

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.

**We extend a special welcome to, their family & friends
as they present their, to the Lord**



Sunday 3 December 1st Sunday in Advent

10.30 am Morning Worship
with Infant Presentation

Leader: Kevin Ings
Preacher: Pastor Shaun Sweeney

New Sermon Series:
Forever Christmas



**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.

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 and The Link after morning worship services. Our tea, coffee and sugar are all Fairtrade.



Sunday 10 December

2nd Sunday in Advent

10.30 am Morning Worship

Leader: Kevin Ings

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Forever Christmas

4.00pm Christmas Praise by Candlelight

Followed by light refreshments

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Forever Christmas

Invitations to our Christmas Services

are now available for you to share with your family, friends and neighbours.

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 Paul Sutton.

Please contact the church office with updates & thanksgiving news.

Shaun and Kathie are on holiday until Wed 29 November.

Notices

The next Scratch Choir Practice is planned for Sunday 17 Dec at 9.30am.

Spurgeons Childcare Appeal & Christmas Cards

It is a tradition in our fellowship to write **one** card & pin it on The Link Christmas tree. There will be envelopes in the pews for your donation to Spurgeons.

Christmas should be a time of celebration, happiness and excitement. However, many children across the UK miss out on the joy. For some the burden is having to care for a family member for long periods of time over the holiday season. For others it is because they just won't have enough food to eat-let alone any presents. Please give a gift to Spurgeons this Christmas and be part of giving deprived children in the UK and their families a hope filled future.

Volunteers Welcomers are needed for the following dates:

Sun 17 December from 6pm

Christmas Eve from 10.30pm and

Christmas Day from 9.30am.

Please see Ruth King if you can help.

Needed for Messy Church

Donations of party food are needed for Christmas Messy Church on 9 Dec.

Please see Jo Snape for the list of items needed.



#AngelsInShirley Angels need to be at the Church Office by 11am Wed 6 Dec

Volunteers are still needed to hide angels!
Please see Kirsty

Cummins for more information.

Toiletries For Those In Need

We need razors & shaving foam, deodorants, toothpaste (not brushes), shower gel, toilet rolls, wet wipes, etc.
Thank you. Ruth & Linda

Upcoming Events

Blue Events are at SBC

Black Events are elsewhere

Christmas In Shirley! Shirley Shop Sheep Hunt runs until Sat 16 Dec

Collect your Sheep Finder
Form at Shirley Library.



Prayer Time for Children's & Youth Work Mon 4 Dec

7.15-8.15pm in the Church Lounge
Come and discover what is going on
in the groups as we pray for our
children & young people & their
families and take time to pray 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.

Christmas Messy Church

Sat 9 Dec 10.15am – 12.30pm
Join us for a range of activities for all
ages as we explore the story of Jesus'
birth together. Invitations are
available in the Link.

Link on Saturday revised date 9 Dec 3-5pm at Clint's home

A monthly group for families, couples
and individuals who find it difficult to
meet at other times. See Clint
Zvavamwe for details.

Evening Fellowship

Tue 12 Dec 7.30pm in the Carey Hall

Christmas Celebration – Fun, Food & Fellowship

Please remember your donations for
Basics Bank

M&Ms Christmas Meal

A reminder to members that our
Christmas Meal is on **Wed 13 Dec**.

Christmas In Shirley!

Craft Afternoon for Families

Sat 16 December 3.30pm at SBC

A free festive activity time for families
with Christmas crafts and games.

Followed by **Glowstick Lantern**

Procession for Everyone leaving

SBC at 4.45pm to head for the

Precinct. Refreshments will be

available after at The Salvation Army.



Carols by Candlelight

Sun 17 Dec 6.30pm

Followed by light
refreshments

Christmas In Shirley! Not Such A Silent Night!

Sat 23 Dec from 7.30pm

Carol singing at Santo Lounge with
the New Songs Café Band



Carols by Candlelight

Sun 24 Dec 11.15pm

Refreshments will be
served from 10.30pm

Christmas Day 10am

A Service for the
Whole Family



Pastoral News

Doris Stone's funeral will take place
on **Wed 13 Dec** at 12.15pm followed

by a **Thanksgiving Service at SBC**
at 1.15pm

Offers of help with setting up and
providing cakes are very much
needed as most of our catering team
are unavailable. Please see Sara
Burns if you can help.

Doris' children's addresses are
available from the Church Office if
you would like to send your
condolences.



Communicare Tree of Light Sponsor a light in memory of a loved one.

Applications forms are available from the Communicare offices.

Min donation £5 per light. For more details contact Melodie ☎ 8021 6023
or ✉ melodie@communicareinsouthampton.org.uk

Regular Activities for Adults

Bell Ringing Group

Monday 6pm in The Link

Centering Prayer

will be closed on Tue 5 Dec

7.00pm in the Church Lounge -
entrance via the rear of the church.

Wednesday Link Coffee Morning

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 - 12.30pm on 8 Dec

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

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

The Well on Wednesday

Youth Group for School Years 7-10
7.00 to 8.30pm in The Link



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
Dates: 29 Nov, 13 Dec, 17 Jan

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
Sun 19 Nov at 4.30pm in The Link

Monthly Home Group next meets
Sat 9 Dec 3pm at Clint's home

Tuesday Afternoon Home Group
New Time! 1.30pm 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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