

Shirley Baptist Church

every day church for everywhere people

Shirley Baptist Church, Southampton, Registered Charity Number 1131764

We welcome you to worship!

We hope you will feel at home with us.

Sunday 7 November Church Anniversary

10.30am Morning Worship

Leader: John Waldron

Preacher: Pastor Shaun Sweeney

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

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



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.

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.

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.



Zoom Coffee 12.15pm today

Join us on Zoom for a time of fellowship together!

The joining link has been emailed to those on the Fellowship Distribution List.

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.

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

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.

<h3>Church Directory & Database</h3>
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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.

<h3>Prayer Opportunities</h3>

Zoom Prayer Meeting Wednesday 10 November at 7.30pm

and will continue on the 2nd Wednesday of each month

Prayer Lunch Tuesday 7 December 12.30pm in the Keeble Centre

Join Shaun with your packed lunch! Everyone is very welcome.

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!

Men's Breakfast

Saturday 27 November at George's Café, Church St, Shirley

Arrive from 9am give thanks at 9.30 before ordering our food.

God's Word is truth... believe it, trust it, stand on it. The same yesterday, today and forever

Link on Saturday next meets on 27 November 3-5pm

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



Sunday 28 November

Please stay after Morning Worship for an extended time of fellowship. Refreshments will be served in The Link.

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

Change of Address

Shaun, Kathie and Joyce Sweeney have moved!

Their new address is: 2 Lees Close, St. Catherine's Hill, Christchurch, Dorset BH23 2SS Tel: 01202 159 662

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.

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.

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

Contact Us

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