

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.

As much as we love to see you here with us, please do not come to church if you are unwell, including with a cough or cold.

Sunday 21 November

10.30am Morning Worship for All Ages

Led by John Waldron

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.



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.

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.

Sunday 28 November

1st Sunday in Advent



A Christmas To Remember

It is hard to forget those times that give us so much to remember, so this year at Shirley Baptist Church we are going to have *A Christmas To Remember*.

A time of precious reflection going right back to the very first Christmas where the birth of one baby boy, still gives us everything to look forward to.

10.30am Morning Worship

Leader: Brenda Greenwood

Preacher: Pastor Shaun Sweeney

A Christmas To Remember – Part 1



Please stay after Morning Worship for an extended time of Fellowship.

Refreshments will be served in The Link.

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.

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 7 December 12.30pm in the Keeble Centre
Join Shaun with your packed lunch! Everyone is very welcome.

Zoom Prayer Meeting Wednesday 15 December at 7.30pm
and will continue on the 2nd Wednesday of each month

Upcoming Events

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!

Festive Fair with all proceeds going to Communicare in Southampton
Saturday 27 November 10.30am-12.30pm at Highfield Church Centre
It'll be a social, festive event with gift stalls, live entertainment, children's activities and refreshments.

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

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

Reminder to Members of M & Ms Ladies Group:

Our Christmas Meal will take place on Wednesday 8 December

Parenting Children With Special Needs

A new course from Southampton Family Trust starts January via Zoom
Come and learn new ways to meet the needs of your child and get support from other parents. * Understanding & managing behaviour * Helping self-esteem * Coping with feelings * Tips for home school and the wider family
For more information or to book a place please email info@sftrust.org.uk or call 02380 216003.

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.

There is still time to get you calendars!

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

Or buy online from **Eden Online Christian Bookshop**.

Please note Eden's minimum order quantity is 2 but you get free delivery!
<https://www.eden.co.uk/real-advent-calendar/>

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: 26 January "Mosaics"

Board Games Evening

Monthly on Saturday
6.30-8.30pm in the Spurgeon Hall

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

Contact Us

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