

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 Su & Hari Shresta, their family & friends as they present their twins, Angel & Samuel to the Lord

Sunday 29 October

10.30 am Morning Worship with Infant Dedication

Leader: John Waldron

Preacher: Pastor Shaun Sweeney

Total Sufficiency: Psalm 23:4c

Fire!

Groups

will be going
out during
this service

Baptist Cluster Lunch after Morning Worship

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.

To better know the Shepherd learn the Shepherd's Psalm

Psalm 23:4c Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

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 and The Link after morning worship services. Our tea, coffee and sugar are all Fairtrade.

Sunday 5 November

10.30 am Morning Worship with Communion

Leader: Kevin Ings

Preacher: Pastor Shaun Sweeney

Total Sufficiency: Psalm 23:5

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 are available in the pews if you would like to donate to this fund.

Pastoral Work: Sheila, who coordinates our pastoral work, will be away from 30 October - 3 November.

If you have urgent pastoral concerns please contact one of the Pastors. Please contact the church office with updates & thanksgiving news.

Notices

Support For Those In Need

Winter is coming and we need to stock up on toiletries for those in need: razors & shaving foam, deodorants, toothpaste (not brushes), shower gel, toilet rolls, wet wipes, etc. Thank you. Ruth & Linda

Toy Appeal

Every year we hope to raise the funds to give 100 toys to children within our city who may not receive a gift at Christmas. Each toy must be worth at least £10. Envelopes will be available in the pews from Sunday 12 November for contributions from our fellowship to help us meet this need.

Upcoming Events

Blue Events are at SBC
Black Events are elsewhere

Tuesday Afternoon Home Group

has a new starting time of 1.30pm

Children's Light Party Tue 31 Oct

5 – 6pm (doors open at 4.45pm)

A Churches Together in Shirley event at St James Church by the Park.

A positive alternative to Halloween for families; with craft, games & food.

There is an online signup sheet for anyone who would be available to help with preparation, during the evening or with clearing up. Visit: www.volunteersignup.org/TRYHC

"Arise! Shine!" Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer

Mon 6 Nov 10.30am

at Swaythling Baptist Church.

Followed by a simple lunch at 12 noon. Cost £3 per head.

Please give your name to Elaine Mason if you wish to have lunch.

In The Arena: Equipping Men for the Challenges of Life

Thu 23 Nov in Bournemouth

Every man encounters challenges in life's arena. We often face uncertainties or difficulties that can test our integrity, resilience and character. But God has called us to live our lives with passion and perseverance, to run the race set before us and to run to win.

In the Arena is a Care For The Family men's event where we will share with you helpful strategies to strengthen and empower you for whatever challenges you face now or in the future. Our speakers Philip Jinadu and Gerrit Bantjes will present biblical principles and insights they have proved through their experience of both triumph and adversity. They will talk about critical areas of everyday life such as friendships, finance, character and career and we know that their encouragement will leave you better prepared to run life's race.

For more information, please see Paul Sutton or Pete Baker.

M & Ms Ladies Group

Wed 29 Nov 7.45pm in The Link
"A Wreath Navidad"

Who Are We? A group of ladies, mostly aged 30 - 60 ish!

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



Christmas Market

Saturday 11 November 10.30am

Get in to the Christmas Spirit by grabbing some bargains and enjoying tasty treats! We will have the usual stalls and activities for children.



Praise @ 4pm

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 12 November

Followed by afternoon tea

Evening Fellowship

Tue 14 Nov 7.30pm in the Carey Hall

Theme: God's Trees

Speaker: Julian Evans

Please remember your donations for Basics Bank

Church Meeting

Thu 23 Nov 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. Copies of minutes are available from the church office.



Saturday 2 December 5-7:30pm

Price: Adults £3, children £1.

See Sheila to sign up for this fun and happy way to start the lead up to Christmas.

Regular Activities for Adults

Bell Ringing Group

Monday 6pm in The Link

Centering Prayer - closed 31 Oct

Tue 7 Nov 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 and 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

New! Wednesday Youth Group

School Years 7 - 10
7.00 to 8.30pm in The Link

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: 29 Nov, 13 Dec, 17 Jan

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 **Sun 5 Nov** at 4.30pm in The Link

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

Tuesday Afternoon Home Group
New Time! 1.30pm 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

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

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