

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 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.

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.

Our **Fire! Activity Groups** cover all ages from babies to teenagers!

Visiting children are welcome - a welcomer will show you the way!

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

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.

Flame (Yrs 7-11) **will be staying in for this service.**

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

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.



7.45pm

Open Church Prayer Meeting

Thursday 27 February in the Spurgeon Hall



As praying together as a Church is vital; our *Weekly 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 March

10.30am **Morning Worship** with Communion

Leader: Kevin Ings

Preacher: Pastor Shaun Sweeney

Fire!

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A Look Behind the Scenes: Esther Chapter 6

With God great big doors open on the smallest of hinges.

One Royal case of insomnia would change everything for the better for all God's people back in Esther's day because of it!

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 will be available in the pews if you would like to donate to this fund.

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.

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.

Notices

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.

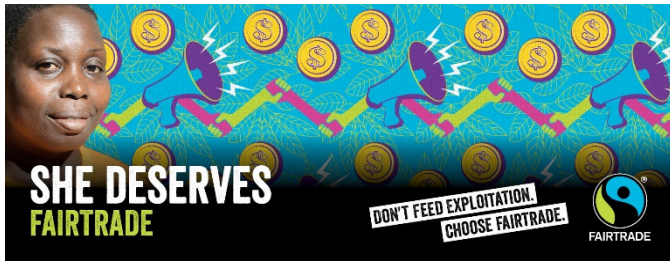
Cat Sitter Required

Steve & Mary are looking for someone to pop in on their cats twice a day for a week in July. Please contact Steve if you are interested:

✉ pilgrimsteve1975@icloud.com

Upcoming Events

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



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.

Communicare Quiz 7-9pm

Sat 7 March Highfield Church SO17 1RL

Come and enjoy a quiz with a twist!

Come along as a team or join one on the night. Chilli (vegetarian option) dinner and soft drinks included. £7.50 per person + cash for raffle and puddings.

To book ☎ 023 8021 6016 or

✉ events@communicareinsouthampton.org.uk

Special Church Members Meeting

Sunday 8 March immediately after the morning service.

There is one item on the agenda and all Members are requested to stay.

Non-members may also stay but they will be unable to vote. Tea and coffee will be served in The Link following this meeting as usual.



Sunday 8 March

A more traditional style of service followed by afternoon tea

Communicare Vintage & Craft Fair

Sat 14 Mar 10.30am-2.00pm

Highfield Church Centre SO17 1RL

There will be lots of stallholders so this will be a great opportunity to buy Mother's Day and Easter gifts, as well as entertainment and tasty treats.

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 8 March at 4pm Keeble Centre

Link on Saturday next meets on

Sat 29 Feb at 3pm

Weekly Activities for Adults

Bell Ringing Group

Mon 2 March 6.30pm in The Link

Wednesday Link Coffee Morning

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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