

# 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 March**

### **Mother's Day**

**10.30 am Worship for All Ages**

Leader: John Waldron

Preacher: Pastor Shaun Sweeney



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! Flickers Crèche - When taking or collecting your child, please use the doors at the end of the aisles rather than taking children around the outside of the building through the car park.

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 2 April

**10.30 am Morning Worship** with Communion  
Leader: Kevin Ings  
Preacher: Pastor Shaun Sweeney  
Sensing Our Saviour:  
Dreaming In The Spirit - Ephesians 3:20

**Fire!  
Groups**  
will be in the  
halls during  
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.

**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.

## Pastoral Work

**Sheila, who coordinates our pastoral work, will be away until late on Monday 27 March.** 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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**Church Office** ☎ 023 8039 9949  
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## Office Opening Hours

Monday 10.00 - 11.30  
Tuesday 10.00 - 13.00  
Wednesday 10.00 - 11.30  
**Thursday 30 March - 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.

**All Age Home Group** next meets on Sun 23 April at 4.30pm in The Link

**Monthly Home Group** next meets on Sat 29 April at 3pm in The Link

## Church Directory & Database

The church office maintains a *strictly confidential* database of all members and regular attendees. We also produce a Church directory that includes photos.

If you would like to be included in the directory or have recently moved house please complete a directory information slip. Slips are available from the stewards and the Church Office.

## Notices

### Easter Decorations

Could you make a donation of money towards the flowers? Offers of help to decorate the Church would also be much appreciated by Gosia and the Flower Arranging Team!

**Financial year-end:** As the church financial year closes on 31 March, would all those who have expense claims or outstanding monies, which need to be counted towards the current financial year e.g. BMS globes, Home Mission boxes, Gift Aid forms etc., please hand them to Anne Richards (Church Treasurer) as soon as possible please. Thank you.

### Organisation Accounts

Please would organisation treasurers complete their accounting records for the year ended 31/3/2017 and pass to Dave Richards for examination as soon as possible. Thank you.

### Fair Trade Coffee Morning

Thank you to all who came and supported us and contributed to a total of £298 in sales and donations. Elaine Mason

**A Big Thank You** to all who have supported Henry Johnson's fundraising events for his trip to Africa with VSO.

## Volunteering Opportunities

### New Dawn Child Contact Centre

- \* Support broken families
- \* Work as part of a team
- \* 3 hours every four - six weeks
- \* Full training given

Please contact Kirsty ☎ 8034 7515 or ✉ [newdawncentre@shirleybaptist.org](mailto:newdawncentre@shirleybaptist.org) for an application form or more information.

## 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

11am - 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  
Upcoming Dates: 29 March; 26 April;  
24 May; 28 June; 26 July

## Pastoral News

Peter Sharman's funeral will take place on Thursday 6 April. There will be a family committal at the Crematorium at 10am followed by a Thanksgiving Service at SBC at 11am

## Upcoming Events

### CTiS Easter Experience

Please pray for the children from local schools who will be attending this engaging & interactive presentation of the Easter Story this week.

### M & Ms Ladies Group

#### Wednesday 29 March

7.45pm in The Link

### The Eggs Factor

Please bring 3 hard boiled eggs to decorate (either to eat or display)

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!

### 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.

### Chatty Crafters Spring Fair

#### Saturday 1 April 10.00am - 12noon

SJR Methodist Church, St James Rd  
Lots of seasonal gifts and goodies plus soft toys, bags etc.

### EVening Fellowship

#### Tuesday 11 April

7.30pm in the Carey Hall

38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations

with Cake & A Beetle Drive

Please remember your donations for Basics Bank

## HOLY WEEK



### Palm Sunday 9 April

10.30am **Morning Worship**

### Praise @ 4pm Service

Followed by afternoon tea

### Maundy Thursday 13 April

7.30pm **Communion Service**

Shared with friends from local Baptist Churches

### Good Friday 14 April

**SBC Morning Worship** 10am

**CTiS Witness** in Shirley Precinct

### Easter Sunday 16 April

**Morning Worship** 10.30am



### Christian Men's Breakfast

**Saturday 22 April** 9am for 9.30

at George's Cafe, Church St, Shirley

### Southampton Half Marathon

**Sun 23 April** - Pete Bake will be

running to raise money for the

**Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.**

Please see Pete if you would be

willing to sponsor him.

### Creative Options Spring Fair

**Sat 13 May 11am-2pm** at Central

Baptist Church, Devonshire Rd

Calling potential stall holders!

If you are a crafter or have good

quality home-ware, gifts, bric-a-brac

to sell then come along! Tables £5.00

Book now as spaces are limited!

We also welcome donations of goods

for the stalls (tombola prizes, bottles,

crafts, gifts etc.,) Contact Frances:

✉ frances.anne@btinternet.com or

☎ 078 5018 9069 for further details

or to book a stall.