

# 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.**

## Easter Sunday

### 16 April



He is  
**RISEN Alleluia!**

**10.30 am Worship Celebration for All Ages**

Leader: John Waldron

Preacher: Pastor Shaun Sweeney

**Easter: The Great Exchange**



Easter is God making us an offer we can't refuse:

Life for death;

Hope for despair;

A bright future no matter how dark the past.

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 23 April

**10.30 am Morning Worship**  
Leader: Jill Waldron  
Preacher: John Waldron

**Fire!**  
**Groups**  
will be going  
out during  
this service

**4.30pm All Age Home Group** meets 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.

**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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**Children & Family Worker:**

Jo Snape

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## Office Opening Hours

**Easter Monday Closed**  
**Tuesday 18 April Closed**

Wednesday 10.00 - 11.30

Thursday 10.00 - 11.30

Friday 10.00 - 11.30

## 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.

## 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



## Childsplay ROMANIA

### Mission Trip Update

Sara & Sheila would like to thank you for your Prayer support whilst they were out in Romania. All their Mission Prayer points were answered & far more! 6 projects were visited in 3 days & all of them confirmed that God's outreach to the Roma children continues to be maintained & grow.  
Praise the Lord!

## Notices

### 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.



### 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

### Assistant Minister for SBC

As a church we are discussing and praying about the possible appointment of an Assistant Minister. This is a very important time in the life of the church, so please join us for an **Open Meeting on Thursday 27 April** as we seek to discern the will of God.

### Volunteering Opportunity

**Sailors' Society coffee lounge** in Portswood are looking for new customer service volunteers. Responsibilities include making sure the shop is clean and tidy, serving customers, date rotation and helping deliver high quality standards of customer service. Volunteers will be enthusiastic, flexible, willing to learn and committed. Full training will be given. If you'd like to find out more contact Michael at Sailors Society on ☎ 077 4074 0035 or ✉ MGhee@sailors-society.org

## Regular Activities for Adults

**Wednesday Link Coffee Morning**  
will re-open on Wed 26 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

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

### 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.

### M & Ms Ladies Group

**Wed 26 April** 7.45pm in The Link  
"Shirley Bake Off"

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!

### 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.

Following the AGM, at about 8:30pm, there will be an **Open Meeting to discuss and pray about the possible appointment of an Assistant Minister** at SBC.

This is a very important time in the life of the church when we need to discern the will of God. Please make every effort to join us for the NDCCC AGM and then stay on for this meeting. Thank you. Simon Wroe, Church Secretary

### 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!

### Fellowship Lunch in Memory of Val Barnes Sunday 7 May

Donations will go to support the work of the Leprosy Mission.  
Jane Rackham is taking names for catering purposes.

### 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.