


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 8 December 2nd Sunday in Advent

10.30am	Morning Worship	Fire! Groups
	Leader: Jill Waldron Preacher: Shaun Sweeney	are going out and will finish at 12noon.
	Christmas ... That Time of Year A Time of Worrying	

4.00pm		A more traditional style of service followed by afternoon tea
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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.

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

Flickers (children 2-4 years old) meets in the Church Lounge.

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

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

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.

God Loves A Cheerful Giver - Especially if you can *giftaid* it!

We do not take up a collection during the service. There are offering boxes at the end of each aisle. Envelopes are available for one-off donations which are eligible for Gift Aid.

If you wish to give regularly please see Anne or Dave Richards.



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.



Sunday 15 December 3rd Sunday in Advent

10.30am A No Rehearsal Nativity

Children are encouraged to come dressed as an angel, shepherd, wiseman or farm animal. Everyone is Welcome!

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.



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 10 - 11.30am, **Friday 13 December – Closed**

The office will close for Christmas at 11.30am on Thu 19 December and will reopen at 10am on Thu 2 January.



**No child should feel abandoned at Christmas.
That's where you come in ...**

It is a tradition in our fellowship to write **one** card and pin it on the Christmas tree in The Link.

Put the money you save in one of the envelopes available in the pews, then drop it in the offering box to be sent to Spurgeons Christmas Appeal.

Upcoming Events

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

Afternoon Life Group will meet in The Link on **Tue 10 Dec** & reopen on **Tue 7 Jan**

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

Morning Life Group will meet in the Keeble Centre on **Thursdays 12 & 19 December**



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

Christmas Celebration & Carols
Sat 21 Dec 11am in Shirley Precinct
Run by Churches Together in Shirley & District

Sunday 22 December

Morning Worship 10.30am

A Time of Wondering

Carols by Candlelight 6.30pm

A Time of Witnessing

Followed by light refreshments

Tuesday 24 December

Midnight Service 11.15pm

A Time of Wandering

Refreshments in The Link from 10.30pm

Christmas Day

Celebration for All Ages 10am

A Time of Welcoming

Sunday 29 December

Morning Worship 10.30am

A Time of Worshipping

Prayer Lunch Tue 7 January
12.30pm 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.

Safeguarding Training for all those involved in work with children, young people or vulnerable adults.

Sat 11 January – Please see Laura Sutton for further details.

SOOS

Seeing Our Saviour Serving Our Shirley

20/20 Vision Weekend

Sat 18 & Sun 19 January

More information is in Shaun's Christmas Letter which is enclosed.

Church Members' Meeting

Thu 23 Jan 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.

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 15 Dec at 4pm in The Link

Link on Saturday next meets on

Sat 25 Jan 2020 at 3pm

Weekly Activities for Adults

Bell Ringing Group

Monday 6.30pm in The Link

Wednesday Link Coffee Morning

10am - 12noon (Term Time Only)

Thursday Get Together

2pm in The Link

Friday Link Coffee Morning

11am - 1.15pm

Friday Friendship Club

1.45pm Spurgeon Hall

Speakers, entertainment,
refreshments and friendship

Term Time Activities for Children, Young People & Families

Parent & Toddler Group

Tuesdays

The Link opens for coffee at 9.15am

The group runs 10.00 - 11.30am

The Lighthouse - Wednesdays

For children in school years 1-6

5-6.30pm in the Carey Hall

The Well - Wednesdays

For young people in Years 7-10

7-8.30pm in The Link

Prayer Opportunities

20/20 Vision Weekend

Day of Prayer Sat 18 Jan 9am-3pm

Talk - Eat - Pray

Mon 27 Jan 12 noon in The Link

Open Church Prayer Meeting

Thu 27 Feb 7.45pm Spurgeon Hall

Monthly Activities

M & Ms Ladies Group 7.45pm

Wednesdays 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.

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