

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.

Mothing Sunday 31 March

10.30am Morning Worship

Leader: Kevin Ings

Preacher: Pastor Shaun Sweeney

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

12.30pm Tuesday 2 April

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 7 April

10.30am Morning Worship with Communion



Leader: Jill Waldron

Preacher: Pastor Shaun Sweeney

**Easter Sermon Series: Crossroads
Deciding Destiny** Matthew 7:13-14

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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 will be available in the pews if you would like to donate to this fund.

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.

Notices

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!

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.

Ground-floor Room to Rent Urgently Needed

for use as podiatry & holistic therapies clinic base. If you have a ground-floor spare room with storage space for a bookcase, chest of drawers, & an equipment trolley, please ring Karen Hughes ☎ 077 7927 0675



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.

Organisation accounts:

Please would organisation treasurers complete their accounting records for the year ended 31/3/2019 and pass to Dave Richards for examination as soon as possible. Thank you.

Upcoming Events

Blue events are at SBC Black Events are Elsewhere

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.

Young Church Leaders' Meeting

Sat 6 April 9.30am in The Link

M & Ms Ladies Group

Wed 17 April 7.45pm in The Link

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

CROSSROADS



Deciding Destiny

ROADS leading to and from the CROSS on which Jesus died makes of it a 'CROSSROADS' that truly determines destiny.

We are following Christ to the CROSS this Easter, to be sure of arriving at the destination the ROAD we are travelling is certain to bring us to.

Palm Sunday 14 April

Morning Worship 10.30am

Praise @ 4pm

followed by afternoon tea

Maundy Thursday 18 April

Baptist Cluster Churches' Supper

6.30pm Hosted by Freemantle Baptist Church, Testwood Rd

An informal time together over a simple meal with worship, a short message and communion.

Good Friday 19 April

Morning Meditation 10am

CTiS 1-Man Passion Play

12noon in Shirley Precinct

Easter Sunday 21 April

Worship Celebration for All Ages 10.30am

New Dawn Child Contact Centre

AGM Thu 25 April 7.30pm

Refreshments in the Link from 7pm
This is a chance to hear about the important work that has been done over the last year, serving disadvantaged children in our community, and to agree plans for the coming year. The AGM itself is usually 30-40 minutes and is open to all; However, can I encourage Church Members in particular to be present, as Shirley Baptist Church is the New Dawn's governing body, and we value your support and input. *Jane Rackham, Chair of the Management Committee*

Open Church Prayer Meeting Thu

25 April 8.15pm in the 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.

Mini Market

Sat 27 April 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

Talk - Eat - Pray

Mon 29 April 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.

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

We will be closed on Tue 2 April

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 28 April at 4pm in The Link

Link on Saturday next meets

on Sat 27 April at 3pm in The Link

Prayer Opportunities

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Weekly Activities for Adults

Bell Ringing Group

Monday 6.30pm 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

Regretfully, after much prayer and discussion, the **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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