

# 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 18 December** **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent**

Beyond the  
MAGICAL  
to the  
MIRACLE

**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** **Saturday 24 December**

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

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.



# Christmas Day Sunday 25 December



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

## Sunday 1 January

**10.30 am** Morning Worship

Leader: Jill Waldron  
Preacher: John Waldron

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

## Sunday 8 January Rededication Sunday

**10.30 am** Morning Worship with Communion

Leader: Jill Waldron  
Preacher: Pastor Shaun Sweeney  
**Sensing Our Saviour** Romans 8:11

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

### 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

**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

✉ office@shirleybaptist.org

www.shirleybaptist.org

### Office Opening Hours

Mon 10- 11.30; Tue 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

## 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 Morning

**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

**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

**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

### Link on Saturday

#### **Saturday 31 December 3-5pm**

A monthly group for families, couples and individuals who find it difficult to meet at other times. See Clint Zvavamwe for details.

### **Spurgoen Hall Toilet Redecoration**

**Tue 3 - Fri 6 Jan** Please be aware that there may be limited access to toilets during this period.

### **Evening Fellowship Tue 10 Jan**

7.30pm in the Carey Hall

### **More Treasures of Yesteryear**

Speaker: Ruth King

Please remember your donations for Basics Bank

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

#### **Wednesday 25 January**

7.45-9.15pm in The Link

### **Wonderful Wool Workshop:**

Have a go at making tassel and pompom key rings

We're a friendly group aimed at ladies 30-60 yrs We meet once a month for coffee, making friends and learning new crafts.

### **Mini Market Sat 21 January**

10.30am in the Spurgeon Hall

Helpers are needed on Friday evening to help set up and on the day. Please see Dave or Anne Richards if you are able to help. Tables can be booked at any Mini Market for individual or charity use. Contact Anne Richards for further details ☎ 8048 0762 after 2.30pm or ✉ annesrich@btinternet.com  
Donations of cakes are always needed.

### **Church Meeting Thu 26 Jan**

7.45pm in the Spurgoen 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. Copies of minutes are available from the church office.

## 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 & apply go to:  
[www.newcommunity.org.uk/resource/s/dare-to-dream/](http://www.newcommunity.org.uk/resource/s/dare-to-dream/) or ✉

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

### **Imagine: Whole-Life Disciple Making 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.