

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 and his wife, Kathie, are away for a few days and will return on



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

A more traditional style of service followed by afternoon tea

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.

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

Holy Week



Maundy Thursday 13 April

7.30pm Communion Service

Shared with friends from local Baptist Churches
Followed by light refreshments



Good Friday 14 April

10.00am Morning Worship

Followed at 11.15 by
CTiS Witness in Shirley Precinct



Easter Sunday 16 April

10.30 am Worship Celebration for All Ages

Leader: John Waldron

Preacher: Pastor Shaun Sweeney

Easter: The Great Exchange

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this service

Pastoral Work: Sheila, who coordinates our pastoral work, will be away until Tuesday 11 April. Please keep her informed of pastoral needs or concerns. ☎ 8036 0296

If you have urgent concerns, please contact John Waldron or Simon Wroe. 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

**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



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!

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 this year.

Moldova Playground Appeal

We are pleased to announce that we have passed our £1,000 target which will be matched by Hope Now.

Regular Activities for Adults

Wednesday Link Coffee Morning
will re-open on Wed 27 April

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.

Our Regular Activities for Children, Young People & Families are closed for Easter

Parent & Toddler Group

will re-open on Tuesday 25 April

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

Both Wednesday Groups

will re-open on 3 May

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

will not be meeting during the coming term and will re-start in the autumn with a different format.

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
Upcoming Dates: 26 April; 24 May;
28 June; 26 July

Upcoming Events

EVening Fellowship

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

The Greatest Rescue Ever

Sat 15 April 3pm Above Bar Church
A mystery designed to help children
learn about Jesus. Someone is in
need of rescuing! The problem is
Inspector Smart doesn't know who
needs rescuing or why.

Tickets £2 per person available from
Above Bar Church ☎ 8022 8275.

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.

Bell Ringing Group

Mon 24 April 6pm in The Link
For more information, please speak to
Ruth Powell, Eveline Adams,
Mary Moran or Marcia Parsons.

You cordially invited to the 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.**

Mini Market Sat 29 April

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 Richards
for further details ☎ 8048 0762 after
2.30pm or ✉ annesrich@btinternet.com
Donations of cakes are always
needed!

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 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!**