

Shirley Baptist Church

every day church for everywhere people

Shirley Baptist Church, Southampton, Registered Charity Number 1131764



This Christmas we invite you to be **DOWN TO EARTH** with us as we celebrate together the God who came **DOWN TO EARTH** for us. To wonder at the simple and straightforward story of the one birth that makes every birth worthwhile.
JESUS OUR EMMANUEL.

Sunday 13 December **3rd Sunday in Advent**

10.30am Online Worship with Children's Talk
Preacher: Assistant Pastor Paul Sutton
Down to Earth

4.00pm Families at Four
Our Online Worship Service aimed at 3-11's and their parents, but anyone is welcome to tune in.

5.00pm Baptist Cluster Online Carol Service
A traditional service of 9 Lessons Carols, with some very untraditional Christmas worship!
Please use this link to the Service:
<https://youtube/ClusterCarols>



Please subscribe to our Shirley Baptist Church channel on YouTube. Hit the bell  to receive notifications when we publish new videos!
www.youtube.com/shirleybaptistchurchsouthampton



Sunday 20 December
4th Sunday in Advent

10.30am



An All-Age Nativity with a difference!

Join us as we explore the Christmas story with a contemporary twist. Drama, music, dance, carols –Christmas fun for all the family!

7.00pm



Join us for carols, the Nativity story and much more as we take time to be reminded of what is at the heart of this festive season.

Churches Together in Shirley and District outreach event, featuring evangelists Neil Maddock and Steve Lee as well as contributions from Shirley Churches.

Via YouTube: www.youtube.com/Martis-Productions

Thu 24 Dec
5.00pm



Join us on this night of promise as we explore the Christmas story once more, told through carols, drama and video.

Fri 25 Dec
10am



A short all-age celebration as we rejoice in the truth that God stepped **DOWN TO EARTH** to be with us



Worship in the Sanctuary

To book a place for our Morning Worship Service on Sunday 3 January 2021 please leave a message on the Church Office answering machine Tel: 023 8039 9949.

Brenda Greenwood will confirm if you have a place.

To book for other services in January please email the Church Office. Places will be confirmed on the Thursday or Friday of each week.

All our services will be available online via our YouTube Channel as usual.

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.

Visitors to the Church Office must maintain the proper social distancing and wear a face covering. Visitor numbers are strictly limited, and you may be asked to wait outside.

Church Directory

The directory is for your sole personal use and it is against GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) rules to pass on any address, email or phone numbers in the church directory to anyone else, including people in our church, without the prior permission of the person(s) concerned. When you no longer need a copy of the Church Directory you must dispose of it in a secure manner - ideally by shredding or burning. If you lose a copy Church Directory outside your home, you must report the loss *as a matter of urgency*, by speaking to our office administrators in person during office opening hours or by telephone 023 8039 9949 or by emailing us at office@shirleybaptist.org

Prayer & Devotional Opportunities

Advent Daily Devotional on our YouTube Chanel

Spelling out the alphabet in a DOWN TO EARTH way what Christmas means to different ones of us. These short thoughts will bless you richly in the countdown to a Christmas that will be like no other we have ever known!

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.

Children & Families

Speckled Frogs Toddler Group Advent Calendar

Meet a new character from the Nativity Story every day in our Facebook Group: www.facebook.com/groups/speckledfrogs

Advent Windows Trail: Join us as we explore the Christmas story around our community.

Download the map: www.shirleybaptist.org/advent-windows

A trail of lit-up windows decorated to represent Christmas carols around the Shirley area. Each day from 1st -18th December a new window will be revealed, finishing at the church on the 19th December where the final window will be revealed, and we'll be giving out Christmas books and chocolates between 3 and 5pm to all who stop by. There's also a competition for children for a prize in January!

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

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

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.

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.

Contact Us

Pastor: Shaun Sweeney (Day Off: Monday)

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Assistant Pastor: Paul Sutton (Day Off: Friday)

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Children and Youth Worker: Laura Sutton (Day Off: Friday)

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Church Secretary: Brenda Greenwood

 secretary@shirleybaptist.org

The Church Office will be closed for annual leave Mon 14–Fri 18 December. Eveline is working from home and will answer emails.

Christmas week hours: Mon, Wed & Thu 10am – 12noon

Normal office hours will resume on Monday 4 January 2021.

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

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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

Tinned cold meat
(ham/spam/corned beef etc.)
Tinned hot meat
(stew/curry/mince/pies etc.)
Tinned Spaghetti in tomato
sauce
Tinned Macaroni & Cheese
General toiletries
Deodorant (male & female)
Shampoo
Shower Gel

Low on Stock

Jam and Spreads
Small Jars of Coffee
Tinned Fruit
Tinned Custard
Baby toiletries - nappies,
creams, powders, wipes
Sanitary Products
Toothpaste / Toothbrushes

Well Stocked

Tinned: fish, carrots,
potatoes, mixed veg,
sweetcorn, peas, tomatoes,
baked beans, kidney beans
& pulses
Tea, coffee, hot chocolate,
squash & UHT Milk
Rice, pasta, noodles &
pulses
Pasta Sauce, soups
Rice pudding, cereal, sugar
Treats (chocolate, crisps etc)
Carrier Bags