

# 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.**

Pastor Shaun Sweeney is speaking today at  
Rosmeary Lane Chapel, Blackdown Hills, Somerset

## **Pentecost - Sunday 15 May**

### **10.30 am Morning Worship**

Leader & Preacher: Brenda Greenwood

**Stop, Get Ready – Go!**

### **Fire!**

### **Groups**

will be going  
out during  
this service

**4.30pm All Age Home Group** meets in The Link

Our **Fire! Activity Groups** cover all ages from babies to teenagers!  
Visiting children are welcome to join in, a welcomer or steward will show  
you where your age group is meeting.

Our **All Age Home Group** is 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.

The song words are shown on the screens. Folders containing printed words  
are available on request if you are unable to see the screen.  
Most people stand up during 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 is Fairtrade.  
Fancy a fancier coffee?  
Filter coffee and specialty teas are available in The Link.

# Sunday 22 May

## 10.30 am Morning Worship

Leader: Kevin Ings

Preacher: Pastor Shaun Sweeney

**Chased By Grace** - the Story of Ruth

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## Pastoral Work

Sheila coordinates our pastoral work. Please keep her regularly informed of any pastoral needs or concerns. ☎ 8036 0296

If you have urgent concerns please contact Pastor Shaun Sweeney.

Please note that Shaun will be on holiday from 23 - 30 May inclusive.

Please contact the church office with updates & thanksgiving items.

## Contact Us

**Pastor:** Shaun Sweeney

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## Office Hours

Monday 10.00 - 11.30

Tuesday 10.00 - 15.00

Wednesday 10.00 - 11.30

Thursday 10.00 - 11.30

Friday 20 May Closed

## 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 Sunday 29 May at 4.30pm in The Link

**Monthly Home Group** next meets on Sat 28 May at 3pm in The Link

## Fellowship News

**Queenie Gilbert passed away on Tuesday 3 May.** Please remember her three sons and the wider family at this time.

## Church Weekend Away Friday 2 - Sunday 4 September

An opportunity to take time out to be spiritually refreshed in the pleasant surroundings of Moorlands College. Colin Bennett, the Vice Principle, will be our guest speaker. Enjoy a weekend away with our Church family, getting to know one another better whilst at the same time enjoying all the facilities of the College. Costs includes: Full board from Friday evening meal until after Sunday lunch, to include use of 14 acre grounds, sports hall, Chapel and all meeting rooms; tea and coffee is available throughout the weekend - Come alone, come with your family, come with your friends — just come and join us! Booking forms are available in The Link.

## Notices

### Volunteers Needed

We are in need of people to be on a rota for washing up the cups following our monthly communion services. If you would be willing to help please see Kirsty.

### Notice of Elections to the Ministry Team:

Church Secretary, Simon Wroe is seeking nominations of baptised church members over the age of 18 to serve as members of the Ministry Team and therefore Charity Trustees for a period of three years. Nominations must be submitted in writing with the supporting signature of two other church members and the consent of the candidate. Nominations must be received by the Church Office no later than two Sundays prior to the AGM on 26 May 2016, which is **today**. No nominee is elected unless supported by at least 2/3 of the members present at the AGM and entitled to vote and voting. There is no postal or proxy voting. Nomination forms are available from Simon Wroe or the Church Office. Brenda Greenwood, Kevin Ings and Clint Zvavamwe have come to the end of their terms and are eligible for re-election.



## Weekly Activities for Adults

**Centering Prayer** Tuesday 7.30pm  
in the Church Lounge

### The Link is Open For Coffee!

Wednesday 10am - 12noon

### 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.

**The Link will not be open for coffee on Friday 20 May**

### Friday Friendship Club

1.45pm in the Spurgeon Hall  
Open to everyone.

Speakers, entertainment, refreshments and friendship.

## Our Regular Activities for Children, Young People & Families only meet in Term Time

### Parent & Toddler Group

Tuesdays 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

### Friday Night Takeaway

School Years 7-9  
6.45pm Spurgeon Hall

### The Club

School Years 9 - 13  
8.00-9.30pm either in the Carey Hall or at the Salvation Army

## 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 Events

### Childsplay Romania Plant Sales

A range of bedding plants, shrubs and vegetable plants will be on sale at the home of Mark & Helen Tutte, 9 Burgess Rd SO16 7NY Mon to Sat 2pm - 8pm  
From Monday 16 - Sat 28 May

### Sunflower Competition

£1 Entry fee Sunflowers 50p each  
Please see Mark Tutte for entry forms & sunflowers. The prize for the tallest sunflower will be Afternoon Tea for two at the home of Mark & Helen Tutte!

### Holiday At Home Planning Meeting

**Thu 19 May** 7.30pm in The Link

### Thanksgiving Service for the Life of Val Barnes

**Friday 20 May** 11.15am here at SBC  
*Please note* Link Coffee will be closed and the car park will only be open for those attending the service.

### M & Ms Ladies Group

**Wednesday 25 May**

7.45pm in The Link

**Theme: At Your Finger Tips**

French Manicure & Nail Decoration

### SBC Annual General Meeting

**Thursday 26 May**

7.45pm in the Spurgeon Hall  
All Members are encouraged to attend. If you are not a member or are unable to attend, please pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance during the evening.

### Understanding Islam and Engaging with Muslims

**Thu 26 May** 7 for 7.30pm

Shirley Parish Church, St James Road  
Islamophobia - What should be our response to this as Christians? What do Muslims actually believe? How can we engage with Muslim colleagues, neighbours & friends? Come along and hear Phil Simpson from Mahabba answer these questions and put your own questions about the Muslim faith to him.

**Mini Market** - New Format!

**Saturday 28 May**

10.30am in the Spurgeon Hall  
Helpers are needed on Friday evening to help set up and on the day.  
Please see Terry Chorley if you are able to help. Donations of cakes are always needed.

### Hannah & Carl's Wedding

**Wednesday 1 June** at 2pm

Everyone is welcome to join them for the ceremony.

*Please note* the Church Car Park will be open for wedding guests only.

### Queens's Birthday Celebrations in St James Park, Shirley

**Saturday 4 June 11am - 4pm**

Friends of St James Park and the Church in Shirley are working together to put on this event to bless our community. There will be various activities available including children's crafts and a treasure hunt around the park, food and music. Help is needed to put up a marquee before the event starts and/or to take it down afterwards. Likewise, volunteers are needed in hourly slots to help with the children's activities. Churches Together in Shirley have purchased souvenir books about the Queen and her Christian faith, and so help is needed to give these out to people. Please contact Jo Snape at the church office on 80 399949 or [jo@shirleybaptist.org](mailto:jo@shirleybaptist.org) if you would like to get involved in this special event. Look out for invites coming soon to pass on to others.

Praise @ 4pm



Celebrating the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday

**Sunday 12 June**

Followed by afternoon tea