

# Shirley Baptist Church

*a church for the whole community*

Shirley Baptist Church, Southampton, Registered Charity Number 1131764

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**We welcome you to worship!**  
**A special welcome to Paul & Laura as they start their ministry with us.**

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## Sunday 3 September

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### 10.30 am Morning Worship with Communion

Leader: Kevin Ings

Preacher: Pastor Shaun Sweeney

**Envision:** The Great Commission  
Matthew 28:19-20.

### Fire!

#### Groups

will be in the halls during this service



### Gardens Unlocked 2 - 5pm

Hosted by Shaun & Kathie Sweeney:  
37 Shirley Avenue, Shirley, SO15 5NF

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**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.

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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.

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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 and The Link after morning worship services.

Our tea, coffee and sugar are all Fairtrade.

# Sunday 10 September

## 10.30 am Morning Worship

Leader: Pastor Shaun Sweeney

Preacher: Assistant Pastor Paul Sutton

The Gospel-Centred Church. Acts 2: 42-47

## 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 pastoral concerns please contact Pastor Shaun Sweeney. Please contact the church office with updates & thanksgiving news.

## Notices

### Holiday Home Needed for a Dog!

Jacqueline Holt is in need of a holiday home for her dog, Arnie, for a few days in September and a week in April. Arnie is a medium size dog, about 5 years old. He is good with other dogs but best kept on a lead as he knows how to escape the local park! ☎ 8078 0542

### Needed for Messy Church

Kitchen roll tubes and oblong tissue boxes (or similar shaped boxes with a lid). Please place in labelled box on the stage in the Spurgoen hall before 24 Sep. Thank you for your help.

### Church Magazine

September issue now available!  
Suggested Donation £1.00

## Pastoral News

**Peter Legge passed away** on Wednesday 23 August. We rejoice that he is now at peace and with his Lord. Please remember Peter's daughter Liz and son Malcolm in your prayers. This will be a difficult time for the whole family as they try to explain to Peter's wife, Joyce, who is suffering from dementia.

## Advance Notice

### Harvest Fellowship Lunch

**Sunday 1 October.** There will be a sign up sheet from early September.

### Childsplay Romania

### Christmas Shopping Night

**Thursday 12 October** 7pm-9pm

More details to follow

## Upcoming Events

### Planning Meeting for

### New Wednesday Youth Group

**Wed 6 Sep** 7pm in the Link

For anyone who would like to help with the new Wednesday evening youth group. See Sandy Cooke for information.

### Shirley Quilters' Brave the Shave

**event Th 7 Sep 10.15am - 12noon**

at St Boniface Church Hall. There will be a small quilt show with refreshments, a raffle and a fun quiz. The main event will be a 'Brave the Shave' at 11am when a Shirley Quilter will shave her head to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Care. Free entry.

### Creative Options Community

### Project: Keeping the hope

### World Suicide Prevention Day:

**F 8 Sep 11am - 4pm** at Central Baptist Church, Devonshire Road,

Southampton SO15 2GY. There will be stalls, an area for reflection, arts, music, poetry, interactive theatre, free buffet, opportunity to network, share, and discuss wellbeing with people with lived experience, carers and professionals. For more information call 07585 616 204 or visit the Creative Options website.

**Prayer Time for Children's Work Sat 9 Sep** in the Link 9.15-10.15am  
Come and discover what is planned for the groups this term, to pray for the children & their families and for all the upcoming activities. This is a good opportunity to encourage each other and anyone with a heart for praying for our children is welcome.

**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!

**Evening Fellowship Tue 12 Sep**  
7.30pm in the Carey Hall  
History of Music with Peter Todd



Peter will be bringing along Victorian music boxes and an Edison phonograph.  
Men are welcome to attend this meeting.  
Please remember your donations for Basics Bank

**Baptist Cluster Prayer Breakfast Sat 16 Sep** 8.30 - 10am  
At Freemantle Baptist Church,  
Testwood Road

**Mini Market Sat 16 Sep**  
10.30am in the Spurgeon Hall  
Donations of cakes are always welcome and 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 for individual or charity use. Contact Anne for details  
☎ 8048 0762 after 2.30pm  
or ✉ [annesrich@btintemet.com](mailto:annesrich@btintemet.com)

**M & Ms Ladies Group Wed 20 Sep** 7.45pm in The Link  
"Baggers Can't Be Choosers"  
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 a warm reception and a decent cup of coffee!

**Church Open 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. See Brenda Greenwood for 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. £1 per child & adults go free! Children must be accompanied by an adult. For further details, contact Jo at the church office.

## 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

Thursday 12.00pm Spurgeon Hall  
Advance booking is essential and 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

### Tuesday Parent & Toddler Group

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

**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

## Contact Us

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