

# 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.**

**We extend a special welcome to today's  
Guest Preacher Ian Coffey and his wife Ruth**

**Sunday 14 May**

**10.30 am Morning Worship**

Leader: Pastor Shaun Sweeney

Guest Preacher: Rev Ian Coffey

Vice-Principal (Strategy) of Moorlands College

**Fire!**

**Groups**

will be going  
out during  
this service

**New Song Café** in association with Churches Together in Shirley & District  
**Today! 7-9pm** at St James Road Methodist Church

This will be a special New Song Café with guest speaker Ian Coffey.

It will be great opportunity for our churches to meet one another & worship our great God together and to discover more about some of our local inter-church ministries. All are welcome to come and join us – refreshments will be provided.

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. Our tea, coffee and sugar are all Fairtrade.

Fancy a fancier coffee?

Filter coffee and specialty teas are available in The Link

# Sunday 21 May

10.30 am **Morning Worship** & Believers' Baptism

Leader: Kevin Ings

Preacher: Pastor Shaun Sweeney

Don't Stop Me Now! Acts 8:34-40

**Fire!  
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will be coming  
in for the  
baptism

**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.

**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.

## Notices

**Mini Market** is getting short of women's clothing, so if you are sorting out your wardrobe for the summer, please consider donating your unwanted clothes. Thanking you in anticipation. Contact Anne Richards

☎ 023 8048 0762 or

✉ annesrich@btinternet.com

### **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 26 May from 5.00pm or Saturday 27 May from 9.30am.

**The Scratch Choir** is preparing to sing at the services on Sunday 4 June (Pentecost) and Sunday 18 June (Father's Day). Practices have been planned for: Sun 14 May 2pm; Sun 21 May 9.30am; Sun 4 June 9.30am; Sun 18 June 9.30am  
If you would like to be involved, please speak to Kevin Ings, Liz Lewis or Rachel McKeeman.

### **Could you spare some time and muscle power?**

We need a few people on either Sun 28 or Mon 29 May to help move the entire contents of the Church Office in to the Keeble Centre so that the office can be re-carpeted. We will then need help later in the week to move everything back again! Please see Kirsty or Simon if you can help in any way.

**Suitcases Wanted!** Does anyone have a medium/large suitcase that they don't need (preferably with wheels)? Please see Sara Burns.

## Upcoming Events

### **Childsplay Romania Plant Sale**

**Mon 15 to Sat 27 May** 10am to 8pm  
A range of bedding plants, shrubs and vegetable plants will be on sale at the home of Mark & Helen Tutte, 9 Burgess Rd SO16 7NY.

### **Tallest Sunflower Competition**

£1 entry fee, sunflowers 50p each.  
The prize is afternoon tea for two at the home of Mark & Helen.

## **Holiday at Home Planning Meeting Tuesday 16 May**

7.30pm in The Link

It's for everyone who is intending to help this year (7-11 & 13 August) and for those who just want to know what it's all about and will make up their minds at a (not-too-much) later date.

## **Annual General Meeting**

**Thu 18 May** 7.45pm 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 March meeting minutes are available from the office.

**Personal Statements from the Candidates** standing for election to the Ministry Team are on the insert.

**Agenda:** Devotions, Apologies & Minutes, Elections, Accounts, Looking back at 2016/17, Looking forwards to 2017/18, In Memoriam, Pastoral news, Membership, Members concerns, Closing prayers

## **A Quiz with a Difference**

hosted by [Communicare](#)

**Sat 20 May** 7pm-9.30pm at Highfield Church Centre. Come as a team (max 6 people) or join one on the night.

£7.50 to include chilli (or vegetarian option) dinner and soft drinks. Bring your own bottles and cash for a raffle and puddings! Places must be booked in advance. ☎ 8021 6023 or 📧

[emily@communicareinsouthampton.org.uk](mailto:emily@communicareinsouthampton.org.uk)

## **New Forest Walk**

**Tue 23 May** starting at 1:30pm  
Meet at Pig Bush for a walk of approx 1 hour, followed by tea/coffee at the Drift Inn. Please see Sheila for more information.

## **M & Ms Ladies Group**

**Wed 24 May** 7.45pm in The Link

### **Mosaics**

You can be assured of warm reception and a decent cup of coffee!

## **Question Time - Test Constituency Your Candidates - Your Questions**

**Wednesday 24 May** 8pm

at St James Rd Methodist Church  
Everyone Welcome. Questions can be emailed in advance to:

[davy@stjamesbythepark.org](mailto:davy@stjamesbythepark.org)

## **Thy Kingdom Come**

Join the global wave of prayer, an initiative of Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, which seeks to unite Christians in praying together for people to know Jesus Christ.

### **Colne Avenue Baptist Church**

Millbrook, SO16 9NX will be open for an hour of prayer every day during this time: Thu 25 May 1.15pm, Fri 26 9am, Sat 27 2pm, Sun 28 9.30am (30 minutes) Mon 29 May 10am, Tue 30 May 2pm Wed 31 May 10am, Thu 1 June 1.15pm

Fri 2 June 9am, Sat 3 June 9am

Please come as many times as you can. It is not necessary to stay for the whole hour. Let us show Father God that we are serious in this, and at the same time let the devil know that we mean business! For more information please ring: 075 0546 0439

## **Link on Saturday**

**Sat 27 May** 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.

## **Calling All Golfers Novices to Pros!**

We are having a **Breakfast & 9 Hole Golf Morning on Sat 3 June** at Dibden Golf Club starting at 9.00am. Everyone is welcome even if you have never played before. £19.50 to include buffet cooked breakfast, coffee/tea and 9 holes of golf.

If you are interested, please contact Clem Mason or Nathi Ngwabeni.

PS If you would like to come just for breakfast the cost is £6.00

## Regular Activities for Adults

**Bell Ringing Group** 6pm in The Link  
Monday 15 May, 22 May and 5 June.  
See Ruth Powell for details

**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

**Tuesday 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 is now  
closed.**

## 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: 28 June; 26 July

## 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 21 May at 4.30pm in The Link  
**Monthly Home Group** next meets  
on Sat 27 May at 3pm in The Link  
**Tuesday Afternoon Home Group**  
has moved from the Keeble Centre to  
the Link and runs from 2pm to 3pm.  
New members always welcome.

## Pastoral News

**Please remember Andrea Hurry**  
in your prayers this week as she  
prepares to be baptised.

## 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, which are available from the stewards and the Church Office.

## 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

**The Church Office will be closed**  
Mon 22 - Fri 26 May for redecoration.

## Contact Us

**Pastor:** Shaun Sweeney  
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Day Off: Monday

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