

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 16 January

10.30 am Morning Worship

Leader: Brenda Greenwood

Preacher: Pastor Shaun Sweeney

The Dish of the Day: Passover – A Taste of Freedom

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 the 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.

Face coverings must be worn in Church.

Please leave the balcony for those with compromised immune systems.

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.

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.

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.



Sunday 23 January

10.30am Morning Worship for All Ages

Leader: Jill Waldron

Preacher: Pastor Shaun Sweeney

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.

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.

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 1 February 12.30pm in the Keeble Centre

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

Monthly Prayer Meeting via Zoom Wednesday 9 February at 7.30pm

Please contact us for the joining link.

Upcoming Events

The funeral of **Trevor Timewell** will take place at 12noon on **Thursday 20 January** at SBC.

Church Members' Meeting: Thu 27 January 7.45pm in the Spurgeon Hall

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.

Copies of minutes of the previous meeting are available from the church office.

Fundraising Auction

We are hoping to hold a sealed-bid auction to raise money for the church, but first we need to collect lots of amazing things to auction off! So ...

Do you have un-loved Christmas gifts and wonder what to do with them?

Do you have a skill or talent that you could give a lesson on?

Are your cakes, bakes or creations raved about in the fellowship?

If so, please see Kirsty to make your offers or arrange collection of donations.

Notices

Barlow & Ellyett Homes currently have a vacancy in their alms-house in Church Street. Applications are invited from ladies of 55 years and over who have limited means and a connection to Southampton. The flat is on the first floor and overlooks a well-kept garden. It benefits from a lounge, kitchenette, one bedroom and shower room. In addition, there is a communal lounge and laundry room. This is open to single occupancy only, non-smokers and without pets. Please contact Jane Bowen ☎ 07876783880 ✉ jane_bowen53@yahoo.com

Shirley Crafters meet on Wednesdays 9.30am - 12noon in the Carey Hall. They are a lovely group who meet to work on craft projects of all types! New members are very welcome – just pop along and introduce yourself!

Communicare has been tasked by the City Council with providing extra volunteers to help keep hospital beds and care settings freed up during the peak time of impact of the next wave of the virus, expected to be from the third week of January for 6-8 weeks. So, they need to recruit temporary volunteers more quickly than the usual route. The volunteers would be helping to keep people at home, freeing up hospital beds, by doing good neighbourly tasks (not personal or medical care) and making phone calls through two projects:

Hello Southampton, in which a volunteer signs up for an hour a week, when they make short check-in phone calls to a certain number of vulnerable people, (tablet or computer needed for logging in) *No DBS check required.*

Best at Home, where volunteers either run errands from the door like picking up prescriptions and some shopping, pop in to do simple tasks like make a sandwich, vacuum etc. *Current DBS check required if going into people's homes*

There is a fast-track recruitment process so, if you can help in any way, please contact Tricia Kenyon ☎ 07827 224717

✉ Tricia@communicareinsouthampton.org.uk

Weekly Activities

Speckled Frogs Toddler Group **Tuesdays 10-11.30am**

Places should be booked *each week* by emailing:

speckled.frogs@shirleybaptist.org

Bell Ringing Group

Mondays 6.30pm in the Link

Expects to restart in February.

Get Together for Chat & Craft

Thursdays 2pm in The Link

Not meeting for the time being.

Friday Friendship Club

1.30pm in the Spurgeon Hall

Speakers, entertainment & friendship for older folk.

Next planned date: 4 February

Monthly Activities

M & Ms Ladies Group

Wednesday 26 January "Mosaics"
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

Sat 5 Feb 6.30pm 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 or ✉ insleys@hotmail.co.uk

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 via on Zoom
Please see Keith Hawton for details.

Thursdays

10am David Woodford's Group meets in The Link.

No meeting on 20 January due to Trevor Timewell's funeral.

7.30pm John & Jill Waldron's Group meets fortnightly in their home or online.

Newcomers are very welcome.
Just get in touch with John or Jill.

Link on Saturday next meets on **29 January** 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:

Tuesdays 1-3pm

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