

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 15 May

10:30am Morning Worship

Leader: Keith Hawton

Preacher: Pastor Shaun Sweeney



Ripe 'N' Ready

The Fruit of the Spirit: Joy

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

RIPE 'N' READY

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 22 May

10:30am Morning Worship for All Ages

Led by Kevin Ings and John Waldron



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 7 June 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 8 June at 7.30pm

Please contact us for the joining link.

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.

Pastoral News

Doris Williams' Funeral will take place at 11.30am on **Thursday 19 May** at the East Chapel of Southampton Crematorium.

Notice of Elections to the Ministry Team

We are seeking nominations of *baptised church members* over the age of 18 to serve as members of the Ministry Team and therefore Charity Trustees for a period of three years.

Brenda Greenwood, Kevin Ings and Clint Zvavamwe are due for re-election and are prepared to stand again.

Nominations must be submitted in writing with the supporting signature of two other church members and the consent of the candidate. Nominations must be received by the Church Office no later than two Sundays prior to the AGM on Thursday 26 May which Sunday 15 May.

No nominee is elected unless supported by at least 2/3 of the members present at the AGM and entitled to vote and voting. There is no postal or proxy voting. Nomination forms are available from Brenda Greenwood or the Church Office.

Events

The Link will be Open for Coffee and Cake 10am-12noon on Wednesdays 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!

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

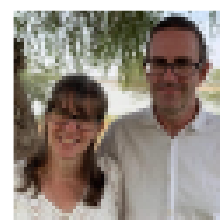


You are Invited to meet BMS Workers:

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.



The Following Food Items Are Urgently Needed For Basics Bank

Tinned cold meat (ham/spam/comed beef)

Small jars of coffee

Small bags of sugar

Hot chocolate

UHT Milk

Tinned veg: carrots, sweetcorn

Tinned spaghetti

Tinned hot meat: stew/curry/mince/pies

Tinned Soups – particularly Chunky

Cook-in-sauces, jars & packets

Packet Noodles

Rice pudding

Custard,

Treats: crisps, chocolate etc

Squash & drinks

Jams & Spreads

Toothpaste & toothbrushes

Deodorant (male & female)

Soap, shower gel & shampoo

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 11 June

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: 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 **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