

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 January 8th	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 January 8th	the prayer suggestions can be used at any time, any day and anywhere!	Friday prayers	Thank you to the team who have continued to pray “together but at home” since March 2020 which included the Christmas and New Year break. 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 January 10th	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. Youth and Children’s work will also be on-line most weeks. For more information, contact Michelle, Iain or James.
Sunday January 10th	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 January 11th	9am to 12.30 pm	Bridge the Gap	As above
Tuesday January 12th	2pm	Something Better	Since September, Something Better friends have been “meeting” on a Tuesday each month for a short service via the telephone. We call these events TeleCall. If you are interested in hearing the service then please contact Jean and Tim on somethingbetter@southcourt.org . We shall be celebrating Communion during our time together.
Tuesday January 12th	7 - 9pm	Ignite	Please contact James@southcourt.org re this event. This is now an on-line event
Friday January 15th	9am to 12.30 pm	Bridge the Gap	As above
Friday January 15th	the prayer suggestions can be used at any time, any day and anywhere!	Friday prayers	As above
Sunday January 17th	10.30am	Sunday Service	As above
Sunday January 17th	11.30am or a few minutes after the service has finished	Zoom coffee time	As above
Monday January 18th	9am to 12.30 pm	Bridge the Gap	As above
Tuesday January 19th	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	Our Christmas offering this year is for Pete Griffith (Chaplaincy training) and BMS Operation Chad Appeal.

	<p>Please see the Sunday morning talks on December 6th and 13th for more information. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCInKLaeLICdHQOWtmTproNw</p> <p>Since we are very unlikely to be together in the near future, here are the ways that we can give:</p> <p>Please give directly via BACs - put <i>Christmas Offering</i> in the description. See our website or ask the office for our bank details.</p> <p>Alternatively, if you would like to give cash, just put your money in an envelope with a note in it and post it through the letterbox of the church (at the side entrance). This is a secured locked box.</p> <p>We will be keeping our Christmas offering open to the end of January so that we will all have time to contribute whenever and however we can.</p>
PAT Testing	<p>Please note that the electrical testing scheduled for today - Jan 6th - has been cancelled due to personal reasons of the tester. It is provisionally rescheduled for Jan 20th but we will let you know as soon as it is confirmed.</p>



Getting Involved

Green Team	<p>We will not be able to meet in January. Watch this space for another date once things are safer. In the meantime, keep watching my creation care hints below.</p>
Prayer	<p>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.</p>
Lifegroups	<p>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.</p>
Mark on Finances	<p>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.</p> <p>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</p> <p>As 2020 comes to an end and a new year begins, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued generosity and sacrificial giving towards God's work here at Southcourt Baptist Church. 'God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.' (1 Corinthians 9 v 8b-9)</p>

Inspiration



Music choice	Hackensack I'm unashamedly sharing this lovely ditty from my son's band. It's really pretty. Hope you enjoy it.
Quote	A lovely prayer from César Chávez to launch us into the New Year <i>"Show me the suffering of the most miserable; So I will know my people's plight. Free me to pray for others; For you are present in every person. Help me take responsibility for my own life; So that I can be free at last. Grant me courage to serve others; For in service there is true life. Give me honesty and patience; So that I can work with other workers. Bring forth song and celebration; So that the Spirit will be alive among us. Let the Spirit flourish and grow; So that we will never tire of the struggle. Let us remember those who have died for justice; For they have given us life. Help us love even those who hate us; So we can change the world"</i> .
Good News	After a terrible year across the world with the Covid pandemic, I thought I would celebrate some of the 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 all the time I have spent in nature during 2020, doing a lot of gardening but mainly walking in the countryside. It's been glorious. One of the mantras in our family is "you never regret going out for a walk"!
Prayer Resource	UNITE 714 - https://www.unite714.com/weekly-prayer
Seniors	Christmas and New Year greetings to all at Southcourt Baptist Church have been received from the staff and residents of Lewin House Care Home and Buckingham Lodge Care Home. Thanks to Tim and Jean for keeping these contacts strong.
Creation Care	Is it time for you to review your energy contract? Now might be the time to look at a green provider who ensures that your electricity is 100% renewable and that your gas is offset in some way by doing carbon reduction projects. I use <i>Bulb</i> Join Bulb Bulb but <i>Octopus</i> https://octopus.energy/ is also another good provider.

Church Contact Information



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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		<p>Contact Lydia, Our Global Links Coordinator at gmission@southcourt.org. Here is some wonderful news:</p> <p><i>Tom and Sarah Haig, our mission partners with YWAM in Malawi (but currently in Bristol) are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Amariyah Zoe Ann Haig. Born at 01:04am on 30/12/20 weighing 8lb9oz.</i></p> <p><i>They say: After a delivery that was quite challenging and difficult we thank God that our beautiful daughter Amariyah 'The LORD has promised' is born! Sarah and Ama were discharged from hospital on Saturday evening and are now recovering at home. We'd appreciate your continued prayers for Sarah at this time.</i></p> <p><i>Thank you everyone for your prayers, support and encouragement. With love Tom, Sarah, Ezra and Amariyah x</i></p>

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 **January 20th**.

Blessings and peace to you all,

