

Shirley Baptist Church

a church for the whole community

Shirley Baptist Church, Southampton, Registered Charity Number 1131764

We welcome you to worship this Christmas Season!

We hope you will feel at home with us.



Sunday 17 December
3rd Sunday in Advent

10.30 am A Service for the Whole Family

Forever Christmas



6.30pm Carols by Candlelight

Followed by light refreshments

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 24 December 4th Sunday in Advent

10.30 am A Service of Worship & Reflection

Leader: Kevin Ings

Preacher: Pastor Shaun Sweeney

Forever Christmas



**Fire!
Groups**
will be in the
Hall during
this service

11.15pm Carols by Candlelight

Refreshments will be served from 10.30pm



Christmas Day

10.00 am A Service for the Whole Family

Forever Christmas

Children are encouraged to bring one of their gifts to show everyone!



Sunday 31 December

10.30 am Morning Worship

Leader: Brenda Greenwood

Preacher: Simon Wroe

The Magi - Fake News or Great News?

**Fire!
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will be going
out during
this service

Sunday 7 January Rededication Sunday

10.30 am Morning Worship

Leader: Assistant Pastor Paul Sutton

Preacher: Pastor Shaun Sweeney

Shadowing Our Saviour

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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 one of our Pastors. Please contact the church office with updates & thanksgiving news.

Notices

Volunteers Welcomers are needed

for the following dates:

Christmas Eve from 10.30pm and

Christmas Day from 9.30am.

Please see Ruth King if you can help.

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

Spurgeons Childcare Appeal & Christmas Cards

It is a tradition in our fellowship to write **one** card & pin it on The Link Christmas tree.

Be part of giving deprived children in the UK and their families a hope filled future. There are envelopes in the pews for your donation to Spurgeons this Christmas.

Upcoming Events

Blue Events are at SBC

Black Events are elsewhere

Our Regular Activities will be closing on various dates.

Please check with the group leaders for details.

The Church Office is now closed

and will reopen on Tue 2 January.

Eveline, Kirsty, Lyn, Ruth & Hannah wish everyone a Merry Christmas!

Foundry Lane Primary School

will be holding their two carol services here on Thursday 21 December with rehearsals on Wednesday.

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

Friday Link Coffee Morning & Friday Friendship Club

Both restart on 5 January

Wednesday Link Coffee Morning

Restarts on 10 January

Well on Wednesday Youth Group

Restarts on 10 January

City Wide Prayer Meeting

Tue 16 Jan 7.30pm to be held at Covenant Life Ministries, Destiny Campus, St Denys, SO17 2LJ

At the start of the year we are keen to gather many churches together to pray for our city. Southampton has many needs and challenges, but we serve a mighty God, and he is calling us together to pray for a breakthrough of love and power.

Come expectant, come ready to pray, bring everyone you can.

Beds, Begging & Business - Homelessness Conference

Fri 19 & Sat 20 Jan at Central Baptist Church.

Working together to tackle homelessness, this event will run from noon on Fri, including an evening session and meal, to noon on Sat. Tickets £25 +booking fee available from Eventbrite www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/beds-begging-business-conference-tickets-39833652527?aff=es2

Parent & Toddler Group

Restarts on Tuesday 23 January

Wacky Wednesdays

Wild Wild Wednesdays

Youth Groups restart on 31 January

Advance Notice: Passion ReTold

Good Friday 30 March 2018

in Southampton's Guildhall Square

10.30am Music by local artists;

11.30-1pm Passion Story & Gospel

Message, 1-2pm Praise & Worship



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

Tuesday 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 - 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

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: 17 January, 21 February

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.

Soul Group for young adults meets on Thursdays at 6.30pm
See Paul Sutton for more details

All Age Home Group next meets **Sun 7 Jan** at 4.30pm in The Link

Link on Saturday next meets **Sat 27 Jan** 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
Wed, Thu & Fri 10.00 - 11.30

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