

Shirley Baptist Church

every day church for everywhere people

Shirley Baptist Church, Southampton, Registered Charity Number 1131764

Sunday 29 March

10.30am

Online Worship including Children's Talk

Preacher: Simon Wroe

A Look Behind The Scenes: Esther Chapters 9 & 10

In the end, God wins, as do all who serve Him.

Mordecai the one-time gatekeeper would be promoted to Prime Minister. Never give up on the God who never gives up on us. He will see us right.

Subscribe to our Shirley Baptist Church channel on YouTube to receive notifications when we publish new videos:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC51s_Suyo_aAhVos6H0HS8g

Birthdays This Week (Surnames have been shortened for privacy)

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The Church Office is now being run from home!

Kirsty is working Mon & Wed- Fri mornings as usual. If you need to speak to Kirsty regarding office matters, please ring 074 8688 3296.

Eveline continues to send fellowship communication emails from her home email account.

Please make sure that we have up to date contact details for you, so that we can keep you informed and supported during this time.

Palm Sunday 5 April

10.30am **Online Worship** including Children's Talk
Preacher: Pastor Shaun Sweeney

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

If you give using the envelope scheme please save your envelopes and let us have them when it is safe to do so.

If you wish to start giving regularly or can change to giving by standing order or bank transfer please contact Anne or Dave Richards.

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 or Assistant Pastor Paul Sutton.

Please contact the office with updates & thanksgiving news.

Pastoral News

Former Pastor, Rev Michael Banfield, passed away on Tuesday 24 March. Michael had been suffering with cancer for several years, but his spirit was always bright. Please remember Linda, his wife and their daughters Claire and Jenny in your prayers.

All On Site Events and Activities are Cancelled

Please pray for those that usually attend the following events & activities:

Tuesday Weekly Groups

English Classes

Parent & Toddler Group

Tuesday Afternoon Life Group

Slimming World

Impact Polish Christian Fellowship

Families that were due to attend the Child Contact Centre on Sat 4 April

Monthly Groups due to meet this week:

Townswomens Guild

The Baptist Assembly for May has been cancelled.

The BU are currently examining options for an event in the Autumn.


A refund will be issued to those who have booked places for the May date.

Life Groups are keeping in touch in various ways.

Please check with your leaders how your group is keeping in touch.

Virtual SOUL Group is now open to everyone!

Every Thursday at 7:30pm via Facebook Video.

If you would like to join for fellowship, prayer and Bible study, please contact Paul Sutton:  paul.sutton@shirleybaptist.org

Children, Young People & Families


A Message from Laura:

As the world begins home schooling / remotely / digitally educating our kids, if you need assistance with understanding something that has been assigned for your child, or need more resources, just give me a shout. Although I've been out of education for 6 months due to working as a children's and youth worker at a church, I am a qualified higher level teaching assistant (which means I'm qualified to teach) and happy to help. (If I don't know the answer, I can probably find someone who does!)

#BetterTogether   

Ideas for Families will be posted **at 10am on weekdays** on our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/ShirleyBaptistSouthampton/>

If you have any suggestions or links, please send them to

Kirsty  office@shirleybaptist.org_or Laura  laura@shirleybaptist.org

Resources for Fire! Activity Groups for parents to use at home with their children and young people will be emailed and published on our website along with the service link: <https://www.shirleybaptist.org/sermons/>

Prayer & Worship Opportunities

Weekly Virtual Prayer Meeting for all

Wednesday 1 April at 7:30pm for about 30 minutes, then weekly thereafter.

It will be an encouraging time of prayer and fellowship – much needed at this time. If you would like to join, please contact Paul Sutton confirming whether you have Skype, Facebook or both and he will take the appropriate action to add you in.

Prayer Diary for the Coming Week: (Surnames have been shortened for privacy)

Sun 29 Monica D

Mon 30 All those who are struggling to accept a recent diagnosis and unsure of what the future holds

Tue 31 Margaret D

Wed 1 May we all be prepared to be counted as fools for Christ today

Thu 2 Pray for our government that they will make wise decisions for the benefit of all in this country

Fri 3 Gill D

Sat 4 The Basics Bank, making provision for those in need