

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.



Sunday 27 November **1st Sunday in Advent**

10.30 am Morning Worship & Toy Service



Leader: Kevin Ings

Preacher: Pastor Shaun Sweeney

Beyond Magical To The Miracle

Fire!

Groups

will be going
out during
this service

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.

Toy Appeal

Every year we hope to raise the funds to give 100 toys to children within our city who may not receive a gift at Christmas. Each toy must be worth at least £10. Envelopes are available in the pews for contributions from our fellowship to help us meet this need.

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.



Sunday 4 December

2nd Sunday in Advent

10.30 am Morning Worship with Communion



Leader: Brenda Greenwood

Preacher: John Waldron

Miracle Moment

Fire!

Groups

will be in the halls during this service

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.

4.30pm All Age Home Group meets in The Link

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.

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.

Contact Us

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Office Opening Hours

Monday 10.00 - 11.30

Tuesday 10.00 - 15.00

Wednesday 10.00 - 11.30

Thursday 1 Dec - Closed

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.

Monthly Home Group next meets on Sat 31 Dec at 3pm in The Link

All Age Home Group next meets on Sun 15 Jan at 4.30pm in The Link

Notices

Don't miss Christ this Christmas

Invitation Cards are now available. Who will you invite to share in the miracle this year?

Spurgeons Childcare Appeal & Christmas Cards

It is a tradition in our fellowship to write **one** card & pin it on The Link Christmas tree. The money saved is donated to Spurgeons and helps give "Every Child A Chance"

In the UK nearly 4 million children live in poverty, there are more than 244,00 young carers and over 91,00 "looked after" children.

Your Advent Journey Starts Here:

For many of us Christmas is a time of busyness and, whilst fully aware of the importance of this Christian holiday, we still often struggle to keep the focus on the most important Christmas gift, that of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Samaritan's Purse has produced a daily, emailed, advent devotional to help you find quiet reflective moments, and to remember the gift of love given for you. Please email the church office for more information.

Make A Difference This Christmas

We would like to make up gift parcels for those living on the streets, with basic toiletries, hats and gloves as well as chocolate biscuits etc. If you are able to give to this appeal, please hand your contributions to Ruth King or drop them off at the church office.

Volunteering Opportunities

Volunteer are needed to act as welcomers and stewards for our Christmas Services. Please see Ruth King if you can serve the church in this way.

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

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

M & Ms Extra! 7.30pm at Santo Lounge on the 2nd Wed of the month

Upcoming Events

O Come Emmanuel

Today at 6.30pm

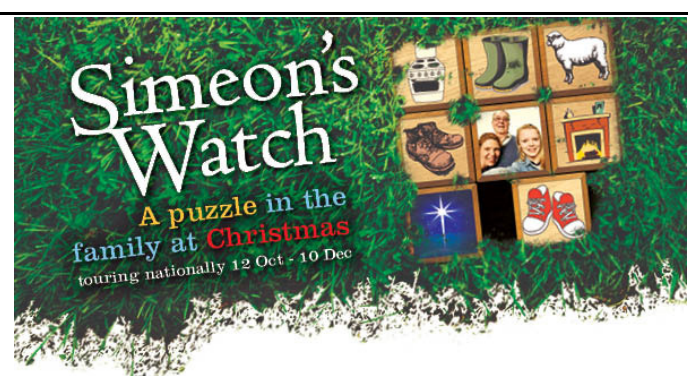
at St James Rd Methodist Church
A service of music and readings for the
First Sunday in Advent

Southampton Port Carol Concert

Thu 8 Dec 7pm at Ocean Terminal,
Eastern Docks. Tickets £5 available from
Roger ☎ 079 6334 5618; John ☎ 077
7432 8595 or Sailors' Society ☎ 8051
5950 & on the door. Proceeds go towards
the work of Sailors' Society, The Mission
to Seafarers and Apostleship of the Sea.

Christmas Messy Church

Sat 10 Dec 10.15am – 12.30pm
Join us for a range of activities for all
ages as we explore the story of Jesus'
birth together, through making and
doing things, as well as taking part in
the story and having a time to sing
and pray. Following this there will be
a light lunch of Christmas nibbles and
treats. £1 per child & adults go free!
Invites are available in the Link and in
the hall; so help yourself, then pass
them to others. For further details
see Rachel McKeeman, Paul Thomson
or Jo Snape or contact Jo at the
church office.



An engaging new play about family.
A wonderful story about growing old,
discovering hope and being surprised.

Saturday 10 December 7.30pm

Tickets from Sheila Price
Cost £12/£10 for concessions

Praise @ 4pm by Candlelight

Sunday 11 December at 4pm
followed by light refreshments

New Songs Café

Sunday 11 December 7pm

St James Road Methodist Church.
Get to know some new songs and one
another, in an atmosphere of
friendship, worship and cake!

Evening Fellowship

Tue 13 Dec 7.30pm in the Carey Hall
Christmas Celebration –
Fun, food & fellowship!
Please remember your donations for
Basics Bank

M & Ms Ladies Group

Wed 14 Dec - Christmas Meal

If you need a lift please see Jill
Waldron or Kathie Sweeney.

Foundry Lane Primary School

will be holding two Carol Services
here at SBC on **Fri 16 December**.
Rehearsals will be on Thursday.
Please pray for the staff & children as
they retell the Christmas Story.

All I Want For Christmas Is Ewe!

Saturday 17 December

Activity Afternoon for Families

3.30pm here at SBC A free festive
activity time for families with
Christmas crafts and games.

Carol Procession for Everyone

meeting in our car park at 4.45pm
ending with drinks & cake at 5.30pm

