

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 23 April

10.30 am Morning Worship

Leader: Jill Waldron

Preacher: John Waldron

Fire!

Groups

will be going out 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.

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 30 April

10.30 am Morning Worship

Leader: Brenda Greenwood

Preacher: Pastor Shaun Sweeney

Up Against The Wall - Nehemiah 2

Fire!

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Pastoral Work: Sheila coordinates our pastoral work. 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

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Day Off: Monday

Children & Family Worker:

Jo Snape

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Office Opening Hours

Monday 10.00 - 11.30

Tuesday 10.00 - 13.00

Wednesday 10.00 - 11.30

Thursday 10.00 - 11.30

Friday 10.00 - 11.30

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.

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 7 May at 4.30pm in The Link

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



Childsplay ROMANIA

Mission Trip Update

Sara & Sheila would like to thank you for your Prayer support whilst they were out in Romania. All their Mission Prayer points were answered & far more! 6 projects were visited in 3 days & all of them confirmed that God's outreach to the Roma children continues to be maintained & grow.

Praise the Lord!

Moldova Playground Update

FIRE! Groups raised £173 through their Challenge Sunday sponsored event and cake sale. Wednesday Clubs raised £75 through the family fun night talent show evening. Thank you to all of you who supported these activities and well done to our children and young people!

Notices

Cakes Needed for Mini Market!

We would be very grateful if you could make an extra effort to provide a cake for the cake stall this month as our usual bakers are away on holiday. Cakes can be brought along on Friday evening from 5.00pm or Saturday morning from 9.30am.

Assistant Minister for SBC

As a church we are discussing and praying about the possible appointment of an Assistant Minister. This is a very important time in the life of the church, so please join us for an **Open Meeting on Thursday 27 April** as we seek to discern the will of God.



Hosts Wanted

Our very own open garden scheme is now in its 7th year!

Could you open your garden to visitors from our fellowship this spring or summer?

Please contact Paul Thomson

☎ 074 7017 5553

We aware of ants around the premises.

This is an annual problem and we are taking steps to eliminate them. **Please would all those using the Link & Halls take extra precautions to deter the ants:** Empty the bins; Clean up food or drink spillages and do not leave any food uncovered.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Regular Activities for Adults

Centering Prayer Tuesday
7.00pm in the Church Lounge -
entrance via the rear of the church.

Wednesday Link Coffee Morning
10am - 12 noon

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 Tuesday

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

Both Wednesday Groups will re-open on 3 May

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

will not be meeting during the coming
term and will re-start in the autumn
with a different format.

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

Upcoming Dates: 26 April; 24 May;
28 June; 26 July

Upcoming Events

Bell Ringing Group

Mon 24 April 6pm in The Link
For more information, please speak to Ruth Powell, Eveline Adams, Mary Moran or Marcia Parsons.

Centering Prayer will re-start on Tue 25 April in the Church Lounge
Refreshments will be served at 7.00pm and praying will start at 7.30pm. See Karen Hughes for more information.

M & Ms Ladies Group

Wed 26 April 7.45pm in The Link
Shirley Bake Off
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!

New Dawn Contact Centre AGM

Thursday 27 April
7.45pm in the Spurgeon Hall.
Refreshments will be served from 7.15pm and we anticipate the meeting will take about 45 minutes. SBC forms our Governing Body so we would especially appreciate your attendance in order to ratify the Committee. Following the AGM, there will be an **Open Meeting to discuss and pray about the possible appointment of an Assistant Minister** at SBC. This is a very important time in the life of the church when we need to discern the will of God. Please make every effort to join us for the NDCCC AGM and then stay on for this meeting. Thank you.
Simon Wroe, Church Secretary

Mini Market Sat 29 April

10.30am in the Spurgeon Hall
Donations of cakes are urgently needed this month as our usual bakers are away on holiday.
Contact Anne Richards for further details ☎ 8048 0762 after 2.30pm or ✉ annesrich@btinternet.com

Link on Saturday

Sat 29 April 3-5pm in The Link
A monthly group for families, couples and individuals who find it difficult to meet at other times. See Clint Zvavamwe for details.

Christians in Science Lecture

God and Stephen Hawking: Whose Design is it Anyway?
Thu 4 May 2017 in Lecture Theatre A, Building 46 (Physics A), University of Southampton, SO17 1BJ. Oxford Prof John Lennox will respond to Hawking's claim that the universe invented itself. With clear explanations of the key scientific and philosophical theories he will demonstrate that, far from disproving a Creator God, they make his existence seem all the more probable. There will be time for questions and discussion and books will be on sale at discount prices. For more information about the talk and the location ✉ Southampton@cis.org.uk or www.cis.org.uk/groups/southampton

Fellowship Lunch in Memory of Val Barnes Sunday 7 May

Donations will go to support the work of the Leprosy Mission. Jane Rackham is taking names for catering purposes.

EVening Fellowship

Tue 9 May 7.30pm in the Carey Hall
Short AGM then 'Songs from the Shows' with Liz and Katy Lewis.
Interval: Refreshments and quiz
Please remember your donations for Basics Bank

Messy Church Sat 13 May 10.15am
A time of activities for all the family to explore the stories of Jesus going up to heaven & the arrival of the Holy Spirit, 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.