

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 27 August

10.30 am Morning Worship

Leader: Brenda Greenwood

Preacher: Pastor Shaun Sweeney

Envision: The Great Commitment
Matthew 20:26-28

Fire!

Groups

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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!
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.
Refreshments will not be served in The Link during August.

Sunday 3 September

10.30 am Morning Worship with Communion

Leader: Kevin Ings

Preacher: Pastor Shaun Sweeney

Envision: The Great Commission
Matthew 28:18-20.

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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.



Gardens Unlocked 2 - 5pm

Hosted by Shaun & Kathie Sweeney:

2 Dawlish Avenue, Upper Shirley, SO15 5HS

Pastoral Work: Sheila, who coordinates our pastoral work, is away until Tuesday 29 August; please keep her informed of pastoral needs or concerns. ☎ 8036 0296

If you have urgent pastoral concerns please contact Pastor Shaun Sweeney. Please contact the church office with updates & thanksgiving news.

Notices

Holiday Home Needed for a Dog!

Jacqueline Holt is in need of a holiday home for her dog, Arnie, for a few days in September and a week in April. Arnie is a medium size dog, about 5 years old. He is good with other dogs but best kept on a lead as he knows how to escape the local park! ☎ 8078 0542

Needed for Messy Church

Kitchen roll tubes and oblong tissue boxes (or similar shaped boxes with a lid). Please place in labelled box on the stage in the Spurgoen hall before 24 Sep. Thank you for your help.

Church Magazine

September issue now available!
Suggested Donation £1.00

Pastoral News

Peter Legg passed away on Wednesday 23 August. We rejoice that he is now at peace and with his Lord. Please remember Peter's daughter Liz and son Malcolm in your prayers. This will be a difficult time for the whole family as they try to explain to Peter's wife, Joyce, who is suffering from dementia.

Advance Notice

**Harvest Fellowship Lunch
Sunday 1 October.** There will be a sign up sheet from early September.

Childsplay Romania

Christmas Shopping Night

Thursday 12 October 7pm-9pm
More details to follow

Upcoming Events

Parent & Toddler Group

Summer Session Tue 29 Aug

Meet in the halls 10-11.30am.

Older siblings welcome to join us.

Planning Meeting for

New Wednesday Youth Group

Wed 6 Sep 7pm in the Link

For anyone who would like to help with the new youth group that will be starting on a Wednesday evenings. See Sandy Cooke for information.

Prayer Time for Children's Work

Sat 9 Sep in the Link 9.15-10.15am

Come and discover what is planned for the groups this term, to pray for the children & their families and for all the upcoming activities. This is a good opportunity to encourage each other and anyone with a heart for praying for our children is welcome.

Paul Sutton's Induction Service

will take place on **Sat 9 September** at 3pm followed by a tea.

We need to know numbers for catering purposes. Please sign up in the Link as soon as possible!

Evening Fellowship Tue 12 Sep

7.30pm in the Carey Hall

History of Music with Peter Todd

Men are welcome to attend this meeting. Please remember your donations for Basics Bank

Baptist Cluster Prayer Breakfast

Sat 16 Sep 8.30 - 10am

At Freemantle Baptist Church, Testwood Road

Mini Market Sat 16 Sep

10.30am in the Spurgeon Hall

Donations of cakes are always welcome and 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 for individual or charity use. Contact Anne for details

☎ 8048 0762 after 2.30pm

✉ annesrich@btinternet.com

Open Church Prayer Meeting

Thu 21 Sep 7.45pm Spurgeon Hall
Members and friends of SBC are invited to join us for an evening of sharing and prayer, as well as catching up on pastoral news and other matters.

Charity Car Wash

Saturday 23 Sep in the afternoon
Dine in Style & Entertainment

Saturday 23 Sep 6pm for 6.30pm

These events are to raise money for our Twin Church, Buzivka Baptist Church, in Ukraine. There will be no cost for the meal, baskets will be available for your gifts. See Brenda Greenwood for details.

Messy Church Sat 30 Sep 10.15am

A time of activities for all the family to explore a Bible story together, followed by an interactive time for all ages as we talk about the story.

Includes a cooked lunch - Ends at 12.30pm. £1 per child & adults go free! Children must be accompanied by an adult. For further details, contact Jo at the church office.

Self-Development Opportunities

Are you in your 50s to early 70s?

Second Half Living is a series of four practical discipleship workshops looking at life issues such as Change & Transition, Anxiety & Fear, Work & Rest, Leaving a spiritual legacy & opportunities for service in mid-to-later life. These interactive sessions will explore what the Bible has to say about making the most of the rest of our lives and finishing well.

Tuesdays 10 & 17 Oct, 7 & 14 Nov

7.30-9.45pm at St John's Centre, St James Rd, Shirley. Cost: £30 for the course, but if cost alone would put you off, please get in touch. Deadline for sign-ups: 10 Sep. A minimum number of people are needed before the course can proceed. For further information,

☎ 023 8077 1755 or

✉ theresa@stjamesbythepark.org

Regular Activities for Adults

Bell Ringing Group

Next full meeting will be on Monday 11 September at 6pm.

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

Wednesday Link Coffee Morning

Re-opens on 13 Sep 10am - 12 noon

Lunch Club for over 60's

Re-opens on Thursday 7 September 12 noon in the Spurgeon Hall

Advance booking is essential & there is a charge for the meal

Get Together continues over the summer **Thursdays** 2pm in The Link

Friday Link Coffee Morning

Re-opens on 1 Sep 11am - 1.30pm

Friday Friendship Club

Re-opens on 1 September

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

Summer Session: 29 August

Re-opens 12 September

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 re-open on 20 September

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

Dates: 20 Sep, 18 Oct, 29 Nov

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.

Most groups are now closed for the summer & will re-open in September.

All Age Home Group next meets

Sun 10 Sep at 4.30pm in The Link

Monthly Home Group next meets

Sat 30 Sep 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, which are available from the stewards and the Church Office.

Office Opening Hours

The office will be closed the week commencing **Mon 28 August**.

Normal opening hours will resume on

Monday 4 September:

Monday 10.00 - 11.30

Tuesday 10.00 - 15.00

Wednesday 10.00 - 11.30

Thursday 10.00 - 11.30

Friday 10.00 - 11.30

Contact Us

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