

# Shirley Baptist Church

every day church for everywhere people

Shirley Baptist Church, Southampton, Registered Charity Number 1131764

## Sunday 1 November

**10.30am Online Worship** with Children's Talk

**Preacher:** Pastor Shaun Sweeney

New Sermon Series begins:

### **Wrestling with God**




This service includes Communion.

To share Communion, you will need a small amount of red juice or squash plus a slice of bread for sharing or a small piece of bread for a single person.

**4.00pm Families at Four**



Our Online Worship Service aimed at 3-11's and their parents, but anyone is welcome to tune in.



Please subscribe to our Shirley Baptist Church channel on YouTube. Hit the bell  to receive notifications when we publish new videos!  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC51s\\_Suyo\\_aAhVos6H0HS8g](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC51s_Suyo_aAhVos6H0HS8g)

## Contact Us

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**The Church Office is now open:**

10am-12noon on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

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## Remembrance Sunday 8 November

### 10.30am Reflective Worship

**Preacher:** Pastor Shaun Sweeney

Part 2 of our Series:

### **Wrestling with God**



This service will take place in Church and live via our YouTube Channel. Places to attend in person will be confirmed on Thursday 5 or Friday 6 November.

### 4.00pm Families at Four

Our Online Worship Service aimed at 3-11's and their parents, but anyone is welcome to tune in.

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

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

If you give using the envelope scheme, please pass your envelopes to the Church Office or to Anne & Dave.

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### **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.

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## Prayer Opportunities

### **Weekly Virtual Prayer Meeting for all** Wednesdays at 7:30pm

An encouraging time of prayer and fellowship – much needed at this time. If you would like to join, please contact Paul Sutton or Eveline Adams for the Zoom meeting link.

### **Wed 25 November Prayer Meeting** *in the Sanctuary* at 7.30pm

Entrance will be through the car park door to The Link.

Please come near to the starting time and leave straightaway afterwards. Check-in via the NHS app or give your name and contact details to the steward. Everyone will be expected to use hand sanitiser, wear a face covering and maintain social distancing. Please do not attend if you are experiencing any of the signs of Covid-19.

## Children & Families

### **Sunday 6 December Families at Four Live!**

Our Online Worship Service aimed at 3-11's and their parents is going live for this special Christmas Service!

**Please request your place by 12noon on Monday 30 November.**


To book a place, please contact the Church office by email or telephone. Places will be confirmed on Thursday 3 or Friday 4 December.

### **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 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](mailto:paul.sutton@shirleybaptist.org)

### **What's the best news you've ever heard?**

I think we can all agree that there is a lot of bad news around! **What if there were some good news?**

CHRISTIANITY | EXPLORED  
WHAT'S THE BEST NEWS  
YOU'VE EVER HEARD?



Why not join us as we explore the claims of Christianity and the good news about Jesus?

Join us on Tuesday evenings via Zoom for 8 interactive sessions.

We hope to start on **17 November at 7.30pm** with 4 sessions before Christmas and 4 after.

We would love to see you there!

If you would be interested in joining please email the Church Office.

## Worship in the Sanctuary

**Sunday 13 December** Reflective Christmas Worship at 10.30am

**Please request your place by 12noon on Friday 4 December.**

To book a place, please contact the Church office by email or telephone. Places will be confirmed on Thursday 10 or Friday 11 December.

## Online Events

**SCRATCH charity AGM - Wednesday 4 November at 2pm** via Zoom

Please join us for an insight into our work, an update on how we're tackling the challenges that 2020 has brought and an opportunity for people to ask questions. We look forward to "seeing" you!

Ann Laird, Chair to the Board. [Please sign up via Eventbrite](#)

## Mayflower Themed Virtual Holiday At Home with [Caraway.UK.com](http://Caraway.UK.com) Last Call For Booking is Tomorrow!



**A Virtual Holiday at Home across Southampton**

BOARD THE MAYFLOWER FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN HOME  
for a reflection on the Mayflower 400 Anniversary

*Set sail for the day with our holiday pack that will:*

- ◊ *Be hand delivered*
- ◊ *Include themed activities & crafts*
- ◊ *and An afternoon tea*

*If you have internet access, join us on our interactive Zoom for:*

- ◊ *Sea Shanty singing*
- ◊ *Mayflower Bingo*

Departure: **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>  
November 2020**

Fare: **Free Event**

**For those that are older  
but young at heart**

Hosted by Caraway's Holiday at Home with funding and support from:

In this season, loneliness and isolation are even more acute. So, Caraway is joining in with the Southampton's reflection of the Mayflower 400 anniversary to offer a '**Virtual Holiday at Home**' on **Tuesday 10 November**.

Caraway works across Southampton with older people in the community and in care to create the experience of a 'Virtual Holiday at Home' around the themes of freedom and exploration.

Board the Mayflower from the comfort of your own home for a virtual day at sea. You will set sail for the day with a hand delivered holiday pack that will include themed activities & crafts and an afternoon tea. If you have internet access, you can join us on our interactive Zoom for Sea Shanty singing and Mayflower Bingo.

This is a Free Event for those that are older but young at heart. Hosted by Caraway's Holiday at Home, it is generously supported with funding from Southampton City Council and National Heritage Fund.

**To book, please contact Caraway** with your name, contact number, contact email, and postal address. Let them know if you want the Afternoon Tea & Activity Pack, access to the interactive Zoom Session or both! ✉ [caraway@caraway.uk.com](mailto:caraway@caraway.uk.com) or ☎ 075 3516 4014



What happens when you throw an ex-army paratrooper and a 1920's penny farthing bicycle together? We realise no one has ever asked this question but... in our brand new event, **Run the Race**, we answer it anyway.

Rob Parsons OBE, founder of Care for the Family, Mark Chester, founder of Who Let The Dads Out, and Gerrit Bantjes, founder of having a name that no one can pronounce, join together to bring you this event – specifically designed for men.

Rob, Mark and Gerrit delve into the realities of how we run the race of life, and what perseverance looks like for us as men today. In any physical race, we can do things to help us endure, and the same goes for everyday life. There are real pressures and responsibilities that arise that we can be ready for.

During the event, Rob Parsons speaks with you entirely from the comfort of our studio ... while Mark and Gerrit do so whilst facing each other in a literal bike race, filled with obstacles and challenges. We also have some very special guests to help us unpack perseverance, including Britain's Got Talent semi-finalist John Archer.

To book your free ticket for **Tue 10, Wed 11 or Thu 12 November at 7.30pm** visit: [www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/run-the-race](http://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/run-the-race)

## Keeping Our Buildings and Fellowship Safe

As we gradually begin to open our premises it is imperative that **no one enter any part of our buildings** without either the Church Office or our Church Secretary, Brenda Greenwood knowing about it in advance and giving permission. It is important to limit the spread of the virus and allows for cleaning to be focused where the risk has been highest.

### Check-in via the NHS Covid-19 Test & Trace App

The app allows you to record when you visit our premises by "checking-in" when you arrive, using the QR code which is on display at each entrance. If you do not have the app you will need to give your name and contact details to the steward.

Please don't enter these premises if you have:



PLEASE WEAR  
AN APPROPRIATE  
FACE COVERING



USE HAND  
SANITISER



KEEP A SAFE  
DISTANCE  
2M IS RECOMMENDED



### Basics Bank is now operating from SBC on Thursdays.

In this time of unprecedented need, we are incredibly grateful to still be receiving donations of food for our Basics Banks.

### Get the FoodBank App to keep up to date with current food needs.

The free Foodbank App will give you: Up to date shopping list, Venue locations & maps, News updates & Online giving portal. Available free from the Apple App Store, or for Android on Google Play.

Install the App, select *Southampton Basics Bank*, and you'll always know what we need the most! Then donate via the Church Office or the designated Food Collection Point at one of following the Supermarkets: Asda in The Marlands; Food Warehouse at West Quay; Lidl in the City Centre and in Shirley; NISA Local in Maybush; Sainsbury's in: Hedge End, Lordshill, Portswood and Shirley; The Co-Op in Sholing

#### Urgently Needed

Custard  
Rice Pudding  
Tinned cold meat  
(ham/spam/corned beef etc.)  
Tinned hot meat  
(stew/curry/mince/pies etc.)

#### Low on Stock

Jam and Spreads  
Small Jars of Coffee  
Tinned Fruit  
Baby toiletries - nappies,  
creams, powders, wipes  
Deodorant (male & female)

General toiletries  
Sanitary Products  
Shampoo  
Shower Gel  
Toothpaste / Toothbrushes