

# 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 17 October**

**10.30am Morning Worship**

Leader: Brenda Greenwood

Preacher: Pastor Shaun Sweeney

Sermon Series: **A Time To Build - Part 5**

Life Group Notes will be available to download from our website & printed copies from the Church Office.


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.

**Following Morning Worship there will be a Soup & Sweet Lunch**

in aid of  **Childsplay ROMANIA**

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**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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**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.

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## Sunday 24 October

### 10.30am Morning Worship

Leader: Pastor Shaun Sweeney

Preacher: Simon Wroe

Sermon Series: **A Time To Build - Part 6**

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### 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.

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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 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.

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<h3>Pastoral News</h3>
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#### **Robin Rothwell's Funeral will take place on Friday 22 October**

There will be a short service at 10am at the crematorium then

**A Service of Thanksgiving at 11.30am** here at SBC

#### **Celebrating the Life of Jane Rackham**

There will a special service to celebrate the life of Jane Rackham here at SBC on **Sunday 24 October at 3.30pm** followed by refreshments and we hope as many folk as possible will join us.

### 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.

## Prayer Opportunities

**Prayer Lunch Tuesday 2 November** 12.30pm in the Keeble Centre  
Join Shaun with your packed lunch! Everyone is very welcome.

**Zoom Prayer Meeting Wednesday 10 November at 7.30pm**  
and will continue on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month

## Upcoming Events

**Church Members' Meeting Thursday 21 October**  
**7.45pm in Church – Please use the car park side Link Entrance.**

All Members are encouraged to attend. If you are not a member or are unable to attend, please pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance during the evening.

Minutes of the previous meetings have been emailed and printed copies are available on request from the church office.

**Agenda:** Devotions, Apologies, Minutes of Meetings on 23/01/2020 & 08/03/2020, Matters Arising, Finance, Pastor's Input, Christmas Arrangements, Pastoral & Membership, Members Concerns, Closing Prayer

**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.

**Praise @ 4pm**

**Our Praise @ 4pm Services are restarting!**

**Sunday 14 November** Remembrance Sunday

**Sunday 12 December** Christmas Celebration

The services will be followed by afternoon tea.

## 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 and where from.

## 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](mailto:speckled.frogs@shirleybaptist.org)

## Activities for Adults

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

**Bell Ringing Group** will resume on **Mon 18 Oct** 6.30pm in the Link  
New members are welcome!

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.

**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**  
**"Paper, Scissors, Rock"**  
**Wednesday 20 October**

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.

**Board Games Evening**  
**Saturday 23 October**

6.30-8.30pm in the Spurgeon Hall  
Get to know people & deepen relationships. Bring your favourite game or choose from the selection the Insley Family have!

## 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