

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 March

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 6 & 7

The universal law of the harvest is that a man reaps what he sows

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.

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.

A Special Church Members Meeting will be held after Morning Worship.

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.



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 15 March

10.30am Morning Worship

Leader: Jill Waldron

Preacher: Pastor Shaun Sweeney

Fire! Groups

are going out &
finish at 12noon

A Look Behind the Scenes: Esther Chapter 8

There is no scene so dark that God cannot brighten it.

The change in a person's heart once God has taken hold of it is something wonderful to behold and something glorious to display, as we get to see in King Xerxes.

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.

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.

Information on best-hygiene practices

There is no current advice to stop people gathering and the Baptist Union recommends that churches should consider following best-hygiene practices. There is hand sanitiser in The Link for people with limited mobility who are unable to access the toilets.

We have soap available in all of our toilets and we would advise all those attending services or events to wash their hands on arrival.

To help you wash for the recommended 20-30 seconds you can sing the National Anthem or say The Lord's Prayer.

Please do not use the kitchens for routine handwashing.

The current Government advice is that individuals should follow good hygiene practices including:

- carrying tissues and using them to catch coughs and sneezes, and binning the tissue;
 - washing hands with soap and water (for 20 seconds) or using sanitiser gel to kill germs.
 - avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
 - if you feel unwell, stay at home.
-

Pastoral News

Bob Bennett's funeral will take place on **Thu 12 March** 11am in the East Chapel of Southampton Crematorium.

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 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.

Church Directory Update

Brenda Greenwood, our Church Secretary, has a new email address: secretary@shirleybaptist.org

Upcoming Events

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

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.

M & Ms Ladies Group

Wed 18 March 7.45pm in The Link
Tropic: the vegan make-up story
A friendly group aimed at ladies 30-60 yrs. We meet once a month for coffee, making friends and learning new crafts.

Board Games Evening

Sat 21 March 6.30pm Spurgeon Hall
Get to know people & deepen relationships. 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

Church Members' Meeting Thursday 26 March 7.45pm in the 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.

Crafts, Cakes & Coffee

Sat 28 March 10.30-12.30
St James Rd Methodist Church
The Chatty Crafters of SJR are supporting the Methodist Women in Britain "Boats for Fiji" Appeal
Ceramics, studio glass, textiles and more will be on sale as well as lots of cake & drinks!

Link on Saturday

Sat 28 March 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.

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 15 March at 4pm in The Link

Link on Saturday next meets on

Sat 28 March at 3pm

Weekly Activities for Adults

Bell Ringing Group

Mondays 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 23 April 8.15pm Spurgeon Hall

The New Dawn Child Contact Centre

AGM will take place *before* this

meeting. Everyone is welcome.

Talk - Eat - Pray

Mon 27 Apr 12 noon in The Link

Monthly Activities

M & Ms Ladies Group 7.45pm

Wednesdays 18 Mar, 22 Apr, 20 May

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.

Contact Us

Pastor: Shaun Sweeney

☎ 023 8077 3314

✉ shaun@shirleybaptist.org

Day Off: Monday

Assistant Pastor: Paul Sutton

☎ 023 8039 9949

✉ paul.sutton@shirleybaptist.org

Day Off: Friday

Children and Youth Worker:

Laura Sutton

☎ 023 8039 9949

✉ laura@shirleybaptist.org

Day Off: Friday

Church Office:

☎ 023 8039 9949

✉ office@shirleybaptist.org

www.shirleybaptist.org