

# Shirley Baptist Church

every day church for everywhere people

Shirley Baptist Church, Southampton, Registered Charity Number 1131764

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**We welcome you to worship!**  
We hope you will feel at home with us.

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## Sunday 4 February

### 10.30 am Morning Worship

Leader: Pastor Shaun Sweeney  
Preacher: Assistant Pastor Paul Sutton

### Shadowing Our Saviour

Matthew 14:13-21

**Fire!  
Groups**  
will be going  
out during  
this service

### 4.30pm All Age Life 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.

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**Please Note:** This month's Communion Service will take place on Sunday 11 February.

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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.

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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 11 February

## 10.30 am Morning Worship with Family Communion

Led by Pastor Shaun Sweeney and  
Assistant Pastor Paul Sutton

4.00pm

Praise @ 4pm

A more traditional style of service  
followed by afternoon tea

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### Family Communion

As part of our commitment to being a Church for Everyone, we will be inviting our children and young people to join us for communion.

There will be no pressure for a child or young person to take communion if they are not ready to or if their parents would rather they didn't at this time.

It is important that this act is properly understood and that each person who takes communion, young or old, does so knowing Christ themselves through personal faith.

If you are unsure about this in any way and would like to speak to someone about this service, please see Chris Skinner (FIRE Coordinator), Jo Snape, Paul Sutton or Shaun Sweeney.

**Communion at SBC:** As part of our commitment to being a Church for Everyone, 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.

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### Pastoral Work: Sheila, who coordinates our pastoral work, will be away from Wed 7 - Fri 9 February

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

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### Notices

#### Needed for our Homeless Friends:

Waterproof coats, cagoules and fleeces: small and medium sizes preferred.

#### Bell Ringers Wanted!

Learn to play simple hymns, songs and carols on bell plates, which are light and easy to play. You do not need to be able to read music: you just need a willingness to learn.

Led by Ruth Powell, an extremely patient and encouraging teacher.

#### Room to Rent Needed

Margarida Rusbridge, has recently started attending SBC and needs to move out of her current accommodation on 19 Feb. She is a committed Christian, employed and a non-smoker. If you can help please contact her: ☎ 077 477 20288 or ✉ [guidarusbridge@gmail.com](mailto:guidarusbridge@gmail.com)

**Upcoming Events**  
**Blue Events** are at SBC  
**Black Events** are elsewhere



**Dementia Friends**  
An Alzheimer's Society initiative

**Dementia Friends Information Session**

**Fri 9 Feb** 7:30 - 8:30pm in The Link  
A friendly, & informal way of learning about basic dementia awareness; If you would like more information, please contact Karen Hughes:  
☎ 077 7927 0675 or  
✉ hughesdpka61@googlemail.com

**Please NOTE:** Introduction to Centering Prayer on Sat 10 Feb at Highfield Church has been postponed until further notice.

**Evening Fellowship**

**Tue 13 Feb** 7.30pm in the Carey Hall  
*Pam Ayres Poems and Readings* by Peggy Marten  
*Please remember your donations for Basics Bank*

**Childsplay Romania Fun & Pancake Day**  
**Wed 14 Feb** 3-6pm



Spurgeon Hall  
£1 entry - includes your 1st pancake!  
More pancakes and drinks will be on sale. Games for children and adults. Come and join us, have some fun and raise some money for the children in Romania.

**Mini Market Sat 17 Feb**

10.30am Spurgeon Hall  
Donations of cakes are always welcome. Helpers are needed on Friday evening to help set up as well as on the day. Please see Anne or Dave Richards if you are able to help or would like to book a table.  
☎ 8048 0762 after 2.30pm  
✉ annesrich@btinternet.com

**Dementia Friends Information Session**

**Wed 21 Feb** 10 - 11am in The Link  
See Fri 9 Feb for more details

**Basic Food Hygiene Course Level 2**  
**Wed 21 Feb** 2.30pm £10 per person  
This qualification is essential for folk preparing food at church and needs to be renewed every 3 years. Please contact Elaine Mason for more information or to book a place.

☎ 8077 3685

**M & Ms Ladies Group**

**Wed 21 Feb** 7.45pm in The Link  
*"It's A Bit Of A Stretch"* Try Pilates!  
A friendly group aimed at ladies 30-60 yrs. We meet once a month for coffee, making friends and learning new crafts & activities.

**Open Church Prayer Meeting**

**Thu 22 Feb** 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.

**Link on Saturday 24 Feb**

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.

**CommuniCare Barn Dance**

**Sat 24 Feb** 7.30-11pm Highfield Church  
Live music from Threepenny Bit  
Tickets £15 - Buffet supper included.  
☎ 023 8021 6023

**In The Arena:** Equipping Men for the Challenges of Life **Thu 24 May**  
King's Community Church Hedge End  
Every man encounters challenges in life's arena, but God has called us to live our lives with passion and perseverance. *In The Arena* is a Care For The Family men's event where speakers Rob Parsons 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.

## Regular Activities for Adults

### Bell Ringing Group

#### New Members Needed!

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 in Term Time

### 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

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  
Dates: 21 Feb, 21 Mar, 18 Apr

## Secure in Our Saviour Opportunities for Personal Growth

A variety of **Life Groups** meet at various times and locations. Each group has a distinct character and atmosphere.

### Soul for young adults

meets on Thursdays at 6.30pm  
See Paul Sutton for more details

**All Age Group** next meets  
**Sun 18 Feb** at 4.30pm in The Link

**Link on Saturday** next meets  
**Sat 24 Feb** 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 & the Office.

## Office Opening Hours

Monday 10.00 - 11.30  
Tuesday 10.00 - 15.00  
Wed, Thu & Fri 10.00 - 11.30

## Contact Us

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Day Off: Saturday

**Children & Family Worker:**

Jo Snape ☎ 023 8039 9949

Day Off: Thursday

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