

# Shirley Baptist Church

every day church for everywhere people

Shirley Baptist Church, Southampton, Registered Charity Number 1131764

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**We welcome you to worship!**  
We hope you will feel at home with us.

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**Sunday 22 May**

**10:30am Morning Worship for All Ages**

Led by Kevin Ings and John Waldron

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**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.**

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## **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.

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**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.



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## Sunday 29 May

### 10:30am Morning Worship

Leader: John Waldron

Preacher: Pastor Shaun Sweeney



### Ripe 'N' Ready

#### Part 3: Peace

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

**RIPE 'N' READY**

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There will be a short **Church Members' Meeting** after this service at which the Ministry Team will share possible options for the Manse.

There will then be a **Special Church Members' Meeting** after Morning Worship on **Sunday 26 June**.

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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.

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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.

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### Pastoral Work

**Sheila, who coordinates our Pastoral Work, will be away from Wednesday 25 to Friday 27 May.**

**If you have urgent pastoral concerns**, please contact Pastor Shaun Sweeney. Please contact the office with updates & thanksgiving news.

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### 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.

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## 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.**

## Events

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

The Agenda and Ministry Team Candidate Personal Statements are enclosed.



**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.



**Advance Notice:**

**Childsplay Romania** will be holding a **Tabletop Sale** on **Saturday 2 July** They would love donations of cakes so get your wooden spoons out!

For more information or to book a table, please contact Sarah Hodgkinson, Sheila Price or Sara Burns.

## Notices



**Could you add something for Basics Bank to your basket this week?** *Items Urgently Needed:* Ham, Spam & Corned Beef; Small jars of Coffee



**Ruth King is in urgent need of more wool** to enable her to keep knitting for Childsplay Romania!  
Whole or part balls, Double Knitting weight preferred.

## Weekly Activities

### **Speckled Frogs Toddler Group**

Tuesday 24 May 10.00 - 11.30am

**Tuesday 31 May - Closed**

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

## Church Office Closure

The **Church Office will be closed** for annual leave on the following dates:

Mon 23, Wed 25, Thu 26, Fri 27 May;

Mon 30 May, Wed 1, Thu 2, Fri 3 June

## 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

### **Pastor: Shaun Sweeney**

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Office Days: Tuesday & Thursday plus half day on Wednesday

### **Secretary: Brenda Greenwood**

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**Church Office:** ☎ 023 8039 9949

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### **Opening Hours:**

**Tuesday** 1-3pm

Normal hours resume on Mon 6 June.