

Dear friends of Southcourt Baptist Church,

Welcome to the latest news email for Southcourt Baptist Church. I hope you like the new style!



Church Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Details
Friday November 13th	9.30am to 12.30pm	Drop-In prayer	During the November lockdown, we are opening the main church for private prayer in line with the government rules. There will be soft music playing and prayer prompts on the grey screens with social distanced chairs and all safety precautions adhered to. If you would like to pray in peace, please do come and use the building.
Friday November 13th	See the link	UK Day of Prayer	UK day of prayer – 13 November 2020 Join with Christians across our nation to pray during these dark times.
Friday November 13th	the prayer suggestions can be used at any time, any day and anywhere!	Friday prayers	If you are not already on the list and want more details, please email friday.prayers@southcourt.org . The email is sent out on a Thursday each week.
Sunday November 15th	10.30am	Sunday Service	We are now in lockdown again so please access the Livestream from our Youtube channel. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCInKLaeLICdHQOWtmTproNw/featured Children & youth work will also be accessible online via Michelle, Iain or James. We are so sorry for the technical problems experienced last Sunday but big thanks to the technical team who worked hard to sort it out.
Sunday November 15th	10 minutes after the service finishes	Zoom online coffee meeting with David & Jean hosting	Why not join us to catch up with one another and share together? The Meeting ID each week is 764-5658-2695 and the Password is 5jKqs1 . Just click Here to join, following the instructions and entering the meeting ID and password if requested. Don't forget your coffee!
Monday November 16th	9am to 12.30 pm	Bridge the Gap	Our food bank is now running on a Monday and Friday. 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.

Monday November 16th	9.30am to 12.30 pm	Drop-In prayer	As above
Tuesday November 17th	7 to 9pm	Ignite Youth Group	Our weekly youth group for young people in school years 7-13, now meeting online during lockdown.
Wednesday November 18th	9.30am to 12.30 pm	Drop-In prayer	As above
Friday November 20th	9am to 12.30 pm	Bridge the Gap	As above
Friday November 20th	9.30am to 12.30pm	Drop-In prayer	As above
Friday November 20th	Any time you are free	Friday prayers	As above
Sunday November 22nd	10.30am	Sunday Service	As above
Sunday November 22nd	10 minutes after the service finishes	Zoom online coffee meeting	As above
Monday November 23rd	9am to 12.30 pm	Bridge the Gap	As above
Monday November 23rd	9.30am to 12.30 pm	Drop-In prayer	As above
Tuesday November 24th	7 to 9pm	Ignite Youth Group	As above

Christmas is coming!

This information may change due to Covid-restrictions but here is the current plan. All “in-person” events are bookable but we will let you know when the booking lines are open!

Date	Time	Event	Details
Sunday December 20th	10.30am	Family Worship Service	This will be a family event and hence there will be no children or youth work this morning.
Sunday December 20th	7pm	Carol Service	This will be an adult-focused reflective service. Due to the Covid-rules and the lack of space in the building, we will need to choose to attend either the morning <i>or</i> evening service.
Thursday December 24th	11.45pm to 12.15am	Online Midnight Reflection	Mark and Jenny will be leading this on-line event which will include communion.
Friday December 25th	10am	Christmas Day Service	This will be a family event and hence there will be no children or youth work this morning.
Sunday December 27th	10.30am	Sunday Service	This is not specifically a family worship service. However, our children and youth work volunteers will be taking a well-earned rest.

Please note that this service will not be Live-streamed.



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. For more info, copy this link into your browser. https://www.covid19.nhs.uk/?utm_campaign=App_Launch_England&utm_medium=paid_social&utm_source=Google&utm_content=PPC&gclid=CjwKCAjw2dD7BRASEiwAWCtCby99N4qH7qY018O3aDdiDTpX0GEaPMDz6waVamrsyF1vW6l3pNQwjxoCKxoQAvD_BwE
Coronavirus advice	In case you've missed the latest advice, here's a link to the government site Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance and support.
Access to the office	Please note that during the lockdown, the office is closed although there will be skeleton staffing throughout the week.
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.
The Treehouse Pre-school	As you may know, Claire Trimnell, who has faithfully led our pre-school since 2003, is leaving to move onto pastures new, with her last day in the office on December 9th. It's not too late to contribute towards her leaving present. If you would like to, please contact Viv on sbcfinance@southcourt.org or ring the church office to find out how.



Getting Involved

Helping in the church during the week	During the lockdown, we need help with people covering the drop-in prayer sessions. Please contact Michelle G for more information. If you can help Graham with physical work, please email graham@southcourt.org
Global Mission	On Sunday 1st November we were delighted to host our mission partners with YWAM in Malawi, Sarah and Tom Haig. If you would like to find out more about their ministry and sign up for regular news updates from them please visit www.thehaigsonmission.wordpress.com
Unsure?	Just contact me or one of the other leaders for a chat.
SBC Eco Action Group	It's not too late to become part of this group. We will be waiting until lockdown is over to meet in person.
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.

Giving to the church	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
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Inspiration

Music choice	This one was suggested by Michelle G and it means a lot to her. I hope you enjoy it. Steven Curtis Chapman - Great Expectations
Quote	“ <i>Conversion requires that we hear “Both the cry of the earth and the cry of the Poor.”</i> ” Pope Francis
Good News	I’m so grateful that Lou, who heads up Bridge the Gap, is now much better after her struggle with Covid. Thank you so much for all the prayer that was covering her during her few weeks of suffering.
Prayer Resource	The Church of England is encouraging Christians to pray during the lockdown at 6pm each day. Click here for more information on this Churches to hold month of prayer as second lockdown begins
Eco Tip	If you would like to reduce your plastic consumption, why not try a refill service. A good one that I use is https://www.ecobonobo.co.uk/refills . I just drop off my empty bottles at her house in the town centre and pick them up again when filled.

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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 kids 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 **November 25th**. Blessings and peace to you all,