

Dear friends of Southcourt Baptist Church,

Welcome to the latest news email for Southcourt Baptist Church.



Church Calendar

Now that we are in a National Lockdown due to Covid-19, all our “meetings” will be on-line. We are praying for a safer world in the coming months.

Date	Time	Event	Details
Friday February 5th	9am to 12.30 pm	Bridge the Gap	Our food bank is open on a Monday and Friday each week. Please ring or email the office first if you are able to donate food to the church or would like to help in other ways. Please also contact the church office if you are struggling and would appreciate some food.
Friday February 5th	The prayer suggestions can be used at any time, any day and anywhere!	Friday prayers	The prayer suggestions will be available every Wednesday. If you would like a copy please contact Tim and Jean on friday.prayers@southcourt.org .
Sunday February 7th	10.30am	Sunday Service	Please join us via the You Tube link Southcourt Baptist Church or via the website https://southcourtbaptist.org.uk/  - just click on  when you are on the website. For more information on youth and children’s work, contact Michelle, Iain or James.
Sunday February 7th	11.30am or a few minutes after the service has finished	Zoom coffee time	As we won't be meeting in the building, we'd love you to join us for a catch up at the Zoom coffee time , led by David and Jean Finn, starting at 11.30 or soon after the service ends. If you haven't joined before, it's a relaxed time - to sit with your cuppa, to see church family and friends, and just share something of how things are going. Join Zoom Meeting Link https://zoom.us/j/94578947981?pwd=dEpCbTFvc0NlV2pNeVI5VzEyK1dJUT09 Meeting ID: 945 7894 7981 Passcode: 110963
Monday February 8th	9am to 12.30 pm	Bridge the Gap	As above

Tuesday February 9th	7 - 9pm	Ignite	Please contact James@southcourt.org re this event. This is now an on-line event
Friday February 12th	9am to 12.30 pm	Bridge the Gap	As above
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Sunday February 14th	10.30am	Sunday Service	As above
Sunday February 14th	11.30am or a few minutes after the service has finished	Zoom coffee time	As above
Monday February 15th	9am to 12.30 pm	Bridge the Gap	As above
Tuesday February 16th	7 - 9pm	Ignite	As above

Covid and other church admin

Test and Trace Covid 19 App	When visiting the church, if you can, please “check-in” via the App. The QR code is on the side, Jubilee Hall and front doors.
Coronavirus advice	In case you've missed the latest advice, here's a link to the government site Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance and support . We are now under National Lockdown.
Access to the office	Please note that all essential visitors to the office must wear face-masks.
Access to the building	If you are a volunteer or heading up a particular group, please ensure that you sign in and out at the desk at the bottom of the office stairs. This is for fire procedure purposes. Please also wear a mask and keep a 2m distance from anyone else in the building.
Christmas Offering	Thank you so much for all the kind offerings towards our Christmas Appeal. We ended up raising £2,177.50 to be divided between BMS Operation Chad and Pete Griffith (Chaplaincy work).

Getting Involved

Prayer	If you would like to be able to send out prayer requests to our people and also to receive requests to pray for, please let Liz know and she can add you to the mailing list - prayer@southcourt.org .
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Lifegroups	If you are not already part of a small group, which is where we do real life together and support each other as church, please contact Mark or Jenny for more information.
Mark on Finances	Between January and March the church will be making use of the Government's flexible Job Retention Scheme and furloughing our staff for one day a week. If you have any questions about this, I would be happy to help. If you would like to give financially to the work of the church, visit the website for more information - https://www.southcourtbaptist.org.uk/SBC_DONATE.htm

Inspiration

Music choice	This is an opportunity to share a single piece of music from any genre that's had a significant impact on us. I would love to hear from you so that I can share from across the church community. Another way of helping us remember that we are one. This week it's from Graham C. A Southern Gospel Revival - Jamie Wilson - Ain't No Grave . <i>"I've picked it because of the times we are in as a nation/world, as we need to remember the promise and gift God has given us, listen to the words..... Love it"</i>
Quote	<i>"Amidst a time of planetary change and disruption, we envision a recovery of our deep connection to each other and our world, led by Christian and other spiritual movements that are freeing leaders and communities to overcome dehumanizing systems of oppression and cooperate in the transforming work of Love".</i> Centre for Action and Contemplation
Good News	After a terrible year across the world with the Covid pandemic, I thought I would try to find some good things that have come out of 2020 and the changes that we have made to our lives in response. This week I would like to thank God for the opportunity I had to take up open water swimming in MK. It was so good for my mental health. I would have been "too busy" in a normal year to take this up.
Prayer Resource	UNITE 714 - https://www.unite714.com/weekly-prayer
Creation Care	Have you thought of reducing your meat intake or even going vegan? It's good for the planet, our own and animal health. If you want some help with this, I would be happy to give some advice. I've been vegan for over a year and I'm loving it.

Church Contact Information

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Twitter Account		Click here Southcourt Baptist (@SouthcourtBC) for a link to our account. Our username is @SouthcourtBC.
Facebook groups/pages		https://www.facebook.com/southcourtbaptistchurch https://www.facebook.com/groups/bridgethegapaylesbury https://www.facebook.com/BerthasSBC https://www.facebook.com/groups/messychurchaylesbury For SBC Children and SBC Youth, you will need to contact Iain or James.
Global Mission		Contact Lydia, Our Global Links Coordinator at gmission@southcourt.org .
Aylesbury Churches		If you would like to get any emails that we receive into the office, please let me know and I will add you to the list.
Baptist Union		If you would like to get any emails that we receive into the office, please let me know and I will add you to the list.

The next news email will be produced on **February 17th**

Blessings and peace to you all, 