

# 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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Pastor Shaun Sweeney is preaching  
at Velmore Chapel, Chandlers Ford

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## Sunday 2 December

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent

### 10.30 am Morning Worship with Communion



Leader: Kevin Ings

Preacher: Assistant Pastor Paul Sutton

*Christmas to a **+**: Christmas **T**iming*

**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.

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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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**Communion at SBC:** As part of our commitment to be 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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**Members of the Prayer Team** are available after Morning Worship. If you would like someone to pray with you, simply come to the front before you leave.

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**Refreshments are served in the Spurgeon Hall and The Link** after Morning Worship. We are a Fairtrade Church.



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## This Week's Church Office opening hours are:

Mon 10am -11.30am, Tue 10am -3pm, Wed, Thu & Fri 10am -11.30am

### 12.30pm Tue 4 December: Prayer Lunch in the Keeble Centre



Shaun and Paul will be sharing a time of prayer and a packed lunch. Anyone who would like to join them for all or part of the time is very welcome.

## Sunday 9 December

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent

National Day of Prayer for the UK Government & Brexit Negotiations

#### 10.30 am Morning Worship



Leader: Assistant Pastor Paul Sutton

Preacher: Pastor Shaun Sweeney

#### Fire! Groups

will be going out during this service

*Christmas to a †: Christmas †roubles*

#### 4.00pm Christmas Praise by candlelight

Followed by light refreshments

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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.

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### Job Vacancy

#### Vacancy at St James by the Park

Do you have a heart for children and families, a vision for working in local primary schools, and a passion for Jesus? St James by the Park are looking for a new Primary schools', families and children's lead person, an 18 hour a week post to facilitate their work amongst families and children in the local community.

Could you be that person, or do you know someone who could be?

For further details visit  
[www.stjamesbythepark.org](http://www.stjamesbythepark.org)

Applications should be received by 12 noon on Tuesday 4 December.

### Notices

**Scratch Choir Practices** will be held today at 3pm then Sun 9 & 16 Dec at 9.30am.

### Support for Others

**Could you provide a sleeping bag,** single duvet or blankets for one of our Homeless Friends?

Please see Ruth King if you can help in any way.

#### Communicare 10<sup>th</sup> Tree of Light

A tree in the Woolston Millennium Garden is lit up to commemorate lost loved ones & good causes. The names of those remembered will be sent to the Echo and published in our 'Book of Remembrance'. Minimum donation £7 per light. For more details and an application form contact ☎ 8021 6023

## Upcoming Events

Blue events are at SBC Black Events are Elsewhere

### O Come Emmanuel

A Service of Music and Readings for the First Sunday in Advent

**Today at 6.30pm**

St James Rd Methodist Church.

**Tuesday Afternoon Life Group will not be meeting on 4 December.**

The group will meet on 11 December then break for Christmas.

### Christmas in Shirley

Churches Together in Shirley & District

The **Shirley Shop Sheep Trail**

is now running.



### Prayer Lunch

**Tue 4 Dec 12.30 Keeble Centre**

Join Shaun and Paul for a time of prayer and a packed lunch.

Anyone who would like to join for all or part of the time is very welcome.

### Messy Church

**Sat 8 Dec 10.15am**

**Come on a Journey to Bethlehem!**

Activities for all the family, followed by an interactive time for all ages as we talk about the story, then a light lunch with our time ending at 12.30pm. Children must be accompanied by an adult for the morning. Suggested donation £1 per child and adults go free! Invites are available in the Link and the hall. For further details contact Rachel McKeeman or Simon Wroe

### EVening Fellowship

**Tue 11 Dec 7.00pm**

Please note the Earlier Time

**Christmas Celebration:**

Fun, food & Fellowship!

Please remember your donations for Basics Bank

A reminder to members of

**M & Ms Ladies Group**

**Wed 12 Dec** is our Christmas Meal

### Christmas in Shirley

Churches Together in Shirley & District

**Sat 22 Dec** (moved from 16 Dec)

**Craft Afternoon 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 Shirley Precinct.

Refreshments will be available after at The Salvation Army.



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**New Year's Eve: Mon 31 Dec**

Join us to celebrate the end of 2018 and welcome in 2019!

**Bring and Share Supper 9.30pm**

For all ages (including children) and will include a quiz and singing.

**Watch Night Service 11.15pm**

**'Starting the New Year Right'**

A service Praise and Worship ending at about 12.05am

If you would like to attend but need help with transport, please see Brenda Greenwood.

### New Prayer Opportunity

Coming Soon!

**Talk - Eat - Pray**

**Monday 28 January**

12 noon in The Link

An opportunity to eat lunch together, talk about Mission in our church, our community and the world, then pray together.

## Regular Activities for Adults

### Bell Ringing Group

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

### 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

## 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.

## Prayer Opportunities

### Centering Prayer 7.00pm

**Every Tuesday** in the Church Lounge - entrance via the rear of the church.

### Prayer Lunch

**Tue 4 Dec 12.30** Keeble Centre

Join Shaun and Paul for a time of prayer and a packed lunch. Anyone who would like to join for all or part of the time is very welcome.

### Open Church Prayer Meeting

**Thu 28 Feb 7.45pm** Spurgeon Hall  
Join us for an evening of sharing and prayer, as well as catching up on pastoral news and other matters.

## Regular Activities for Children, Young People & Families

### Tuesday Parent & Toddler Group

The Link opens for coffee at 9.15am  
The group runs 10.00 - 11.30am

### The Lighthouse (School Years 1-6)

Wed 5.00-6.30pm via Carey Hall

### Well on Wednesday (Years 7-10)

7.00 to 8.30pm via 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: 16 Jan, 20 Feb, 20 Marp*

## 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 to a new house, please complete a Pastoral Database Information Form. These are available from the stewards & the Office.

## Contact Us

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