

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 1 May

10:30am Morning Worship with Communion

Leader: Brenda Greenwood

Preacher: Pastor Shaun Sweeney

Dish Of The Day: Tabernacles – A Taste of Joy

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

Communion at SBC: As part of our commitment to be a Church for Everyone, gluten free bread will be available & our wine is non-alcoholic. Please collect your elements from the Link when you arrive.

The Barnabas Fund is a Confidential Fund to make small gifts to those in need as a sign of our Christian Love. Envelopes will be available in the pews if you would like to donate to this fund.

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 yrs) & **Flickers** (2-4 yrs) meet in the Church Lounge.
Sparklers (Yrs R-2) & **Rockets** (Yrs 3-6) meet in the Carey & Spurgeon Halls. **Children should be dropped off & collected by a parent.**
Flame (Yrs 7-11) meets in the Keeble Centre.

We ask that you continue to keep the rear pews for those who choose to wear a face covering.

Please leave the balcony for those with compromised immune systems.

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 8 May

10:30am Morning Worship

Leader: Kevin Ings

Preacher: Pastor Shaun Sweeney

New Sermon Series Begins: Ripe 'n' Ready!

The Fruit of the Spirit: Love

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Current Government Guidance on Covid-19

As much as we love to see you here with us, if you have a cough, cold, high temperature or feel unwell you should stay home and avoid contact with other people.

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 3 May 12.30pm in the Keeble Centre

Everyone is very welcome. Feel free to drop in for 10 minutes or an hour!

Monthly Prayer Meeting via Zoom Wednesday 11 May at 7.30pm

Please contact us for the joining link.

Baptism and Church Membership

Anyone thinking about **Baptism and Church Membership** is invited to join Pastor Shaun on a **Thursday** night between **6 and 7pm** in the Link.

Please come along if you have been thinking about either, but it would be helpful if you can let Pastor Shaun if you are planning to come.

Discipleship Discussion: Thursdays in the Link from 7:30pm

An informal time of open Bible discussion with Pastor Shaun, who is happy to answer any questions you may want to raise. It is hoped that this might be of help especially for those new to church. It will be a relaxed time with tea & coffee; finishing with prayer & a short Bible devotional. It would be helpful if you can let Pastor Shaun if you are planning to come.

Prayer & Support for Ukraine



Please keep the situation in Ukraine in your prayers, remembering both our twin church in Buzivka and the work of Hope Now in Cherkassy.

Most local organisations have been inundated with donations, so please consider making a monetary donation via **Hope Now** <https://hopenow.org.uk/donate/> or **Operation Mobilisation**

<https://www.uk.om.org/Appeal/ukraine-in-crisis>

Both organisations have multiple avenues to direct funds right now.

Notices & Events



Every year Mark Tutte grows and sells plants for Childsplay Romania. In recent years he has raised over £1000 a season for us. Mark would like to grow more but is running out of space.

Can anyone offer greenhouse space for trays of plants? These would need watering until they are big enough to stand outside to be sold. If anyone can help in this way, please contact Mark Tutte or Sheila Price

The Link will be Open for Coffee and Cake 10am-12noon on Wednesdays 4 & 18 May; 1, 15 & 29 June; 13 & 27 July

Please see Pete Rackham if you can help with providing cakes or could join a rota to enable us to open every week!



Communicare Plant Sale Saturday 7 May 10.00am - 12.30pm at the rear of CommuniBakes, 21 St James Road, SO15 5FB

Can you help on the day? We need volunteers to set up at 8am and help during the sale. **Are you green fingered?** Please let us know if you have plants to donate. All profit will go towards furthering the work Communicare, helping lonely & isolated people across Southampton.

For more information, contact the Communicare Events Team ☎ 8250 0050 ✉ events@communicareinsouthampton.org.uk

Minutes of the Church Members' Meeting held on 24 March are available from the church office.

All Members are encouraged to attend our next meeting, which will be the Annual General Meeting on Thursday 26 May at 7.45pm in the Spurgeon Hall. If you are unable to attend or are not yet a member, please pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance during the evening.



You are Invited to meet BMS Workers: Brian and Jackie Chilvers! Thursday 9 June at 7.30pm in the Church

Join us to hear more about Brian & Jackie's work as part of the health team at the Guineabor 2 Hospital in Chad.



Knitting Wool Needed!



Ruth King is in urgent need of more wool to enable her to keep knitting for Childsplay Romania!

Whole or part balls, DK preferred.

Weekly Activities

Speckled Frogs Toddler Group

Tuesdays 10.00 - 11.30am

Places should be booked *each week* by emailing:

speckled.frogs@shirleybaptist.org

Bell Ringing Group

Mondays 6.30pm in the Link

Learn to play simple hymns, songs and carols on bell plates, which are light and easy to play. You do not need to be able to read music: you just need a willingness to learn.

Led by Ruth Powell, an extremely patient and encouraging teacher.

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

A friendly group aimed at ladies 30-60 yrs. We meet once a month for coffee, making friends & learning new crafts.

Future Dates: To Be Confirmed

Board Games Evening

Saturday 7 May

6.30pm In the Spurgeon Hall

Get to know people & deepen relationships. Bring friends & your favourite game or choose from the selection the Insley Family have!

For more information, speak to Tim & Naomi or ✉ insleys@hotmail.co.uk

Future Dates: 11 June, 9 July

Life Groups

We have a variety of groups, each with a distinct flavour! Each group 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. Newcomers are very welcome.

Sundays 6pm via Zoom.

Please see Clint for details.

Ken & Margaret Amy's Group meet on **Sundays** at 7.30pm for Prayer & Chat and has now moved to **Thursdays** at 7.30pm **for Bible Study** both via Zoom.

Tuesdays 2pm via on Zoom

Please see Keith Hawton for details.

Thursdays

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

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

Link on Saturday next meets on 28 May 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: Tue 1-3pm

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