

Shirley Baptist Church

every day church for everywhere people

Shirley Baptist Church, Southampton, Registered Charity Number 1131764

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

Sunday 23 September

10.30 am Guest Service

Explore **The IF in LIFE**
What IF?

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

IF the only thing certain about Life is its uncertainty then how do we handle it? What if even in all LIFE'S UNCERTAINTIES we can be certain about what matters most?

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.

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, please 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.

Thursday 27 September

7.45pm

Open Church Prayer Meeting

In the Spurgeon Hall

As praying together as a Church is vital; our Weekly Life Groups are encouraged to close so that everyone is able to join us for an evening of sharing and prayer, as well as catching up on pastoral news and other matters.



Sunday 30 September



10.30 am Harvest Celebration Service

Leader: John Waldron

Preacher: Pastor Shaun Sweeney

Lord of The Harvest

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Pastoral Work:

Sheila co-ordinates our Pastoral Work. Please keep her informed of pastoral needs or concerns. ☎ 8036 0296

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

Upcoming Events

M & Ms Ladies Group

Wed 26 Sep 7.45pm in The Link
"Heart Felt Chirps"

A friendly group aimed at ladies 30-60 yrs. We meet once a month for coffee, making friends and learning new crafts.

Open Church Prayer Meeting

Thu 27 Sep 7.45pm Spurgeon Hall
Members and friends are invited for an evening of sharing and prayer, as well as catching up on pastoral news and other matters

Messy Church Sat 29 Sep 10.15am

A time of activities for all the family to explore the miracles recorded in the book of Luke, followed by an interactive time for all ages. At midday, we have a cooked lunch with our time ending at 12.30pm.

Children must be accompanied by an adult for the morning. We ask for a contribution of £1 per child and adults go free! Help yourself to an invite available in the Link and the hall.

For further please contact Rachel ✉ rachellmckeeman@gmail.com or Simon ✉ snwroe@hotmail.co.uk



Next Sunday we will Celebrate God's blessings on us.

There will be a **Harvest Lunch** following Morning Worship.

If you would like to stay for the lunch please see Sheila or Becky to sign up.

Decorating the Church

Gosia would be very grateful for money donations towards the flowers, donations of foliage, fruit & vegetables for the displays plus offers of help on Saturday 29 Sep.

It is a **Harvest Tradition** for everyone to bring donations of all sorts of food to help feed those who are hungry in our City. The donations are distributed via the Basics Bank. You do not need to buy brand names! Items urgently needed are: tinned hot & cold meat eg Spam, corned beef; vegetarian options eg macaroni cheese or bean meals; jar & packet sauces, tinned or packet soup, rice puddings, tinned fruit & vegetables inc potatoes. Please see Kirsty Cummins if you would be willing to help pack up the donations on Mon 1 October and/or take them to the Basics Bank Warehouse.



We are in need of more Welcomers and Stewards

If you would be willing to serve the Church in this vital role (on a rota basis) or would like more information, please see Ruth King.



Poppython

To remember the ending of WW1, we plan to decorate our church with *at least* 100 hand-made poppies.

How you can help:

Knit or Crochet some poppies - patterns are available in The Link and to download via our website

Donate black buttons - plain or fancy

Donate red and/or black wool!

Full or part balls, preferably DK, any type: acrylic, cotton or wool blend.

Christmas Is Coming!

Scratch Choir

We are once again putting together a Scratch Choir for our Christmas Services.



Calling All Musicians

We would also like to bring together a group of musicians to play for our Christmas services

Practices for the Scratch Choir and Musicians will be at church on various Sundays during the autumn, and dates will be announced in due course.

If you enjoy singing (even if you can't read music) or can play a musical instrument and would like to be involved, please speak to Kevin Ings or Rachel McKeeman.

Regular Activities for Adults

Bell Ringing Group

Monday 6pm in The Link
New members are always welcome.

Centering Prayer

Tue 7.00pm in the Church Lounge -
entrance via the rear of the church.

Wednesday Link Coffee Morning

10am - 12noon

Lunch Club

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 - 1.15pm

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

The Lighthouse

Wednesday 5.00-6.30pm
in the Carey Hall for School Years 1-6

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: 26 Sep, 24 Oct, 28 Nov

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. A list of all the groups is
available from the stewards.

All Age Link Group next meets
Sun 23 Sep at 4.30pm in The Link

Link on Saturday next meets
Sat 29 Sep 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
database / directory or have recently
moved house please complete a
Pastoral Database Information Form.
These 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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