

# Shirley Baptist Church

every day church for everywhere people

Shirley Baptist Church, Southampton, Registered Charity Number 1131764

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**We welcome you to worship!**

We hope you will feel at home with us.

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**Sunday 12 September**

**10.30am Morning Worship**

Leader: Brenda Greenwood

Preacher: Pastor Shaun Sweeney

Sermon Series: **A Time To Build - Part 2**

Life Group Notes are available to download from our website and printed copies from the Church Office.

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Our **Fire! Activity Groups** cover all ages from babies to teenagers! Visiting children are welcome to join in - a welcomer will show you the way! Details of where each age group meets are inside!

**Communion at SBC:** As part of our commitment to be a Church for Everyone, gluten free bread will be available & our wine is non-alcoholic. Please collect your bread and cup on your way into the service.

**The Barnabas Fund** is a Confidential Fund to make small gifts to those in need as a sign of our Christian Love. Envelopes are available in the pews if you would like to donate to this fund.

**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.

We are not currently serving refreshments, so please make your way outside promptly at the end of the service.

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## Sunday 19 September

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Pastor Shaun Sweeney will be preaching at Lliswerry Baptist Church, in Newport, South Wales for their Church Anniversary.

### **10.30am Morning Worship**

Leader: Brenda Greenwood

Preacher: Simon Wroe

Sermon Series: **A Time To Build - Part 3**

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### **Fire! Activity Groups**

**Crèche** (birth to 2 years) and **Flickers** (children 2-4 years old) meet in the Church Lounge. Please use doors at the end of each aisle.

**Primary School Groups: Sparklers** (Yrs R-2) and **Rockets** (Yrs 3-6) meet in the Spurgeon Hall. **Children should be dropped off and collected by a parent.**

**Secondary School Group: Flame** (Yrs 7-11) meets in the Keeble Centre. Young People will be returned to the Link at 12noon by their Leaders.

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### **Pastoral Work**

**Sheila, who coordinates our Pastoral Work will be away from 16 to 24 September.** If you have any prayer chain requests during this time, please contact Eveline or the Church Office.

**If you have urgent pastoral concerns,** please contact Pastor Shaun Sweeney. Please contact the office with updates & thanksgiving news.

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### **Church Directory & Database**

The church office maintains a *strictly confidential* database of everyone in our fellowship.

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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**Face coverings remain recommended by the Government and the Baptist Union** in enclosed and crowded spaces.

**We would encourage all those who choose not to wear a face covering to sit downstairs as near to the front as possible.**

Please leave the balcony and the rows under the balcony free for those who choose to wear face coverings.

Please be aware that some people are exempt from wearing face coverings and there will be those who may not wish to sit close to others, shake hands or hug.

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## Upcoming Events

**Thanksgiving Service** for the Life of May Purves **Wed 15 Sep 11am**  
Please remember May's family and friends at this time. They chose to celebrate her life in our church, as this is where she got married.

**M & Ms Ladies Group Wednesday 22 September 7.45pm** in The Link  
A friendly group aimed at ladies 30-60 yrs. We meet once a month for coffee, making friends and learning new crafts.



### Sunday 3 October

We celebrate Harvest & God's blessings on us.

It is a tradition for everyone to bring donations of all sorts of food to help feed those who are hungry in our city, via City Mission's Basics Bank.

**Food items urgently need:** tinned cold meat (ham/spam/corned beef; rice pudding, custard, small bags of sugar, squash and drinks, treats (crisps, chocolate etc), UHT Milk Jams & spreads, tinned sweetcorn, tinned spaghetti, dog food

**Toiletries urgently need:** toothpaste & toothbrushes, deodorant (male & female) soap & shower gel, shampoo, toilet rolls

### Sunday 10 October

We will have **Sharon Tedford of 61 Things** with us for Morning Worship at 10.30am

In the evening she will share songs, stories and scripture from her latest album & book.



**WHEN**  
7:30pm Sunday 10th October  
(doors open 7pm)

**WHERE**  
Shirley Baptist Church  
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Contact or Follow Sharon:  
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## Church Ladies' Day: Saturday 16 October 9.45am – 3pm

All Ladies are urged to join us for a day of spiritual development and worship, crafts and activities, plus a Guest Speaker to enhance their own spiritual journey. Lunch will be included.

Please book your place with Brenda Greenwood or the Church Office.

## Term Time Activities for Children & Families

### Speckled Frogs Toddler Group Re-starts 10am Tue 14 Sep

Please book your place by emailing:  
speckled.frogs@shirleybaptist.org

## Activities for Adults

We have a variety of different groups that provide a place to build friendships

**Bell Ringing Group** is planning to resume and would love new members. You will 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. For more information, please speak to Ruth Powell.

**Coffee Mornings have not yet set dates to re-start.**

**Get Together** for Chat & Craft  
**Thursdays** 2pm in The Link

**Friday Friendship Club  
Plans to re-start in October**

1.30pm in the Spurgeon Hall  
Speakers, entertainment & friendship for older folk

## Monthly Activities

### M & Ms Ladies Group

**Wed 22 Sep** Evening Stroll  
7.30pm @ the Bellmore on Hill Lane  
**Future Dates:** 20 October,  
17 November & 8 December

### Board Games Evening

Monthly on a Saturday: 6.30-8.30pm  
in the Spurgeon Hall  
**Future Dates:** 23 October & 20  
November

## Life Groups

We have a variety of groups, each with a distinct flavour, meeting at various places and times throughout the Shirley area.

Each one is characterised by a commitment to helping everyone grow as a follower of Christ in all aspects of their life for the whole of their life, including those who might still be exploring issues of faith.

**Tuesdays 2pm** will continue on Zoom for the time being. Please see Keith Hawton for log in details.

**Thursdays** 10am in The Link

**Link on Saturday next meets on 30 October 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.

For all other groups please check with the Leaders for dates and type of meeting.

## Contact Us

### Pastor: Shaun Sweeney

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Day Off: Monday

### Secretary: Brenda Greenwood

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**Church Office:** ☎ 023 8039 9949

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### Opening Hours:

**Mon, Thu & Fri** 10am-12noon

**Tuesdays** 1-3pm

**The office will be closed on Wed 15 September due to a funeral in Church.**