

The Barnabas Fund is a Confidential Fund to make small gifts to those in need as a sign of our Christian Love. Envelopes are available in the pews if you would like to donate to this fund.

The song words are shown on the screens. If you are unable to see a screen, ask for a folder containing printed words. Most people stand up for the songs but do feel free to sit down if this is easier for you. There is space at the front left and back right of the Sanctuary if you need more room!

Members of the Prayer Team are available after Morning Worship Services. If you would like someone to pray with you, simply come to the front before you leave.



Refreshments are served in the Spurgeon Hall after morning worship services. All our tea, coffee and sugar are Fairtrade.

Fancy a fancier coffee?

Filter coffee and specialty teas are available in The Link.

Sunday 12 March

10.30 am Morning Worship with Believers' Baptism

Leader: Brenda Greenwood
Preacher: Pastor Shaun Sweeney

"All In!"

Fire! Groups

will be going
out during
this service

Pastoral Work

Sheila coordinates our pastoral work. Please keep her informed of pastoral needs or concerns. ☎ 8036 0296

If you have urgent concerns please contact Pastor Shaun Sweeney.
Please contact the church office with updates & thanksgiving news.

Contact Us

Pastor: Shaun Sweeney

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Day Off: Usually Thursday

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Secure in Our Saviour Opportunities for Personal Growth

A variety of **Home Groups** meet at various times and places in our area. Each group has a distinct character and atmosphere.

All Age Home Group next meets on Sun 19 Mar at 4.30pm in The Link

Monthly Home Group next meets on Sat 25 March at 3pm in The Link

Office Opening Hours

Monday 10.00 - 11.30

Tuesday 10.00 - 13.00

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

10.00 - 11.30

Pastoral News

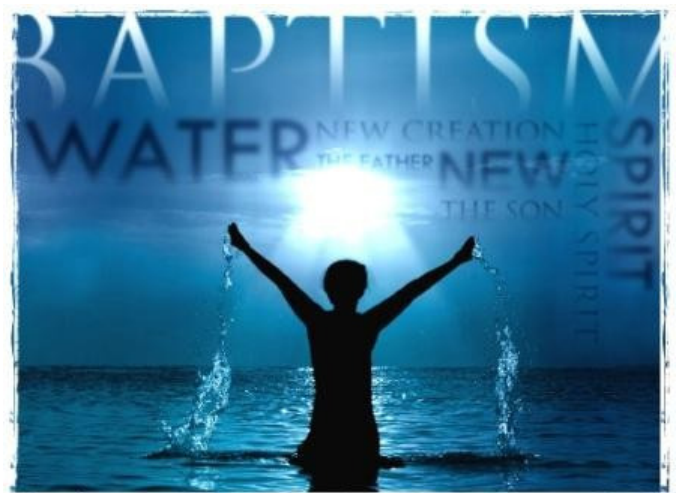
Please remember Andrea Hurry and Rosie Martin in your prayers this week as they prepare to be baptised.

Imagine: Whole-Life Disciple Making Workshop

Here at SBC on Sat 1 April

Learn how to visualise, create and develop whole-life disciple making church communities. Cost £15 which includes refreshments and a delegate pack, bring your own lunch!

See Ken Amy for more information.



Notices

Volunteers are urgently need for the CTiS Easter Experience

4 helpers are needed 9.30am - 12 noon on 28 March and 2 are needed 9.30am - 12 noon 30 March.

This event presents the Easter story to children from local schools in an engaging, interactive way.

The Friday Night Takeaway Cake Sale after Morning Worship on 12 Feb raised £72 for the BMS Refugee Appeal. Thank you. Sandy Cooke on behalf of FNT

Donations For The Homeless

We are currently in need of hand sanitiser, deodorants, wet wipes, women's gloves and underwear. With thanks Ruth & Linda

Volunteering Opportunities

General Hospital Chaplaincy

Do you have a friendly and approachable manner? Are you willing and able to help patients come to worship in the hospital chapel on Sundays? Or are you able to give up 2-3 hours of your time on Friday mornings to ask patients if they'd like to have chaplaincy support? Would you like to use your flower arranging skills in the Chapel? For further information, please contact the Voluntary Services Department ☎ 8120 4688 or ✉ volunteers@uhs.nhs.uk

New Dawn Child Contact Centre

- * Support broken families
- * Work as part of a team
- * 3 hours every four - six weeks
- * Full training given

Please contact Kirsty ☎ 8034 7515 or ✉ newdawncentre@shirleybaptist.org for an application form or more information.

Regular Activities for Adults

Wednesday Link Coffee Morning

10am - 12noon

Lunch Club for over 60's

Thursday 12.00pm Spurgeon Hall
Advance booking is essential & there is a charge for the meal.

Get Together

Thursday 2pm in The Link

Friday Link Coffee Morning

11am - 1.30pm

Friday Friendship Club

1.45pm in the Spurgeon Hall
Speakers, entertainment, refreshments and friendship.

Regular Activities for Children, Young People & Families

Parent & Toddler Group

The Link is open for coffee from 9.15am & the group runs 10-11.30am

Wacky Wednesdays

School Years R - Year 3
5.00 to 6.15pm Spurgeon Hall

Wild Wild Wednesdays

School Years 4-6
6.30 to 7.45pm Spurgeon Hall

Friday Night Takeaway

School Years 7-9
6.45pm Spurgeon Hall

Monthly Activities for Ladies

EVening Fellowship

2nd Tuesday of the Month
7.30pm in the Carey Hall

M & Ms Ladies Group

Once a month on a Wednesday
7.45pm in The Link

M & Ms Extra! 7.30pm at Santo Lounge on the 2nd Wed of the month
Upcoming Dates: March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14 & July 12

Today's Events

FIRE! Challenge & Cake Sale

The FIRE groups are taking part in a sponsored active challenge event in the halls and will also be selling cakes after the service to raise money for a children's playground in a village in Moldova. This event is FIRE's contribution towards supporting the work Bev Richards is involved in with Operation Mobilisation. If you have not already seen a sponsor form and would like to sponsor a child/young person for taking part in this event, then please speak to Chris Skinner or Jo Snape.

All Age Home Group 4.30pm in The Link

A family friendly group, where everyone from the youngest to the oldest participates and learns together. We sing, study, listen, get creative and eat lots of cake together.

The 'Daffodils'

2-3.30pm at St Mary's Church, Southampton SO14 1AQ.
A concert of Wordsworth's poetry set to music involving adults and children. Free admission with retiring collection for parish funds.

Upcoming Events

Bell Ringing Group

Wed 8 March 2pm in The Link
Led by Ruth Powell, a very patient teacher. Learn to play simple hymns, songs and carols on bell plates, which are light and easy to play. You do not need to be able to read music: you just need a willingness to learn.
For more information, please speak to Ruth Powell, Eveline Adams, Mary Moran or Marcia Parsons.

EVening Fellowship

Tuesday 14 March

7.30pm in the Carey Hall
Theme: Barlow and Ellyett Homes
Speaker: Madge Heath
Men are invited to this meeting.
Please remember your donations for Basics Bank

Fair Trade Fortnight Coffee Morning in the Link

Fri 17 March 11am - 1.30pm

Come along and bring your friends for a big welcome with coffee, cake and a stall full of delicious and attractive, fairly traded goods for sale, including the *Real Easter Eggs* which contain a beautifully illustrated 24 page Easter story activity book.



Mini Market Saturday 18 March

10.30am in the Spurgeon Hall
Helpers are needed on Friday evening to help set up and on the day. Please see Dave or Anne Richards if you are able to help. Tables can be booked at any Mini Market for individual or charity use. Contact Anne for further details ☎ 8048 0762 after 2.30pm or ✉ annesrich@btinternet.com
Donations of cakes are always needed.

Church Members' Meeting

Thu 23 March 7.45pm Spurgeon Hall
All Members are encouraged to attend. If you are not a member or are unable to attend, please pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance during the evening. Minutes of the last meeting are available from the church office.

M & Ms Ladies Group

7.45pm in The Link **The Eggs Factor**
Who Are We? A group of ladies, mostly aged 30 - 60 ish!
Can I Come Too? Anyone Is Welcome - new members, occasional visitors and those who can just pop in! You can be assured of warm reception and a decent cup of coffee!