

Shirley Baptist Church

every day church for everywhere people

Shirley Baptist Church, Southampton, Registered Charity Number 1131764

Pastor Shaun Sweeney will be preaching
at St Cleer's in Somerton, Somerset

We welcome you to worship!

We hope you will feel at home with us.

Sunday 3 October

10.30am Harvest Celebrations

Led by John Waldron

Talk by Matt & Ellie from Basics Bank

Today's donations will help feed those who
are hungry in our city.

 **SCM Basics Bank**

Our October **Communion Service** will next Sunday.

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.

Sunday 10 October

10.30am Morning Worship with Communion



Leader: Sharon Tedford of 61 Things

Preacher: Pastor Shaun Sweeney

Our **Fire! Activity Groups** cover all ages from babies to teenagers! Visiting children are welcome to join, a welcomer will show you the way! **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 must be dropped off & 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.

Communion at SBC: As part of our commitment to be a Church for Everyone, our bread is gluten free & our wine is non-alcoholic.

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

7.30pm

Doors open
at 7pm



Stand with Sharon Tedford
Join us for an inspiring evening of songs, stories & scripture from Sharon's latest album & book.

Pastoral Work

Sheila coordinates our Pastoral Work, please keep her informed of pastoral needs or concerns. ☎ 023 8042 8283

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

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 for those with compromised immune systems and the pews 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. If you wish to talk to someone who has chosen to wear a face covering, please respect them by putting on a face covering.

Upcoming Events

Church Ladies' Day: Saturday 16 October 9.45am – 3pm

God has designed you... By faith He's defined you... Why?

Come along to seek God's destiny for your journey!

With a guest speaker and a variety of activities, we hope to encounter God in a real and meaningful way.

All Ladies are urged to join us for the day. Lunch will be included.

To book your place (and inform us of any dietary requirements) please contact Brenda Greenwood or the Church Office

Sunday 17 October following Morning Worship

Soup & Sweet Lunch in aid of Childsplay Romania

Donations of sweets, cakes and puddings are needed!

Please see Sheila, Sarah H or Sara B if you can make or buy something!



Childsplay ROMANIA

You are invited to a thanksgiving service for the Work of East Boldre Baptist Church on Saturday 23 October at 2.30pm

This will be the final service before the closure of the church.

The Preacher will be Pastor Shaun Sweeney; John Waldron will be taking part and Colin Hayward will be the soloist.

There will be refreshments after the service.

Real Advent Calendar

The **Real Advent Calendar** is a fun way to share the Christmas story.

Features a 24-page Christmas story activity book, 25 Festive foiled chocolates made from Fairtrade blend-35% cocoa & free from palm oil, Recyclable box and tray, Charitable donation, Made, designed and produced in the UK.

It is not available in Tesco this year. To order please contact the Church Office.

Price varies from £5.99 each down to £4.50 depending on how many we order.

Volunteering Opportunity

With the Christmas buying season approaching we are looking for some lovely volunteers to help us at **Shop Equality in Eastleigh**. If you know of anyone who is looking for something to do for **2-3 hours a week**, or someone who wants to gain work experience, please do ask them to be in touch. No experience is necessary, just a sense of humour and a willingness to lend a hand.

Please contact Sue Hunt 8061 3894 Shop Equality, 8A Wells Place, Eastleigh

Term Time Activities for Children & Families

Speckled Frogs Toddler Group Tuesdays 10-11.30am

Please book your place *each week* 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 Fri 1 October

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

Monthly Activities

M & Ms Ladies Group
Wed 20 October 7.45pm in the Link
"Paper, Scissors, Rock"

Future Dates: 17 November & 8 December

Board Games Evening
Saturday 23 October 6.30-8.30pm
in the Spurgeon Hall
Future Date: 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.

Ken & Margaret Amy's Group meet on **Sundays** at 7.30pm for Prayer & Chat and **Mondays** at 6pm for Bible Study both via Zoom.
Newcomers are very welcome.

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

Thursdays 10am in The Link
Led by David Woodford.

Link on Saturday next meets on 30 October 3-5pm in The Link
A monthly group for families, couples and individuals. See Clint for details.

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

Contact Us

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Opening Hours:

Mon, Wed, Thu & Fri 10am-12noon
Tuesdays 1-3pm