

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 16 February

10.30am Morning Worship

Leader: Brenda Greenwood

Preacher: Pastor Shaun Sweeney

Fire! Groups

are going out &
finish at 12noon

A Look Behind the Scenes: Esther Chapter 4

In the hour of crisis only God can meet the need.

God had so planned it that Esther should be in her place as queen in Persia at just the right time to bring about the exact result God wanted.

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 *giftaidit!*

We do not take up a collection during our services.

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 and have committed to using Fairtrade tea, coffee, hot chocolate and sugar for all our events and activities.

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



Sunday 23 February

10.30am Morning Worship

Leader: Brenda Greenwood

Preacher: Assistant Pastor Paul Sutton

Fire! Groups

are going out & finish at 12noon

A Look Behind the Scenes: Esther Chapter 5

Putting our life on the line for God will always be challenging.

Esther was ready to stand alone for God resolved at whatever cost to do whatever it would take to save her people.

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!



Could you sponsor an egg or an Easter book for a child in our Toddler Group or Children's & Youth Work? For just £1 you can help a child and their family learn the real meaning of Easter. Please use one of the "Sponsor an Easter Gift" envelopes available from the stewards.

Pastoral News

Bob Bennet passed away

on Friday 14 February.
Please pray for his three sons, Phil, Kelvin and Dean as they grieve his passing.

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.

Upcoming Events

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

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

Wednesday Link Coffee Morning

will be 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.



Fairtrade Fortnight





Mon 24 Feb - Sun 8 Mar

How will you make a difference to the lives of the people who grow the food and drink we love so much?

* *Fundraise:* The Fairtrade Foundation is a charity and relies on donations to help us fulfil our mission.

Why not organise a bake sale?

* *Find us on social media:*

#SheDeserves    

Share our campaign content to help us raise awareness of the issues.

* *Choose Fairtrade Chocolate:*

Perhaps one of the simplest ways to support cocoa farmers around the world, is by buying Fairtrade chocolate and cocoa. While this doesn't immediately solve all the issues, keeping up the demand allows farmers to sell more of their cocoa on Fairtrade terms thus increasing their income. Why not visit **Shop Equality** to make your purchases?

8a Wells Place, Eastleigh SO50 5PP

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.

Bell Ringing Group

Mon 2 March 6.30pm in The Link

Learn to play simple hymns, songs and carols on bell plates, which are light and easy to play. You do not need to be able to read music: you just need a willingness to learn. Led by Ruth Powell, an extremely patient and encouraging teacher.



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.

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 23 Feb at 4pm in The Link

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

Next open on 25 Feb 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

Open Church Prayer Meeting

Thu 27 Feb 7.45pm Spurgeon Hall

Talk - Eat - Pray

Mon 27 Apr 12 noon in The Link

Monthly Activities

M & Ms Ladies Group 7.45pm

Wednesdays 26 Feb, 25 Mar

Board Games Evening 6.30-8.30pm

Saturdays 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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