

Shirley Baptist Church

every day church for everywhere people

Shirley Baptist Church, Southampton, Registered Charity Number 1131764

We welcome you to worship this Christmas Time!

We hope you will feel at home with us.

Sunday 22 December 4th Sunday in Advent

10.30am Morning Worship

Leader: Kevin Ings

Preacher: Shaun Sweeney

Christmas ... That Time of Year
A Time of Wondering



Fire! Groups

are going out
and will finish
at 12noon.

6.30pm Carols by Candlelight followed by light refreshments

Preacher: Paul Sutton

Christmas ... That Time of Year
A Time of Witnessing

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.



11.15pm Tuesday 24 December



Refreshments will be served in The Link from 10.30pm

Midnight Service

Christmas ... That Time of Year

A Time of Wandering

10.00am Christmas Day



Celebration for All Ages

Christmas ... That Time of Year

A Time of Welcoming

Sunday 29 December

10.30am Morning Worship



Leader: Kevin Ings

Preacher: Simon Wroe

Christmas ... That Time of Year

A Time of Worshipping

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.



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.

Volunteering Opportunities

Wednesday Link Coffee is in *urgent need of a car driver* to help run the sessions in the absence of Jane & Pete Rackham. If you can serve the church in this way please see Margaret Jay or Kirsty Cummins.

Volunteers are needed to join the Sunday Morning Coffee Rota.

Please see Kirsty Cummins if you can serve the church in this vital ministry.

Upcoming Events

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

The Church Office will re-open at 10am on **Thursday 2 January**
Eveline, Hannah, Kirsty, Lyn & Ruth wish you all a Very Merry Christmas!

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.

Tuesday Afternoon Life Group reopens on **Tue 7 Jan**

Safeguarding Training takes place on **Sat 11 Jan** for all those involved in work with children, young people or vulnerable adults. Please see Laura Sutton for further details.

Board Games Evening on 18 January has been cancelled

M & Ms Ladies Group

Wed 22 Jan 7.45pm in The Link
"Flower Power"

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

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.

Murder Mystery Evening

Sat 25 Jan 7.00pm

Come and enjoy an evening of intrigue and drama as we enjoy a **bring and share supper** together and try to work out who amongst us is a murderer! Look out for clues, ask questions, listen to what you hear and make accusations. All in good fun, of course. Free to come, but a donation is needed to leave!!
More information to follow.



Seeing Our Saviour
Serving Our Shirley

20/20 Vision Weekend

Saturday 18 January

Prayer Day: 9am - 3pm

Everyone is encouraged to visit the church, even for just 15 minutes, to pray into the life of the fellowship and community

Church Fayre: 3pm - 4pm

Come along to find out about all the groups and activities run by the church for the fellowship & the community.

The Fayre will end with a refreshment break, followed by a **Time of Worship** at **4.30pm** with a short message from God's Word.

Sunday 19 January

10.30am Morning Worship

Pastor Shaun Sweeney will speak more into our **20/20 Vision** of **Seeing Our Saviour**.

There will be the opportunity to contribute to our **Gift Day** to help to make this vision a reality.

Talk - Eat - Pray: Mon 27 Jan

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.

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 Rackham for details

All Age Life Group next meets on

Sun 12 Jan at 4pm in The Link

Link on Saturday next meets on

Sat 25 Jan at 3pm

Weekly Activities for Adults

Bell Ringing Group is now closed for a winter break. Reopens Mon 2 March

Wednesday Link Coffee Morning

is unlikely to be running in January unless more volunteers come forward

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

Re-starts **Tuesday 21 Jan**

The Link opens for coffee at 9.15am

The group runs 10.00 - 11.30am

The Lighthouse

Re-starts **Wed 15 Jan**

For children in school years 1-6

5-6.30pm in the Carey Hall

The Well re-starts **Wed 15 Jan**

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, 25 Mar

Board Games Evening 6.30-8.30pm

Saturdays 15 Feb, 21 Mar, 18 Apr

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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