

# 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 26 February

### 10.30 am Morning Worship

Leader: Paul Sutton

Preacher: Pastor Shaun Sweeney

**Sensing Our Saviour**

Flowing in the Spirit - Ezekiel 47:1-12

**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 will show you the way!

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.

### Office Opening Hours

Monday 27 Feb 10.00 - 11.30

**Tuesday 28 Feb CLOSED**

Wed 1, Thu 2 & Fri 3 March  
10.00 - 11.30

# Sunday 5 March

## 10.30 am Morning Worship with Communion

Leader: Kevin Ings

Preacher: Paul Sutton

### Sensing Our Saviour

Born of the Spirit - John 3

## Fire!

### Groups

will be in the halls during this service

## 4.30pm All Age Home Group 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.

## Pastoral Work

Sheila, who coordinates our pastoral work, is away until Tue 28 Feb.

Please keep her informed of 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

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Day Off: Usually Thursday

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## 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 5 March at 4.30pm in The Link

**Monthly Home Group** next meets on Sat 25 March at 3pm in The Link

## Volunteering Opportunities

### General Hospital Chaplaincy

Do you have a friendly and approachable manner? Are you willing and able to help patients come to worship in the hospital chapel on Sundays? Or are you able to give up 2-3 hours of your time on Friday mornings to ask patients if they'd like to have chaplaincy support? Would you like to use your flower arranging skills in the Chapel? For further information, please contact the Voluntary Services Department ☎ 8120 4688 or ✉ volunteers@uhs.nhs.uk

## Imagine: Whole-Life Disciple Making Workshop

Here at SBC on Sat 1 April

Learn 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.

## Notices

### Hospitality Request

If anyone would be able to provide lunch or dinner for Paul Sutton while he is with us on his placement please see Elaine Mason.

**Thank you for all your donations so far for the homeless.** We have (at the moment) plenty of toiletries but we do need men's boxer shorts, gloves, hats and sleeping bags.  
Ruth King & Linda Johnson

**Henry Johnson** will be volunteering with VSO in Oloitokitok near Mount Kilimanjaro, Kenya for 3 months from 24 April. He will be helping the community help themselves especially to start up new, self-sustaining businesses. Henry will also be involved in health and well being projects with the local children and he hopes to build a football team! He needs to raise money so VSO can continue supporting volunteers to help those less fortunate. You can support Henry via his fundraising page [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/henry-johnson93](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/henry-johnson93) or by passing your donation to his mum, Linda.

### Fair Trade Fortnight

#### Coffee Morning in the Link

**Fri 17 March 11am - 1.30pm**

Come along and bring your friends for a big welcome with coffee, cake and a stall full of delicious and attractive, fairly traded goods for sale, including the Real Easter Eggs with the Easter story.



## Regular 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.

### Friday Link Coffee Morning

For 3 March only, please note the later start time: **11.30am**-1.30pm

### 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

### 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

### 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 Dates: March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14 & July 12

## Upcoming Events

### Women's World Day Of Prayer

**Fri 3 March** 10.30am here at SBC  
"Am I Being Unfair To you?"

Praying for the Philippines

Men, Women & children are welcome

### Messy Church Sat 4 Mar 10.15am

A time of activities for all the family to explore the **story of Palm**

**Sunday**, followed by an interactive time for all ages as we talk about the story. At midday, we have a cooked lunch with our time ending at 12.30pm. Children must be accompanied by an adult for the morning. We ask for a contribution of £1 per child and adults go free! Help yourself to an invite available in the Link and the hall. For further details, contact Jo at the church office.

### FIRE! Challenge & Cake Sale

#### Sunday 5 March

The FIRE groups are taking part in a sponsored active challenge event in the halls and will also be selling cakes after the service to raise money for a children's playground in a village in Moldova. This event is FIRE's contribution towards supporting the work Bev Richards is involved in with Operation Mobilisation. If you have not already seen a sponsor form and would like to sponsor a child/young person for taking part in this event, then please speak to Chris Skinner or Jo Snape.

### The 'Daffodils'

**Sunday 5 March** 2-3.30pm at St Mary's Church, Southampton SO14 1AQ. A concert of Wordsworth's poetry set to music involving adults and children. Free admission with retiring collection for parish funds.

### Bell Ringing Group

**Wed 8 March** 2pm in The Link

Led by Ruth Powell, a very patient teacher. Learn to play simple hymns, songs and carols on bell plates, which are light and easy to play. You do not need to be able to read music: you just need a willingness to learn.

For more information, please speak to Ruth Powell, Eveline Adams, Mary Moran or Marcia Parsons.

### EVening Fellowship

**Tuesday 14 March**

7.30pm in the Carey Hall

Theme: Barlow and Ellyett Homes

Speaker: Madge Heath

Men are invited to this meeting.

Please remember your donations for Basics Bank

### Mini Market Saturday 18 March

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 for further details ☎ 8048 0762 after 2.30pm or ✉ [annesrich@btinternet.com](mailto:annesrich@btinternet.com)

Donations of cakes are always needed.

### Church Members' Meeting

**Thu 23 March** 7.45pm 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. Minutes of the last meeting are available from the church office.

### The Friday Night Takeaway Cake Sale

after Morning Worship on 12 Feb raised £72 for the BMS Refugee Appeal. Thank you. Sandy Cooke on behalf of FNT.

