

# 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 17 March

### 10.30am Morning Worship



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Leader: Jill Waldron

Preacher: Pastor Shaun Sweeney

**Music to the Ears: Only Fools Rush In**  
Psalm 14

**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.

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.

If you would like someone to pray with you, simply come to the front before you leave.

**Refreshments are served in The Link** after Morning Worship.

We are a Fairtrade Church.



**This week's Church Office Hours are:**

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

# Sunday 24 March

## 10.30am Morning Worship



Leader: Pastor Shaun Sweeney

Preacher: Assistant Pastor Paul Sutton

## Music to the Ears

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**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 one of our Pastors. Please contact the office with updates & thanksgiving news.

### For Sale

**Single adjustable bed** & mattress in good condition £160  
Please see Sandy Cooke

### Notices

Regretfully, after much prayer and discussion, the **Evening Fellowship has now closed**. It has faithfully served the church for 40 years but is no longer supported enough to continue. Christine Evans

**Easter is Coming! Sunday 21 April**  
**Could You sponsor an egg** for a child in our Toddler Group or Fire! Activity Groups?  
Each egg costs just £1 & comes with an Easter Story-Activity Booklet.



### Financial Year-End:

The church financial year ends on 31 March, would all those who have expense claims or outstanding monies, which need to be counted towards the current financial year e.g. BMS globes, Home Mission boxes, Gift Aid forms etc., please hand them to Anne or Dave Richards (Church Treasurer) as soon as possible please. Thank you.

### Easter Decorations

Could you make a donation of money towards the flowers?  
Offers of help to decorate the Church would also be much appreciated by Gosia & the Flower Arranging Team!

### Donations

**Please contact the church office if you have items that you are considering donating, before bringing them** so that we can direct you to the appropriate organisation to receive your kind gifts. *Thank you.*

**Mini Market** are accepting donations of **ladies' clothing**. Please bring donations on Fri 26 April 5-7pm.

**We are not accepting donations of men's clothing or shoes.**

**Donations of Waterproof Coats and Sleeping bags** are needed for our Homeless Friends.

Please pass your donations to Ruth King or Linda Johnson

**Childsplay Romania** are collecting **children's clothes and shoes** and any **knitted items, including blankets.**

**Basics Bank are in urgent need** of small jars of coffee and tinned meat e.g. ham, corned beef etc.  
Donations can be left in the box in the Tower Stairwell.

## Upcoming Events

Blue events are at SBC Black Events are Elsewhere

### M & Ms Ladies Group

**Wed 20 March** 7.45pm in The Link  
*Cross Stitch Book Marks*

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

### Quiz for Down's Syndrome Assoc

**Fri 22 Mar** 7.30pm Spurgeon Hall  
Tickets £10 inc ploughman's supper.  
Teams of up to 8 people. Soft drinks available for a donation. Please contact Karen Stevens for tickets.

☎ 8077 7828 or ☎ 077 6526 3070

### Communicare Vintage & Craft Fair

**Sat 23 Mar** 11.00am - 2.30pm  
Victory Centre, Portswood Road.  
Come along for vintage wares, artisan products, crafts, handmade cakes & live music.

### Love Southampton Chaplaincy Information Evening

**Tue 26 Mar** 7.30pm  
Portswood Church, SO17 2FY  
Come along to find out what being a chaplain involves & discover the various opportunities for serving our City.

### Church Members' Meeting

**Thu 28 Mar** 7.45pm Spurgeon Hall  
All Members are encouraged to attend. If you are not a member or are unable to attend, please pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance during the evening. Copies of minutes are available from the church office.

### Doug Horley "Bubble Party"

**Fri 29 Mar** 6-7.30pm at King's School, Allington Lane, Fair Oak, SO50 7DB  
Fun in the playground starts at 5pm with refreshments available before the concert, including tasty hot dogs, candy floss, popcorn and drinks.  
Tickets £5 per person, available from the school office: ☎ 023 8060 0986

### Messy Church

**Sat 30 March** 10.15am - 12.30pm  
**Mothers & Others: Mary**

A time of activities for all the family to explore a Bible story together, followed by a light lunch.  
Recommended donation £1 per child (Adults go free! Children must be accompanied by an adult.)  
Help yourself to an invite available in the Link. For details contact Rachel McKeeman or the church office.

### Link on Saturday

**30 March** 3-5pm in The Link

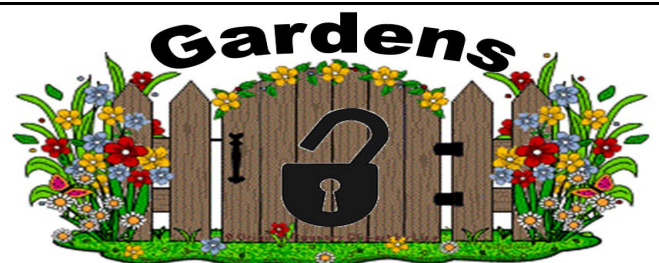
A monthly group for families, couples and individuals who find it difficult to meet at other times. See Clint Zvavamwe for details.

### Comedy Night:

#### Andy Kind - Hidden in Plain Sight

**Sat 30 March** 8pm Great Oaks School, Vermont Close, SO16 7LT

Andy Kind is an award-winning comedian, one of the pioneers behind the wave of *Clean Comedy* hitting the UK circuit. Andy explores the theme of life & meaning through clean stories & jokes. This event is for people aged 14 and over only. Refreshments available in the interval. Tickets £8 available from: [www.calvarysoton.org.uk/andykind](http://www.calvarysoton.org.uk/andykind)



### Gardens Unlocked - Hosts Wanted

Our very own open garden scheme is now in its 9th year! Could you open your garden to visitors from our fellowship this spring or summer? Please contact Paul Thomson

☎ 074 7017 5553

## Life Groups

Secure in Our Saviour:  
Opportunities for Personal Growth

### Tuesday Afternoon Life Group

2pm in The Link

### Thursday Morning Life Group

10am for a 10.30 start in The Link

### Thursday Evening Life Groups

Meet at various locations - Please ask the stewards for more information

### SOUL Group for young adults

Thursday 6:30pm at Paul & Laura's

### Sunday Life Group 6.30pm

See Pete & Jane Rackham for details

Our **All Age Life Group** next meets on Sun 31 March at 4pm in The Link

**Link on Saturday** next meets on Sat 30 March at 3pm in The Link

## Prayer Opportunities

### Prayer Lunch

**Tue 2 Apr** 12.30pm 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.

## Weekly Activities for Adults

### Bell Ringing Group

Monday 6pm in The Link

New members are very welcome!

### Wednesday Link Coffee Morning

10am - 12noon

### Thursday Lunch Club

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

## Weekly 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)

Wednesday 5.00-6.30pm Carey Hall

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

Wednesday 7.00-8.30pm via The Link

## Monthly Activities

**Evening Fellowship** has now closed

### M & Ms Ladies Group

Wednesdays: 20 Mar, 14 Apr, 15 May  
7.45pm 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 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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