

# 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.**

## Sunday 2 April

**10.30 am Morning Worship** with Communion

Leader: Kevin Ings

Preacher: Pastor Shaun Sweeney

Sensing Our Saviour:

Dreaming In The Spirit - Eph 3:13-21

**Fire!**

**Groups**

will be in the  
halls during  
this service

**4.30 pm All Age Home Group** meets in The Link

A family friendly group, where everyone from the youngest to the oldest participates and learns together.

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!

Flickers Crèche - When taking or collecting your child, please use the doors at the end of the aisles rather than taking children around the outside of the building through the car park.

**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 will be 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



# Palm Sunday 9 April

## 10.30 am Morning Worship

Leader: Jill Waldron

Preacher: Brenda Greenwood

Mark 11:1-11

## Fire!

### Groups

will be going out during this service

4.00 pm

Praise @ 4pm

Followed by afternoon tea

## Pastoral Work

**Sheila, who coordinates our pastoral work, will be away from Thursday 6 - Tuesday 11 April.** 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

☎ 023 8077 3314

Day Off: Monday

**Children & Family Worker:**

Jo Snape

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### Office Opening Hours

Monday 10.00 - 11.30

Tuesday 10.00 - 13.00

Wednesday 10.00 - 11.30

Thursday 10.00 - 11.30

Friday 10.00 - 11.30

**Advance Notice:**

**The office will be closed on Good Friday & Easter Monday**

### 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 23 April at 4.30pm in The Link

**Monthly Home Group** next meets on Sat 29 April at 3pm in The Link

### Church Directory & Database

The church office maintains a *strictly confidential* database of all members and regular attendees. We also produce a Church directory that includes photos. If you would like to be included in the directory or have recently moved house please complete a directory information slip. Slips are available from the stewards and the Church Office.

## Notices

### Easter Decorations

Could you make a donation of money towards the flowers? Offers of help to decorate the Church would also be much appreciated by Gosia and the Flower Arranging Team!

### Help Needed for Good Friday

Volunteers are needed to help supervise the children's activity tables at CTiS Witness in the precinct. Please see Jo Snape if you would be able to support this important work.

### Financial year-end

Would all those who have expense claims or outstanding monies, which need to be counted towards the current financial year e.g. BMS globes, Home Mission boxes, Gift Aid forms etc., please hand them to Anne Richards (Church Treasurer).

**Organisation Treasurers** please complete your accounting records and pass to Dave Richards for examination as soon as possible. Thank you.

### Gardens Unlocked Hosts Wanted

Our very own open garden scheme is now in its 7th year! Could you open your garden to visitors from our fellowship this spring or summer? Please contact Paul Thomson

☎ 074 7017 5553

### Prayer Request

Lindsay Dove teaches English to 36 people and will be giving each of them a card, Bible verse & a "Real Easter Egg" which includes a booklet telling the Easter story. Please pray that the students and their families would read the card & booklet and that the Holy Spirit would use these things in their journey to faith.

### Give Thanks

Over 600 children attended the CTiS Easter Experience over the last two weeks.

## Regular Activities for Adults

### Wednesday Link Coffee Morning

10am - 12noon

### Lunch Club for over 60's

**will be closed on Thursday 6 April**

### 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

2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
Upcoming Dates: 26 April; 24 May;  
28 June; 26 July

## Upcoming Events

### Bell Ringing Group

**Mon 3 April** 6pm in The Link  
For more information, please speak to Ruth Powell, Eveline Adams, Mary Moran or Marcia Parsons.

**A Thanksgiving Service for the Life of Peter Sharman** will be held on **Thursday 6 April** at 11am

### Evening Fellowship

**Tue 11 Apr** 7.30pm in the Carey Hall  
38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations  
with Cake & A Beetle Drive  
Please remember your donations for Basics Bank

## HOLY WEEK



### **Maundy Thursday 13 April**

7.30pm **Communion Service**  
Shared with friends from local Baptist Churches

### **Good Friday 14 April**

**SBC Morning Worship** 10am  
**CTiS Witness** in Shirley Precinct

### **Easter Sunday 16 April**

**Morning Worship** 10.30am



### **Christian Men's Breakfast**

**Saturday 22 April** 9am for 9.30  
at George's Cafe, Church St, Shirley

### **Southampton Half Marathon** **Sunday 23 April**

Pete Baker will be running to raise money for the **Neonatal Intensive Care Unit**. Please see Pete if you would be willing to sponsor him.

### **New Dawn Contact Centre AGM**

**Thursday 27 April** 7.45pm in the Spurgeon Hall. Refreshments will be served from 7.15pm and we anticipate the meeting will take about 45 minutes. SBC forms our Governing Body so we would especially appreciate your attendance in order to ratify the Committee.

**Our Church Open Prayer Meeting will follow the New Dawn AGM.**

### **Creative Options Spring Fair**

**Sat 13 May 11am-2pm** at Central Baptist Church, Devonshire Rd  
Calling potential stall holders!  
If you are a crafter or have good quality home-ware, gifts, bric-a-brac to sell then come along! Tables £5.00  
Book now as spaces are limited!  
We also welcome donations of goods for the stalls (tombola prizes, bottles, crafts, gifts etc.,) Contact Frances: [frances.anne@btinternet.com](mailto:frances.anne@btinternet.com) or 078 5018 9069 for further details or to book a stall.

### **Freemantle URC Spring Fete**

**Sat 13 May 11am-3.30pm**  
Shirley Road, SO15 3HS  
\*Games \*Competitions \*Free Crafts \*Activities \*Refreshments \*Stalls \*Entertainment including a bouncy castle for grownups! \*Free Entry

### **SCBA Safeguarding Training**

**Sat 20 May** at Colne Avenue Baptist  
This training is suitable for anyone working with Children and/or Vulnerable Adults. There are two levels depending on your role within the church. For more information or to register to attend, please contact the Church Office.



**Coming Soon**  
**To A Garden**  
**Near You!**