

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 November

10.30 am Morning Worship

Leader: Brenda Greenwood

Preacher: Assistant Pastor Paul Sutton

Total Sufficiency: Psalm 23:6

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To better know the Shepherd learn the Shepherd's Psalm

Psalm 23:6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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.



Invitations to our Christmas Services are now available for you to share with your family, friends and neighbours.



Sunday 3 December

1st Sunday in Advent

10.30 am Morning Worship
with Infant Presentation

Leader: Kevin Ings

Preacher: Pastor Shaun Sweeney

New Sermon Series:
Forever Christmas



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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 pastoral concerns please contact Paul Sutton.
Please contact the church office with updates & thanksgiving news.

Shaun and Kathie are on holiday until Wed 29 November.

Notices

Spurgeons Childcare Appeal & Christmas Cards

It is a tradition in our fellowship to write **one** card & pin it on The Link Christmas tree. There will be envelopes in the pews for your donation to Spurgeons.

Christmas should be a time of celebration, happiness and excitement. However, many children across the UK miss out on the joy. For some the burden is having to care for a family member for long periods of time over the holiday season. For others it is because they just won't have enough food to eat-let alone any presents. Please give a gift to Spurgeons this Christmas and be part of giving deprived children in the UK and their families a hope filled future.

Scratch Choir Practices are planned for Sundays 3 Dec & 17 Dec both at 9.30am.



#AngelsInShirley

Handmade angels will be hidden round Shirley between 11 & 15 Dec with a message and a link to a social media

campaign advertising Christmas events in all the churches.

We need people to get making ...
... then volunteers to hide angels!
Please see Jo Snape or Kirsty Cummins for the patterns.

Needed for Messy Church

Donations of party food are needed for Christmas Messy Church on 9 Dec. Please see Jo Snape for the list of items needed.

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

Upcoming Events

Blue Events are at SBC

Black Events are elsewhere

Now Showing! The Star (Cert U)

A Jim Henson Co Film telling *The Nativity* from the viewpoint of the animals, showing at Eastleigh Vue, Southampton Odeon and Showcase cinemas.

Hope Now Coffee Morning

Wed 29 Nov 10am-12.30pm

Malvern Centre, SO16 6PY

Come along to learn about the work of Hope Now, enjoy coffee & cake and purchase your Christmas Cards.

M & Ms Ladies Group

Wed 29 Nov 7.45pm in The Link

"A Wreath Navidad"

Come along to make a Christmas Wreath - all items provided.

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 In Shirley!

Shirley Shop Sheep Hunt runs from Fri 1 Dec

Collect your Sheep Finder Form at Shirley Library.



Christmas Messy Church

Sat 9 Dec 10.15am – 12.30pm

Join us for a range of activities for all ages as we explore the story of Jesus' birth together. Invitations are available in the Link.

Link on Saturday revised date

9 Dec 3-5pm at Clint's home

A monthly group for families, couples and individuals who find it difficult to meet at other times. See Clint Zvavamwe for details.

Christmas In Shirley!

Sat 16 December

Craft Afternoon for Families

3.30pm at SBC

A free festive activity time for families with Christmas crafts and games.

Followed by **Glowstick Lantern**

Procession for Everyone leaving

SBC at 4.45pm to head for the

Precinct. Refreshments will be

available after at The Salvation Army.

Christmas In Shirley!

Not Such A Silent Night!

Sat 23 Dec from 7.30pm

Carol singing at Santo Lounge with the New Songs Café Band

Introduction to Centering Prayer

Sat 10 Feb 2018 10am - 4pm

The Lounge, Highfield Church Centre

What you'll learn on this course

- how this prayer can deepen our intimacy with God
 - why this method of silent prayer is so powerful for spiritual growth and transformation
 - how CP can bring harmony and wellbeing into a busy, stressful life
 - how this profoundly simple method can help us let go of thoughts, and distractions in silent prayer
 - how CP contributes to all other forms of prayer
- For further information

contact: Ian Traynar ☎07792 782056

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Sat 2 Dec 5-7:30pm

Tickets: Adults £3, children £1.

See Paul Thomson or

Sheila Price to sign

up for this fun & happy way to start the lead up to Christmas.

Prayer Time for Children's & Youth Work **Mon 4 Dec**

7.15-8.15pm in the Church Lounge

Come and discover what is going on in the groups as we pray for our children & young people & their families and take time to pray 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.

Regular Activities for Adults

Bell Ringing Group

Monday 6pm in The Link

Centering Prayer will be closed on

Tue 28 Nov & 5 Dec; meetings will restart on 12 December

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

The Well on Wednesday

Youth Group for 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 19 Nov** at 4.30pm in The Link

Monthly Home Group next meets **Sat 9 Dec** 3pm at Clint's home

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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