

Dear friends of Southcourt Baptist Church,

Welcome to the latest news email for Southcourt Baptist Church.



Church Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Details
Wednesday 25th November	9.30am to 12.30pm and 7.30 to 9.30pm	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 socially- 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 27th	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 November 27th	9.30am to 12.30pm	Drop-In prayer	As above
Friday November 27th	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 29th	10.30am	Sunday Service	During the November lockdown, please access the Livestream from our Youtube channel. Southcourt Baptist Church Children & youth work will also be accessible online via Michelle, Iain or James.
Sunday November 29th	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! This will be our last one as lockdown comes to an end. Thanks again to David and Jean for hosting.
Monday November 30th	9am to 12.30 pm	Bridge the Gap	As above

Monday November 30th	9.30am to 12.30 pm	Drop-In prayer	As above
Tuesday December 1st	7 to 9pm	Ignite Youth Group	Our weekly youth group for young people in school years 7-13, meeting online during lockdown.
Wednesday December 2nd	9.30am to 12.30 pm	Drop-In prayer	As above. This will be our last morning as lock-down ends today.
Friday December 4th	9am to 12.30 pm	Bridge the Gap	As above
Friday December 4th	9.30am to 12.30pm	Bertha's cafe	We are planning to open today after the lockdown, government rules permitting! Confirmation of this will be given nearer the time. Good drinks, good cakes, everyone welcome.
Friday December 4th	Any time you are free	Friday prayers	As above
Sunday December 6th	10.30am	Sunday Service	We are opening today after the lockdown! Please note that we have decided to scrap the Group A/Group B lists for now. Instead, please contact the church office by December 3rd if you would like to attend. Please continue to access the Livestream from our Youtube channel. Southcourt Baptist Church Children & youth work will also be running. Contact Michelle, Iain or James for more information.
Monday December 7th	9am to 12.30 pm	Bridge the Gap	As above
Monday December 7th	9.30am to 12.30 pm	Bertha's cafe	As above
Tuesday December 8th	7 to 9pm	Ignite Youth Group	This will now be in the main church hall as lockdown has ended. Contact James to book in.

Christmas 2020

This information may change due to Covid-restrictions but here is the current plan. We will let you know when the "booking lines" open for these events - once we learn any government restrictions around Christmas. A separate email will be sent out.

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. After lockdown, 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.
Church Members' meetings in 2021	This is assuming that we can be together in person! Wednesday March 24th - AGM (delayed from October) and budget meeting Wednesday July 7th Wednesday October 20th - AGM Wednesday December 8th Please note that we will not be holding any church members' meetings before March. If you are not a church member and would like to find out more, please contact the church office.



Getting Involved

Helping in the church during the week	If you can help Graham with physical work, please email graham@southcourt.org . If you can help Liz with practical or admin. work, please email liz@southcourt.org or ring her on 01296 480080
Unsure?	Just contact Liz or one of the other leaders for a chat.
Pastoral Care Team	This team has done a fantastic job during the Covid pandemic to visit or phone people who are feeling isolated in these dark times. If you feel you

	could get involved in some way, even if it's just making one or two phone calls a week, please contact Lou.
Green Team	It's not too late to become part of this group - please note the name change! We are planning to have our first meeting in person on January 18th at 1pm, government rules allowing. Contact Liz for more information.
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

Inspiration



Music choice	This week Iain has chosen a song - Steve Earle - "Little Rock 'N' Roller" [Live from Austin, TX] <i>"This song is a reminder of the importance of family, and in particular, giving time to your children. The song is about a musician who is on tour and is talking to his son on the phone about how much he is missing him because of the demands of his work. It is so easy to get caught up in work and play that you forget to spend quality time with those you love. It is particularly important right now under the current circumstances we find ourselves in, to take time to be with your immediate family and to tell them you love them - my challenge to you this week is to do just that, tell your loved ones you LOVE THEM and give them your time". Iain N</i>
Quote	<i>" And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love". 1 Corinthians 13:13</i>
Good News	It sounds like a vaccine is coming our way. Whoopee! This gives me so much hope.
Prayer Resource	UNITE 714 - https://www.unite714.com/weekly-prayer
Green Team suggestion	Please join with me in signing this amazing declaration ahead of the so important COP26 in Glasgow in November 2021. Together we can use our voice to tell politicians that we want a cleaner, greener, fairer future at the heart of plans to rebuild a strong economy. https://thetimeisnow.uk/

Church Contact Information



Name	Area of work	Email
James Henson	Youth	james@southcourt.org
Lou Clarke	Bridge the Gap & Pastoral Care	lou@southcourt.org

David Graham	Lead Pastor	david@southcourt.org
Liz Zealey	Operations/Office	liz@southcourt.org
Iain Nash	Children and Pre-school	iain@southcourt.org
Michelle Geering	Little Lifekidz and Bertha's cafe	michelleg@southcourt.org
Graham Clarke	Buildings	graham@southcourt.org
Jenny Rogers	Leadership & Lifegroups	jenny@southcourt.org
Mark Rogers	Leadership, Finance Leader, Lifegroups, Health and Safety, Sunday tech, Safeguarding	mark@southcourt.org
Viv B	Finance Admin	sbcfinance@southcourt.org
Chris B	Leadership	chris@southcourt.org
Tim and Jean H	Something Better and Friday Prayers	somethingbetter@southcourt.org friday.prayers@southcourt.org
Church office	Church administration	office@southcourt.org or ring 01296 480080
Treehouse Pre-school		claire@southcourt.org or ring 01296 434541
Website		https://www.southcourtbaptist.org.uk/index.html
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 **December 9th**. Blessings and peace to you all,

