

# 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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## Sunday 5 May

**10.30am Morning Worship** with Communion



Leader: John Waldron

Preacher: Assistant Pastor Paul Sutton

**The Greatest Story:  
In The Beginning**

**Fire!**

**Groups**

will be in the  
halls during  
this service

**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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**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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**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!

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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.

**Refreshments are served in The Link** after Morning Worship.  
We are a Fairtrade Church.





**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.

## Sunday 12 May

**10.30am**

### Morning Worship



Leader: Jill Waldron

Preacher: Assistant Pastor Paul Sutton

**The Greatest Story:  
The Fallout from the Fall**

**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.

**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 Assistant Pastor Paul Sutton. Please contact the office with updates & thanksgiving news.

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

**Mon 6 May CLOSED 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 **today**. 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

Blue events are at SBC Black Events are Elsewhere



### Childsplay Romania Plant Sales

A range of bedding plants, shrubs and vegetable plants are now on sale at 9 Burgess Road SO16 7NY 10am to 8pm until the end of May

### Prayer Lunch

**Tue 7 May 12.30pm** Keeble Centre

Join Paul for all or part of the time. Bring your own lunch!

### 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: Starts Mon 13 May

Then 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 will not be meeting on Sat 25 May**

## 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 29 June at 3pm Venue TBC

## Prayer Opportunities

### Prayer Lunch - Tue 4 June

### Open Church Prayer Meeting

Thu 27 June 7.45pm Spurgeon Hall

### Talk - Eat - Pray

Mon 29 July 12 noon in The Link

## 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

### Pastor Shaun Sweeney

is currently on sabbatical

### Assistant Pastor: Paul Sutton

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### Children's Group Co-Ordinator

Laura Sutton (Mon & Wed afternoon)

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