

# 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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Pastor Shaun Sweeney is preaching at  
Ebenezer Church in Weymouth this morning.

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**Sunday 31 October**

**10.30am Morning Worship**

Leader: Jill Waldron

Preacher: Brenda Greenwood

Sermon Series: **A Time To Build - Part 7**

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.

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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!**

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 7 November Church Anniversary

### 10.30am Morning Worship

Leader: John Waldron

Preacher: Pastor Shaun Sweeney

Sermon Series: **A Time To Build - Part 8**



**We will be taking up an offering for the work of the BMS World Mission during this service.**

Your gift can provide Bibles for people who have never had the chance to read the gospel, fund theological training, or help support a church planter to share the good news with unreached communities. By giving, you can support Christians following Jesus and sharing the gospel in some of the hardest-to-reach places in the world.

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### Remembrance Sunday 14 November

### 10.30am Morning Worship with Communion

Leader: Brenda Greenwood

Preacher: Pastor Shaun Sweeney

Sermon Series: **A Time To Build - Part 9**

4.00pm

Praise @ 4pm

**A more traditional style of service** followed by afternoon tea

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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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## 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

### Christmas Shopping Morning

**Sat 13 Nov** 10am - 12noon

In aid of Childsplay Romania



**Childsplay ROMANIA**

Responding to the needs of under-privileged children in Romania  
UK Charity Number 1123654

### M & Ms Ladies Group "Christmas Gift Tags"

**Wednesday 17 November** 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 20 November** 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!

**Link on Saturday next meets on 27 November** 3-5pm in The Link

A monthly group for families, couples, and individuals. See Clint for details.

## 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, so please support one of our local independent suppliers:

**Oasis Christian Centre**, 25 Church Street, Romsey SO51 8BT or  
**Shop Equality**, 8a Wells Place, Eastleigh SO50 5PP

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

## Monthly Activities

### M & Ms Ladies Group Monthly on a Wednesday

7.45pm in the Link  
**Dates:** 8 December, 26 January

### Board Games Evening Monthly on Saturday

6.30-8.30pm in the Spurgeon Hall  
**Dates:** 20 November; 8 January; 5 February; 5 March; 2 April

## 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.

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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