

# 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 20 August

### 10.30 am Morning Worship

Leader: John Waldron

Preacher: Pastor Shaun Sweeney

New Sermon Mini-Series:

**Envision:** The Great Commandment  
Matthew 22:34-40

### Fire!

#### Groups

will be going  
out during  
this service



### Gardens Unlocked Today 2 - 5pm

Hosted by Pete & Jane Rackham:

2 Dawlish Avenue, Upper Shirley, SO15 5HS

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. Our tea, coffee and sugar are all Fairtrade.  
Refreshments will not be served in The Link during August.

# Sunday 27 August

## 10.30 am Morning Worship

Leader: Brenda Greenwood

Preacher: Pastor Shaun Sweeney

**Envision:** The Great Commitment  
Matthew 20:26-28

**Fire!**

**Groups**

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**Pastoral Work:** Sheila coordinates our pastoral work; please keep her informed of pastoral needs or concerns. ☎ 8036 0296

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

### Volunteering Opportunities

**Glen Lee and Holcroft Rest Homes** are looking for volunteers to drop in for coffee and chat to residents, lead a sing song or do some gardening with residents. If anyone is interested, see Sandy Cooke or ring Leanne Parsons at Glen Lee ☎ 8047 3696.

### Pastoral News

**Joan Collins's Funeral** will be held at Southampton Crematorium East Chapel on **Tue 22 August** at 1.15pm

### Upcoming Events

#### Parent & Toddler Group

#### Summer Session Tue 29 Aug

Meet in the halls 10-11.30am.

Older siblings welcome to join us.



#### Gardens Unlocked

**Sun 3 Sep 2 - 5pm**

Hosted by Shaun & Kathie Sweeney:

37 Shirley Avenue, Shirley, SO15 5NF  
Donations will be given to Buzivka Baptist Church, our Twin Church.

#### Paul Sutton's Induction Service

will take place on **Sat 9 September** at 3pm followed by a tea.

We need to know numbers for catering purposes. Please sign up in the Link as soon as possible.

#### Baptist Cluster Prayer Breakfast

**Sat 16 Sep 8.30 - 10am**

At Freemantle Baptist Church, Testwood Road

#### Open Church Prayer Meeting

**Thu 21 Sep 7.45pm** Spurgeon Hall

Members and friends of SBC are invited to join us for an evening of sharing and prayer, as well as catching up on pastoral news and other matters.

#### Charity Car Wash

**Saturday 23 Sep** in the afternoon

#### Dine in Style & Entertainment

**Saturday 23 Sep 6pm for 6.30pm**

These events are to raise money for our Twin Church, Buzivka Baptist Church, in Ukraine. There will be no cost for the meal, baskets will be available for your gifts. Please see Brenda Greenwood for more details.

#### Messy Church Sat 30 Sep 10.15am

A time of activities for all the family to explore a Bible story together, followed by an interactive time for all ages as we talk about the story. Includes a cooked lunch - Ends at 12.30pm. Children must be accompanied by an adult for the morning. We ask for a contribution of £1 per child and adults go free! For further details contact Jo at the church office.

## Self-Development Opportunities

# FOOTSTEPS

A training course in Christian discipleship for anyone who wants to deepen their understanding of faith and develop their skills in ministry. It is designed to make connections between different areas of faith and practice with lively, effective mission at its heart. The Trainers also come from a variety of backgrounds, each with different knowledge and understanding, to offer fresh perspectives and examples of good practice.

**Footsteps 1** has been created for people involved in local churches, whatever your previous experience, educational qualifications or age. It is open to everyone who has the support of their local church. This means that we recognise that your own learning and experience will make a unique contribution as everyone explores key issues and new ideas together.

**The new Children, Youth & Family Stream** is for those who perhaps lead toddler groups or for those who may be involved in Messy Church and other pastoral work. Sian Hancock, Tutor and Director of the Centre for Family and Childhood Studies at Bristol Baptist College, will be delivering much of the training.

The Church Office has brochures and course information or contact Anne Lane, Tutor in Community Learning at Regents Park College,  
✉ [anne.lane@regents.ox.ac.uk](mailto:anne.lane@regents.ox.ac.uk)

### Back To Our Roots

Explore the roots of your faith in an 8-week course in Early Church history & an introduction to New Testament Greek. The course begins on **Tue 19 Sep** 7.30 to 9pm. It will be held at The Community Room in Park Life Café, St James Park, Shirley. The cost is £48 for the course plus accompanying booklet. If you are interested, please contact Georgia  
✉ [condellg11@gmail.com](mailto:condellg11@gmail.com)

### Healing Prayer School

The Church on the Heath, Fleet

**Sat 9 Sep & 11 Nov** 10am-5.30pm  
Lin Button will be leading these days, with her team. Tea and coffee will be provided - bring or buy your own lunch. £15 for 1 day or £25 for both. Lin is a well-known and respected practitioner, based at All Saints Woodford Wells in Essex. She is very experienced in healing prayer (40 years nearly!); often speaks on Premier Radio & at New Wine and leads Healing Prayer Schools in the UK & abroad.

The Days are open to anyone who wants to become more like Jesus, and Lin's heart is for people to be become more whole through the cross of Jesus and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

The team will be giving testimonies of how negative aspects of their lives were healed. The days will include worship, teaching and prayer.

For more information, please contact Vivienne ✉ [stockleyvivienne@gmail.com](mailto:stockleyvivienne@gmail.com)



### Are you in your 50s to early 70s?

**Second Half Living** is a series of four practical discipleship workshops looking at life issues such as Change & Transition, Anxiety & Fear, Work & Rest, Leaving a spiritual legacy & opportunities for service in mid-to-later life. Led by Martin Cooper from The Navigators, these interactive sessions will explore what the Bible has to say about making the most of the rest of our lives and finishing well.

**Tuesdays** 10 & 17 Oct, 7 & 14 Nov  
7.30-9.45pm at St John's Centre,  
St James Rd, Shirley

Cost: £30 for the course, but if cost alone would put you off, please get in touch. Deadline for sign-ups: 10 Sep, but early sign-ups would be appreciated! A minimum number of people are needed before the course can proceed. For further information, or to register for these workshops, ☎ 023 8077 1755 or ✉ [theresa@stjamesbythepark.org](mailto:theresa@stjamesbythepark.org)

## Regular Activities for Adults

### Bell Ringing Group

Next full meeting will be on Monday 11 September at 6pm.

**Centering Prayer Tuesday** 7.00pm in the Church Lounge - entrance via the rear of the church

### Wednesday Link Coffee Morning

Re-opens on 13 Sep 10am - 12 noon

### Lunch Club for over 60's

Re-opens on Thursday 7 September 12 noon in the Spurgeon Hall  
Advance booking is essential & there is a charge for the meal

**Get Together** continues over the summer **Thursdays** 2pm in The Link

### Friday Link Coffee Morning

Re-opens on 1 Sep 11am - 1.30pm

### Friday Friendship Club

Re-opens on 1 September 1.45pm in the Spurgeon Hall  
Speakers, entertainment, refreshments and friendship

## Regular Activities for Children, Young People & Families

### Tuesday Parent & Toddler Group

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

### Summer Session: 29 August

Re-opens 12 September

### 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

**Both re-open on 20 September**

## 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  
Dates: 20 Sep, 18 Oct, 29 Nov

## 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.

Most groups are now closed for the summer & will re-open in September.

**All Age Home Group** next meets **Sun 10 Sep** at 4.30pm in The Link

**Monthly Home Group** next meets **Sat 30 Sep** 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, which are available from the stewards and the Church Office.

## Office Opening Hours

Monday 10.00 - 11.30

Tuesday 10.00 - 15.00

Wednesday 10.00 - 11.30

Thursday 10.00 - 11.30

Friday 10.00 - 11.30

**The office will be closed** for the week commencing Mon 28 August.

## Contact Us

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