

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.

We extend a Special Welcome to the family and friends of
Flaviu Nicolae Zmical who is being Baptised today.

We extend a Special Welcome to **George & Olesea Urzeală**
and their family & friends **as they present their son David to the Lord.**

Sunday 28 April

10.30am Morning Worship including
Infant Presentation & Believer's Baptism
Preacher: Pastor Shaun Sweeney
Climbing to the Top: Genesis 28:10-22

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

Fellowship Lunch to mark the start of Shaun's Sabbatical.

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.

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.



12noon

Monday 29 April

Talk - Eat - Pray in The Link

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



Sunday 5 May

10.30am

Morning Worship with Communion

Fire!

Groups

will be in the halls during this service

Leader: John Waldron

Preacher: Assistant Pastor Paul Sutton

The Greatest Story: In The Beginning



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.

Pastoral Work: Sheila who coordinates our Pastoral Work, will be away from Wednesday 2 - Saturday 4 May.

If you have urgent pastoral concerns, please contact Assistant Pastor Paul Sutton. Please contact the office with updates & thanksgiving news.

This week's Church Office Hours are:

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

Notices

Notice of Elections to the Ministry Team:

We are seeking nominations of baptised church members over the age of 18 to serve as members of the Ministry Team and therefore Charity Trustees for a period of three years. *Brenda Greenwood, Kevin Ings, and Clint Zvavamwe* are due for re-election and are prepared to stand again. Nominations must be submitted in writing with the supporting signature of two other church members and the consent of the candidate. Nominations must be received by the Office no later than two Sundays prior to the AGM on Thu 23 May which is Sun 12 May. Nomination forms are available from Brenda Greenwood or the Church Office. No nominee is elected unless supported by at least 2/3 of the members present at the AGM and entitled to vote and voting. There is no postal or proxy voting.

Taste, See And Follow Course: Mon 13 & 20 May, 3, 10, 17 & 24 June

I am looking for someone (or more than one!) who would kindly do a light lunch for the six weeks of this course. Light lunch could mean something like soup and roll plus fruit, or a sandwich plus yoghurt - and tea/coffee. All expenses are covered, just keep your receipt. We plan to eat at 12.30pm

Thank You. *Brenda Greenwood*

Upcoming Events

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.

Prayer Lunch

Tue 7 May 12.30pm Keeble Centre
Paul will be sharing 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 11 May from 10.15am
Moses and the Great Escape!
A time of activities for all the family to explore a Bible story together, followed by an interactive time for all ages as we talk about the story. 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 details contact Rachel McKeeman, Simon Wroe or the church office.

Over 85s Tea Party

Sat 11 May 3.30pm Spurgeon Hall
Please pray for the older folk in our fellowship as they meet together

Taste, See And Follow Course:

Mon 13 & 20 May, 3, 10, 17 & 24 June
Come and join this 6-week course to find out more about what Christians believe, and how you can have or deepen your own faith. We will meet in the Carey Hall at 12.30pm beginning with a light lunch. For more information please see Brenda Greenwood.

M & Ms Ladies Group

Wed 15 May 7.45pm in The Link
Have a go at Wire & Beaded Jewellery
A friendly group aimed at ladies 30-60 yrs. We meet once a month for coffee, making friends and learning new crafts.

Bluebird Care Tea Dance

For Dementia Action Week
Sat 18 May 1.30pm Spurgeon Hall
A wonderful afternoon of good food and music! To book a place or to request transport please ring Bluebird Care by 30 April ☎ 8001 8221

Board Games Evening

Sat 18 May 6.30pm Spurgeon Hall
An informal way of getting to know people & deepening relationships and as an opportunity to bring friends to a church group. Bring along your favourite game or choose from the huge selection the Insley Family have! For more information, please speak to Tim & Naomi at church or ✉ insleys@hotmail.co.uk

Holiday at Home

Volunteers Meeting

Mon 20 May 7.30pm in The Link

Church Annual General Meeting

Thu 23 May 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.

Childsplay Romania

Table Top Sale Sat 25 May

Come along to grab a bargain and support under-privileged children in Romania

Link on Saturday

Sat 25 May 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.

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 12 May at 4pm in The Link

Link on Saturday next meets
on Sat 25 May 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

M & Ms Ladies Group
Wednesdays: 15 May, 26 June,
24 July at 7.45pm in The Link

Board Games Evening 6.30-8.30pm
Saturdays: 18 May, 15 June & 13 July

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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