

# 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!**  
**We hope you will feel at home with us.**

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## Sunday 30 October

### 10.30 am Morning Worship

R.S.V.P.  


Leader: Brenda Greenwood

Preacher: Simon Wroe

An Invitation to True Fasting (Isaiah 58:6-12)

**Fire!**

**Groups**

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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.

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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.

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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 after morning worship services. All our tea, coffee and sugar are Fairtrade.

Fancy a fancier coffee?

Filter coffee and specialty teas are available in The Link.

**RSVP Series Home Group Material** is available to download from our website. Each week's notes can be found with the matching sermon in the Listen Again Section.

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# Sunday 6 November

## Church Anniversary

### 10.30 am Morning Worship

R.S.V.P.  


Led by: Kevin Ings & John Waldron  
Preacher: Pastor Shaun Sweeney  
An Invitation To Celebrate (Luke 14:17)

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Please Note: Our next Communion Service will be on Sun 13 Nov

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### Pastoral Work

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

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

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### Contact Us

**Pastor:** Shaun Sweeney

☎ 023 8077 3314 Day Off: Monday

**Children & Family Worker:**

Jo Snape

☎ 023 8039 9949 Day Off: Thursday

**Church Office** ☎ 023 8039 9949

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www.shirleybaptist.org

### Office Opening Hours

Monday 10.00 - 11.30

Tuesday 10.00 - 15.00

**Wednesday 2 Nov CLOSED**

Thursday and Friday

10.00 - 11.30

### 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 Sun 20 Nov at 4.30pm in The Link

**Monthly Home Group** next meets on Sat 19 Nov at 3pm in The Link

**Open Church Prayer Meeting**  
**Thursday 24 November**

7.45pm in the 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.

## Notices

Items needed for Messy Church:

- Kitchen roll cardboard tubes
- oblong cake boxes (the size and shape which 'French Fancies' or swiss rolls come in)
- A sheepskin rug or sheep fleece
- A light in the shape of a star which can be turned on and off
- Nativity set figures (unbreakable!)

Please leave cake boxes and tubes in the collection box on the stage. Please either see Jo Snape, Rachel McKeeman or Paul Thomson if you can provide a rug, light or nativity set, or email / phone Jo at the church office

(jo@shirleybaptist.org) or 80 399949. Many thanks for your help!

**Hannah, our cleaner, will be on holiday from Tue 1 - Fri 11 Nov.**

Please would all group leaders make an extra effort to keep the premises clean & tidy and report any problems to the Church Office.

## Fair Trade Chocolate Advent Calendars

The Real Advent Calendar and the Divine Advent Calendar are both available from Shop Equality. Both have the story of Christmas incorporated into their designs and both have delicious chocolate behind each window. What's not to like?! Grab yours soon as stock is fairly limited and we are likely to sell out before the end of November.

Shop Equality ☎ 023 8061 3894

The Fair Trade Shop (Southampton) Ltd  
8A Wells Place, Eastleigh, SO50 5PP

## Volunteering Opportunities

**Communicare need volunteers**

for Friday Lunch Club (regularly) and Afternoon Teas (occasionally)

For more information on either of these roles please contact Emily

☎ 8021 6016

## Weekly Activities for Adults

**Wednesday Link Coffee Morning**

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 is Open for Coffee**

Friday 11am - 1.30pm

**Friday Friendship Club**

1.45pm in the Spurgeon Hall

Speakers, entertainment, refreshments and friendship.

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

**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

**Friday Night Takeaway**

School Years 7-9

6.45pm Spurgeon Hall

## Monthly Activities for Ladies

**EVening Fellowship**

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month

7.30pm in the Carey Hall

Next Meeting 8 November

**M & Ms Ladies Group**

Once a month on a Wednesday

7.45pm in The Link

Next Meeting 19 October

**M & Ms Extra!** 7.30pm at Santo

Lounge on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of the month

## Upcoming Events

### **My City Mon 31 October**

**A free event for women** providing information about City Council services, employment rights, health & fitness, as well as guidance on how to get involved with your local community. Hosted by Southampton Labour Party and the Third Age Centre - City of Sanctuary.  
Venue: 3<sup>rd</sup> Age Centre, Cranbury Terrace. Drop in between 11am and 2pm - refreshments provided throughout the day

### **Children's Light Party Mon 31 Oct**

5 - 6pm (doors open at 4.45pm)  
A Churches Together in Shirley event at St James Church by the Park. There will be crafts and activities to choose from, cakes and drinks and a puppet show. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Bring a 'happy face' pumpkin with you if you'd like to enter the competition, and there will also be a space themed fancy dress competition if children would like to dress up! Pick up an invite from the Link or by the tea and coffee hatch in the hall.

### **Communicare Vintage & Craft Fair**

#### **Saturday 5 November**

11am - 3pm at Highfield Church

### **"Arise, Shine" Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer**

#### **Mon 7 Nov 10.30am**

Service followed by a lunch at Colne Avenue. If you would like to stay for lunch please see Elaine Mason today.

### **EVening Fellowship**

**Tue 8 Nov 7.30pm** in the Carey Hall  
Presentation on Communicare  
Speaker: Annie Clewlow  
Please remember your donations for Basics Bank

### **Fair Trade Open House**

#### **Wed 9 Nov 10am - 9pm**

A large variety of beautiful, fairly trade goods for sale. All welcome!  
Hosted by Clem and Elaine Mason,  
65 Luccombe Road SO15 7RN



### **Christmas Market**

#### **Saturday 12 November 11.30am**

Kick off the Christmas Season by grabbing some bargains and enjoying tasty treats! We will have the usual stalls and activities for children.



### **M & Ms Ladies Group**

#### **Wed 23 Nov 7.45pm** in The Link

#### **Ready To Party**

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 warm reception and a decent cup of coffee!

### **Open Church Prayer Meeting**

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## Advance Notice

### **Simeon's Watch**

We are really excited that Riding Lights Theatre Company are bringing their wonderful new show Simeon's Watch to SBC on **Sat 10 Dec at 7:30pm** and we want to make sure the church is full.

Tickets will be available from Sheila Price, cost £12/£10 for concessions