

# 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 2 February

**10.30am Morning Worship** with Communion

Leader: Pastor Shaun Sweeney

Preacher: Assistant Pastor Paul Sutton

**Fire! Groups**

are going out & finish at 12noon.

**A Look Behind the Scenes:** Esther Chapter 2

*God preparing Esther for what He is preparing her for.*

Esther knows nothing of the events taking place in the palace, but without her knowing it, God is at work getting things ready for what He's put her there for.

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**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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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.

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

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.

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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.

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**Refreshments are served in The Link** after Morning Worship.

**We are a Fairtrade Church** and are pleased to inform you that we use Clipper brand teas, which are being upgraded to plastic-free teabags.



**12.30pm Tuesday 4 February**



**Prayer Lunch** 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.

## Sunday 9 February

**10.30am Morning Worship**

Leader: Assistant Pastor Paul Sutton

Preacher: Pastor Shaun Sweeney

**Fire! Groups**

are going out & finish at 12noon.

**A Look Behind the Scenes:** Esther Chapter 3

*When our enemies have it in for us, God will be there for us.*

Haman personifies everyone who has tried to exterminate the people of God. The hatred of Israel and the persecution of The Church will always be the goal of those who try to take God on.

**4.00pm**

Praise @ 4pm

**A more traditional style of service** followed by afternoon tea

**4.30pm All Age Life Group** meets in the **Keeble Centre**

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



**The Real Easter Egg Collection has been launched (or should that be laid!):** There are five types of Real Easter Eggs available, all with new content. Each egg has an edition of the Easter story included. Both the Original and Dark eggs are plastic free, and all our chocolate is Palm Oil free.

**Original** Milk Chocolate 150g Egg (£3.99) **Dark Chocolate 165g Egg** (£5.50)

**Special Edition** Milk Chocolate 200g Egg (£8.50) includes a holding cross keyring

**Sharing Box** (£30) 30 high quality, midi chocolate eggs and 30 fold out 'colour in' Easter story/activity posters

**Fun Pack** (£5.00) 6 midi chocolate eggs and a 24 page Easter story-activity book.

You can also choose to **donate an Original Egg to a foodbank** for just £3.20

**Please contact the Church Office to order yours!**

## Upcoming Events

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

### **Baptist Cluster Prayer Breakfast**

**Saturday 8 February** 8.30-10am

at Central Baptist Church

Share fellowship together over breakfast and then pray for the Baptist churches in our local area. **Numbers to David**

**Masters by 5pm on Thu 6 Feb please!**

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### **Basics Bank Meeting**

**Thu 13 Feb** in the Spurgeon Hall

**Revised Start Time 7.00pm**

Our evening Life Groups will be closed so that everyone can come along to hear about our proposed new venture with Southampton City Mission's Basics Bank.

**Messy Church** will not be running on **Saturday 15 February**

### **Board Games Evening**

**Sat 15 Feb** 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

### **Parent & Toddler Group**

**Tue 18 Feb** Closed for Half Term

### **The Lighthouse**

**Wed 19 Feb** Closed for Half Term

### **The Well**

**Wed 19 Feb** Closed for Half Term

### **Childsplay Romania Pancakes & Fun**

**Wed 19 Feb** 2-4pm Spurgeon Hall

Entrance £1 (includes one pancake) 50p for each extra pancake.

Children must be supervised at all times by an accompanying adult.

### **M & Ms Ladies Group**

**Wed 26 Feb** 7.45pm in The Link

*"Brooches and Key Rings"*

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

### **Open Church Prayer Meeting**

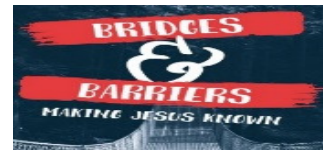
**Thu 27 Feb** 7.45pm Spurgeon Hall

Our evening Life Groups will be closed so that everyone can attend for an evening of sharing and prayer, as well as catching up on pastoral news and other matters.

### **Link on Saturday**

**Sat 29 Feb** 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.



### **Bridges & Barriers**

Solent Women's Conference

**Sat 14 March** 10am - 4:15pm

Horndean Technology College, PO8 9PQ

Come for a day of encouragement, equipping and fellowship as we look at God's word together and learn how we can be better evangelists for Christ and faithfully proclaim the gospel in our everyday lives. Entry £16 (includes conference materials plus refreshments on arrival & during both breaks). Bring a packed lunch! Please see Laura Sutton for a booking form or for details of how to register online.

### **Key Register Update**

#### **Please would all key holders**

contact Kirsty in the Church Office so that we can update our Key Register. Please return any key(s) no longer required in person or in an envelope with your name on.

## 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 9 Feb** at 4pm **Keeble Centre**

### Link on Saturday next meets on

**Sat 29 Feb** at 3pm

## Weekly Activities for Adults

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

### Wednesday Link Coffee Morning

Reopens on 22 Jan 10am – 12noon

### 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 in Term Time

The Link opens for coffee at 9.15am

The group runs 10.00 - 11.30am

### The Lighthouse

Wednesdays in Term Time

For children in school years 1-6

5-6.30pm in the Carey Hall

### The Well

Wednesdays in Term Time

For young people in Years 7-10

7-8.30pm in The Link

## Prayer Opportunities

### 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 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.

## Contact Us

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