

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 10 December 2nd Sunday in Advent

10.30 am Morning Worship



Leader: Assistant Pastor Paul Sutton

Preacher: John Waldron

Forever Christmas

**Fire!
Groups**
will be in the
Hall during
this service

4.00pm Christmas Praise by Candlelight

Followed by light refreshments



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 17 December

3rd Sunday in Advent

10.30 am A Service for the Whole Family
Forever Christmas



6.30pm Carols by Candlelight
Followed by light refreshments



Forever Christmas

Invitations to our Christmas Services

are now available for you to share with your family, friends and neighbours.

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

The next Scratch Choir Practice is planned for Sunday 17 Dec at 9.30am.

Spurgeons Childcare Appeal & Christmas Cards

It is a tradition in our fellowship to write **one** card & pin it on The Link Christmas tree. There are 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.

Volunteers Welcomers are needed for the following dates:

Sun 17 December from 6pm
Christmas Eve from 10.30pm and
Christmas Day from 9.30am.
Please see Ruth King if you can help.

Toiletries For Those In Need

We need razors & shaving foam, deodorants, toothpaste (not brushes), shower gel, toilet rolls, wet wipes, etc. Thank you. Ruth & Linda



Many thanks to the amazing people who knitted our Angels!
#AngelsInShirley

Volunteers are still needed to hide angels! Please contact Kirsty Cummins for more information.

A Big Messy Church Thanks

to everyone who provided food and donations towards our Christmas Event.

Upcoming Events
Blue Events are at SBC
Black Events are elsewhere

Christmas In Shirley!
Shirley Shop Sheep Hunt
runs until Sat 16 Dec

Collect your Sheep Finder Form at Shirley Library.



Evening Fellowship

Tue 12 Dec 7.30pm in the Carey Hall

Christmas Celebration – Fun, Food & Fellowship

Please remember your donations for Basics Bank

M&Ms Christmas Meal

A reminder to members that our Christmas Meal is on **Wed 13 Dec.**

Christmas In Shirley!

Craft Afternoon for Families

Sat 16 December 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



Carols by Candlelight

Sun 24 Dec 11.15pm

Refreshments will be served from 10.30pm

Christmas Day 10am

A Service for the Whole Family

Children are encourage to bring one of their gifts to show everyone!



Friday Link Coffee Morning & Friday Friendship Club

Restart on 5 January

Well on Wednesday

Restarts on 10 January

City Wide Prayer Meeting

Tue 16 Jan 7.30pm

Venue to be confirmed

Beds, Begging & Business - Homelessness Conference

Fri 19 & Sat 20 Jan at Central Baptist Church.

Working together to tackle homelessness, this event will run from noon on Fri, including an evening session and meal, to noon on Sat. Tickets £25 +booking fee available from Eventbrite

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/beds-begging-business-conference-tickets-39833652527?aff=es2

Wacky Wednesdays and Wild Wild Wednesdays

Restart on 31 January

Passion ReTold Good Friday 30 Mar

in Southampton's Guildhall Square

10.30am Music by local artists;

11.30-1pm Passion Story & Gospel

Message, 1-2pm Praise & Worship

Pastoral News

Please remember Charlie & Elaine Matthews and the wider family as

they attend their daughter Karen's funeral in Devon tomorrow.

Doris Stone's funeral will take place on **Wed 13 Dec** at 12.15pm followed

by a **Thanksgiving Service at SBC at 1.15pm**



Communicare Tree of Light - Sponsor a light in memory of a loved one.

Applications forms are available from the Communicare offices.

Min donation £5 per light. For more details contact Melodie ☎ 8021 6023 or ✉ melodie@communicareinsouthampton.org.uk

Regular Activities for Adults will be closing for Christmas

Bell Ringing Group

Monday 6pm in The Link

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 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 will be closing for Christmas

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: 17 January, 21 February

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.

Soul Group for young adults meets on Thursdays at 6.30pm
See Paul Sutton for more details

All Age Home Group next meets **Sun 7 Jan** at 4.30pm in The Link

Link on Saturday next meets **Sat 27 Jan** 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
Wed, Thu & Fri 10.00 - 11.30

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