

# 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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**We extend a Special Welcome to the Family and Friends of  
Adelaide Zvavamwe who is being Baptised today.**

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## Sunday 24 November

**10.30am Morning Worship**  
with Believer's Baptism  
Leaders: Paul & Laura Sutton  
Preacher: Shaun Sweeney

**Fire! Groups**  
are going out  
and will finish  
at 12noon.

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Our **Fire! Activity Groups** cover all ages from babies to teenagers!  
Visiting children are welcome - a welcomer will show you the way!

**Crèche** (birth to 2 years) meets in the Church Lounge. Please use left door at the end of the aisle. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Flickers** (children 2-4 years old) meets in the Church Lounge.  
Please use the right door at the end of the aisle.

**Sparklers** (Yrs R-2) meet in the Carey Hall (accessed via the Spurgeon Hall).

**Rockets** (Yrs 3-6) meet in the Spurgeon Hall.

**Children need to be signed in and out of each session by a parent.**

**Flame** (Yrs 7-11) meets in the Keeble Centre. Young People do not need to be signed in and will be returned to the Link at 12noon by their Leaders.

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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!



**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 Link** after Morning Worship.  
We are a Fairtrade Church.



**7.45pm**

## **Thu 28 Nov Open Church Prayer Meeting**

**Focus on Youth & Children's Work** in the Spurgeon Hall

As praying together as a Church is vital; our Thursday Evening Life Groups will be closed so that everyone is able to join us for an evening of sharing and prayer, as well as catching up on pastoral news and other matters.



## **Sunday 1 December** **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent**

**10.30am Morning Worship** with Communion

Leader: John Waldron

Preacher: Paul Sutton

**Christmas ... That Time of Year**  
A Time of Waiting

**Fire! Groups**

are going out  
and will finish  
at 12noon.



## **Christmas ... That TIME of Year**

That TIME of year when children get excited  
and parents get exhausted.

When lights turn on and patience gets turned off.

When bells jingle, crackers crack  
and turkeys run and hide.

That TIME when God  
moved into the neighbourhood  
and introduced Himself in person.

That TIME of year when we invite you  
to come and join us in celebrating  
Him who stepped out of eternity  
and into TIME so that we might  
eternally have the TIME of our lives.

### **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 Pastor Shaun Sweeney. Please contact the office with updates & thanksgiving news.

Church Office Hours: Monday 10 - 11.30am, Tuesday 10am - 3pm  
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 10 - 11.30am

## Upcoming Events

**Blue events** are at SBC **Black Events** are Elsewhere



### Question Time

For Southampton Test constituency

Your candidates. Your questions.

**Wed 27 November 8pm**

St James Road Methodist Church

**Everyone welcome**

Questions to be submitted in advance

✉ ShirleyQuestionTime@gmail.com



### Open Church Prayer Meeting Focus on Youth & Children's Work

**Thu 28 Nov 7.45pm Spurgeon Hall**

**Evening Life Groups are closed**

Everyone is encouraged to attend an evening of sharing and prayer, as well as catching up on pastoral news and other matters.



### BLOW Saxophone

**Ensemble** in partnership with Hope Now

**Friday 29 November 7.30pm**

St James by the Park Church  
come along to hear a diverse range of music all designed to show off the vibrancy of a group of saxes.

Free Admission.

There will be a retiring offering towards the work of Hope Now.



### Link on Saturday

**30 November 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.



### Christmas Party

**Sat 30 Nov 5-7pm**

Tickets available from Sheila Price.  
£3 adults & £1 children

### Prayer Lunch

**Tue 3 Dec 12.30pm Keeble Centre**

Join Shaun & Paul with your packed lunch! Everyone is very welcome.

### Christmas Messy Church

**Sat 7 Dec 10.15am - 12.30pm**

Fun, Food & Friendship for All Ages!  
Crafts, Activities & The Nativity Story followed by a light lunch.

Suggested Donation £1 per Child  
(Children must be accompanied by an adult)  
To book a place use the sign-up sheet in The Link or contact the Church Office ☎ 8039 9949

### Decorate for Christmas!

A team of volunteers are needed on **Saturday 7 December from 1pm.**

If you can help, please contact David McKeeman: ☎ 8052 8432 or ✉ dvhmac@btinternet.com

A reminder to members of **M & Ms Ladies Group**  
**Wed 11 Dec** is our Christmas Meal



### Christmas Tree Festival

**Sat 14 December 10am - 5pm**

**Sun 15 December 2 - 4pm**

Come and meet Nick Girdler (former Radio Solent Presenter) who will judge the trees at 2.30pm on Saturday. There will also be children's crafts, refreshments and stalls!

Free entry with donations towards orphan work in Ukraine.



### Board Games Evening

**Sat 14 Dec 6.30pm Spurgeon Hall**

Get to know people & deepen relationships. Bring friends to a church group. Bring along your favourite game or choose from the selection the Insley Family have! For more information, please speak to Tim & Naomi at church or ✉ insleys@hotmail.co.uk

## Life Groups

### Life Groups in The Link:

**Tuesdays** 2pm

**Thursdays** 10am for 10.30 start

**Thursdays** 7.30pm

### Thursday Evening Life Groups

meet at various locations

### SOUL Group for young adults

Thursday 6:30pm at Paul & Laura's

### Sunday Life Group 6.30pm

See Pete & Jane Rackham for details

### All Age Life Group next meets on

**Sun 17 Nov** at 4pm in The Link

### Link on Saturday next meets on

**Sat 30 Nov** at 3pm

## Weekly Activities for Adults

### Bell Ringing Group

**Monday** 6.30pm in The Link

### Wednesday Link Coffee Morning

10am - 12noon

### Thursday Get Together

2pm in The Link

### Friday Link Coffee Morning

**29 Nov Revised Times:**

11am - 12.15pm

### Friday Friendship Club

1.45pm Spurgeon Hall

Speakers, entertainment,  
refreshments and friendship

## Weekly Activities for Children, Young People & Families

### Parent & Toddler Group

**Tuesdays during term time**

The Link opens for coffee at 9.15am

The group runs 10.00 - 11.30am

### The Lighthouse

For children in school years 1-6

5-6.30pm Carey Hall

### The Well

For young people in Years 7-10

7-8.30pm The Link

## Prayer Opportunities

### Open Church Prayer Meeting

**Thu 28 Nov** 7.45pm Spurgeon Hall

### Prayer Lunch - Tue 3 December

### Talk - Eat - Pray

**Mon 27 Jan** 12 noon in The Link

## Monthly Activities

### M & Ms Ladies Group 7.45pm

Wednesdays 11 Dec, 22 Jan, 26 Feb

### Board Games Evening 6.30-8.30pm

Saturdays 14 Dec, 18 Jan, 15 Feb

## Church Directory & Database

The church office maintains a *strictly confidential* database of all members and regular attendees.

We encourage all those who have recently joined us or moved to a new house to complete a Pastoral Database Information Form available from the stewards & the Office.

The Church Directory includes photos of our adults to help you get to know others; copies are available from the Church Office.

## Contact Us

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