

# 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 5 March

### 10.30am **Morning Worship with Communion**

Young Church will be in the halls for the whole service.

Leader: Kevin Ings

Preacher: Pastor Shaun Sweeney

### **A People Pleasing to God**

The Church In Laodicea: Revelation 3:14-22



Praise @ 4pm

### **A more traditional style of service**

followed by afternoon tea.

Our Young Church is called **Fire!** There are groups for babies to teenagers! Visiting children are welcome to join, a welcomer will show you the way!

**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 on your way in.

**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.

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**The balcony is available** for those with compromised immune systems. Children are not permitted in the balcony and everyone using it should wear a face covering.

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**Our service will be live streamed and available to watch on demand via YouTube.** If you do not wish to be seen, please sit at the rear on the left hand side. If you have any concerns regarding the live stream, please speak to Pastor Shaun or a member of the Leadership Team.

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**Members of the Prayer Team** are available after our services. If you would like someone to pray with you, simply come to the front before you leave.

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# Sunday 12 March

10.30am **Morning Worship** with Young Church

Leader: John Waldron

Preacher: Pastor Shaun Sweeney



**Full Plate – Purpose Less**

“A Word To The Wise”

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Not all that whets our appetite satisfies our hearts!

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**Flickers Crèche** (birth to 2 yrs) meets in the Church Lounge.

**Sparklers** (ages 3-6yrs) meet in the Carey Hall.

**Rockets** (ages 7-11yrs) meet in the Spurgeon Hall.

**Children should be dropped off & collected by a parent.**

**Flame** (School Yrs 7-11) meets in the Keeble Centre.

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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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## Guidance on Illness

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 at home and avoid contact with other people.

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## Pastoral Work

**Sheila, who coordinates our Pastoral Work, will be away from Friday 10 March until Monday 13 March.**

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

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## Notices

### Southampton General Hospital Chaplaincy need more Volunteers

Do you have a friendly and approachable manner? Are you willing and able to help patients come to services on Wednesdays? Or are you able to give up 1-2 hours of your time most Monday mornings, to ask patients if they'd like to come to the chapel services? Or on Fridays, to arrange flowers in the chapel? Are you willing to be trained and support the work of the hospital chaplains, complying with hospital policies?

If so, you may be interested in becoming a Chaplaincy Volunteer!

You will need an enhanced DBS check, references and an interview.

To get started, please email the Voluntary Services Department, [volunteers@uhs.nhs.uk](mailto:volunteers@uhs.nhs.uk). For an informal chat, please phone Revd Sue Pitkin, Chaplaincy Volunteers Co-ordinator ☎ 023 8120 8517.

## Prayer & Support for Others

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

## Prayer Opportunities

**Citywide Prayer Meeting 7.30pm Sunday 5 March**

Hosted by **City Life Church** at **Townhill Park Community Centre**, Meggeson Avenue, SO18 2FH

**Prayer Lunch Tuesday 7 March 12.30pm** in The Link

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

**Caraway Monthly Prayer for Older People** Wed 8 March 2-3pm on Zoom

An opportunity to pray for Older People and their Carers & Health Professionals. For the joining link, please email Rev Eric Roberts: caraway@caraway.uk.com

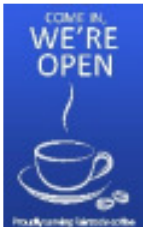
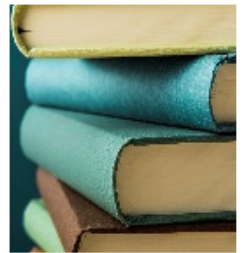
**Monthly Prayer Meeting via Zoom Wed 8 March** at 7.30pm

Please contact us for the joining link.

## Events

**Our new Book Stall is open on Wednesday Mornings.**

Items left on display are for sale, with prices on the front and back. Please clearly mark your payment and pass to Brenda Greenwood, Anne Richards or the Church Office as soon as possible. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



**The Link** will be **Open for Coffee and Cake**

**10am-12noon** on Wednesdays 8 & 22 March

**The Link** will be open as a **Warm Welcome Space**

**9.30am-1.30pm** on Wednesdays 15 & 29 March.

**Warm Welcome Spaces** will also be open in the following churches:

**Mon, Tue & Fri** 10am-4pm All Saints Church Centre, Winchester Rd SO16 7DL; **Wed** 11am-4pm Christ Church Freemantle, SO15 3BS;

**Thu** 9am-6pm St James Rd Methodist Church, SO15 5HE.

For a full list of all the venues please visit: [www.warmwelcome.uk](http://www.warmwelcome.uk)

**Shirley Home of Bread** Extra Presentation Date: **Mon 13 March 7.30pm**

Ken Amy's proposal is relating to a ground-breaking Christian Social Business Enterprise here in Shirley. Everyone is welcome. To join the meeting enter Zoom meeting id: 865 3950 6873 and passcode 333690.

**M & Ms Ladies Group** Wednesday 15 March **7.45pm** in **The Link**

A friendly group of ladies who meet once a month for coffee, making friends and learning new crafts.

**Board Games Evening** Saturday 18 March **6.30pm** In the Spurgeon Hall

**Zumba Class Taster Session** Tuesday 21 March **6.30pm** Spurgeon Hall

To book a place please ring Nicky ☎ 079 0311 5207

## Weekly Activities

### **Speckled Frogs Toddler Group**

**Tuesdays** 10-11.30am Places should be booked *each week*  
✉ 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.

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**Future Dates:** 19 April.

### **Board Games Evening**

**Saturday 18 March**

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, please speak to Tim & Naomi or

✉ insleys@hotmail.co.uk

**Future Dates:** 15 April, 20 May, 17 June, 15 July

## Life Groups

We have a variety of groups, each 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 A's Group** meet on **Sundays** at **7.30pm** for Prayer & Chat and **Thursdays** at **7.30pm** for Bible Study both via Zoom.

**Tuesday 2pm**

Closed 7 & 14 March, Open 21 March

Keith H's Group meets in The Link.

**Thursdays**

**10am** David W's Group meets in The Link.

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

**Link on Saturday** next meets

**18 March 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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**Normal Opening Hours:**

**Mon:** 10.00am-12.00pm

**Tue:** 1.00-3.00pm

**Wed:** 9.00-10.30am

**Thu & Fri:** 10.00am-12.00pm