

# 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 11 December** **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent**

**10.30 am Morning Worship**



Leader: Jill Waldron  
Preacher: Paul Sutton  
**The Miracle Mother**

**Fire!**  
**Groups**  
will be going  
out during  
this service

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**4.00pm Praise @ 4pm by Candlelight**  
followed by light refreshments

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**7.00pm New Songs Café** at St James Rd Methodist Church  
Get to know some new songs and one another,  
in an atmosphere of friendship, worship and cake!

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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.



# Sunday 18 December

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent



**10.30 am Christmas Worship for All Ages**  
**Led by Fire! Activity Groups**  
with a talk by Pastor Shaun Sweeney

**6.30pm Carols by Candlelight - The Miracle Manger**  
followed by light refreshments



## Christmas Eve

**11.15pm Midnight Service - The Miracle Messiah**  
Refreshments will be served in The Link from 10.30pm

## Christmas Day



**10.00am A Service for All Ages - The Miracle Message**

### Pastoral Work

Sheila, who coordinates our pastoral work, will be away from 12-16 Dec. 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

**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

Wed, Thu & Fri 10.00 - 11.30

**The office will close for Christmas**  
at 11.30am on Fri 23 Dec and  
re-open at 10am on Tue 23 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.

**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

### Job Vacancy

Part time finance and administrative assistant required at the Navigators UK, Southampton. To find out more, visit: [navigators.co.uk/job-opportunity/](http://navigators.co.uk/job-opportunity/) or speak to Simon Wroe

## Notices

### 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.

### Donations needed for Friday Night Takeaway Christmas Party 16 Dec

We have been lower in numbers this term so have not taken much in the way of subs and we would like to ensure that the young people have a great time especially as they have stuck with the club with smaller numbers. If you would like to donate please see Sandy Cooke today. Thank you

### Make A Difference This Christmas

We are putting together **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.

### 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 from the stewards for contributions from our fellowship to help us meet this need.

**Please support our neonatal unit this Christmas.** Small knitted hats (orange sized), blankets or cash donations to the office by 19 Dec. For more information, contact Sandy O'Halloran ☎ 079 8224 8291

## Weekly Activities for Adults

### Wednesday Link Coffee Morning

10am - 12noon **Closed on 20 & 27 Dec**

### Lunch Club for over 60's

Thursday 12.00pm Spurgeon Hall

**Closed on 21 & 28 Dec**

Advance booking is essential & there is a charge for the meal.

### Get Together

Thursday 2pm in The Link.

### Friday Link Coffee is now closed

Reopens 11am-1.30pm on 6 January

### Friday Friendship Club

1.45pm in the Spurgeon Hall

Speakers, entertainment, refreshments and friendship.

## Regular Activities for Children, Young People & Families

### Parent & Toddler Group

The Link is open for coffee from 9.15am & the group runs 10-11.30am

**Last Session 13 December**

**Restarts 17 January**

### 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

**Both groups restart 25 January**

### Friday Night Takeaway

School Years 7-9

6.45pm Spurgeon Hall

**Christmas Party 16 December**

**Restarts 20 January**

## 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

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

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



## Upcoming Events

### **Evening Fellowship**

**Tue 13 Dec** in the Carey Hall

**Revised start time 7pm**

**Current and past members are warmly invited to our Christmas Celebration** for 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!**

#### **Shirley Shop Sheep Hunt**

runs until Sat 17 Dec

Go to Shirley Library, Jim Rolf Veg Shop or Santo Lounge to collect a sheep hunt form so you know which shops along Shirley High Street to look in to find a knitted sheep. Collect the names of all the sheep and enter the sheep hunt draw on 17 Dec to win one of the sheep.

#### **Saturday 17 December**

#### **Activity Afternoon for Families**

3.30pm here at SBC

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

Followed by the **Glowstick Lantern Procession for Everyone** meeting in our car park at 4.45pm ending with drinks & cake at 5.30pm

Information sheets to pass on to others are available in the Link or by the tea and coffee hatch.

## Self-Development Opportunities

**Back To Our Roots** is an 8 week course in early church history and New Testament Greek

Venue: Park Life Cafe, St James Park, Tue 10 January 7.30pm - 9.00pm, for 8 sessions ending 28 Mar. Cost £43

For more information contact Georgia Condell ☎ condellg11@gmail.com

**Disciple** – A brand new 10 week discipleship course from Freedom in Christ. Covering topics such as life, freedom and purpose, Disciple will help you know who you really are, who God really is and what He has called you to do. Run by Life Church

Starts Tue 10 Jan 7:30-9:30 pm

For more information visit:

[www.lifesouthampton.org/event/disciple/?doing\\_wp\\_cron=1481192465.7271709442138671875000](http://www.lifesouthampton.org/event/disciple/?doing_wp_cron=1481192465.7271709442138671875000)

**Dare To Dream** is a new, interactive course designed to help you to discover and fulfil more of God's dream for your life. Venue: Central Hall, St Mary Street Mon 16 Jan 7.30-9.30pm, for 6 sessions ending 27 March. Cost £80 (£60 Con)

For more information and an application form go to:

[www.newcommunity.org.uk/resources/dare-to-dream/](http://www.newcommunity.org.uk/resources/dare-to-dream/) or ☎

[daretodream@newcommunity.org.uk](mailto:daretodream@newcommunity.org.uk)

### **Imagine: Whole-Life Disciplemaking workshop**

David Lawrence of the London Institute of Contemporary Christianity will be **here at SBC on Sat 1 April** sharing how to visualise, create and develop whole-life disciple making church communities. Cost £15 which includes refreshments and a delegate pack, bring your own lunch!

See Ken Amy for more information.