

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 28 November

1st Sunday in Advent



10.30am Morning Worship

Leader: Brenda Greenwood

Preacher: Pastor Shaun Sweeney

A Christmas To Remember For Joseph

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



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.

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.



A Christmas To Remember

It is hard to forget those times that give us so much to remember, so this year 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.

Sunday 5 December 2nd Sunday in Advent

10.30am Morning Worship with Communion

Leader: Keith Hawton

Preacher: Simon Wroe

A Christmas To Remember Part 2

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 are available in the pews if you would like to donate to this fund.



Zoom Coffee 12.15pm

Join us on Zoom for a time of fellowship together!

The joining link will be 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.

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.

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.

Mobile Phone Wanted!

The Church Office is hoping that someone in the fellowship has recently upgraded their mobile phone and would be willing to donate their old one for Office use! Ideally unlocked or previously used with the EE Network. Please see Kirsty Cummins or Brenda Greenwood if you can help.

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

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 in 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 call 02380 216003 or email: info@sftrust.org.uk

Board Games Evening

Saturday 8 January 6.30pm in the Spurgeon Hall

Get to know people & deepen relationships. Bring friends to a church group. Bring along your favourite game or choose from the selection the Insley Family have!
For more information, please speak to Tim & Naomi at church or
✉ insleys@hotmail.co.uk

M & Ms Ladies Group "Mosaics"

Wednesday 26 January 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.

Link on Saturday next meets on 29 January 3-5pm

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

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
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