

Dear friends of Southcourt Baptist Church,

Welcome to the latest news email for Southcourt Baptist Church:

- **October 18th - Week A, October 25th - week B**
- **Sunday Morning Services** - 10.30am - The church will be open to all those people who have signed up at the church office. Please note that if you are not signed up for either Group A or Group B and still want to come back to church, please contact the church office, liz@southcourt.org or 01296 480080. If you are watching from home, please access our Youtube feed to link up to the service.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B0tXs5GSzrE&ab_channel=SouthcourtBaptistChurch.
- **Volunteers needed** - to help in the church during the week. This is especially relevant for Graham at this present time as he recovers from his cardiac arrest. You can either help with practical work or with office administration work. We will tailor the work towards your gifting and preference. We would ask that you commit to at least 2 hours per week and of course training will be provided in a Covid-safe environment 🙏
- **Sunday Children and Young People's work** - please look out for specific details from James, Iain and Michelle or email them - see below for details.
- **Bertha's Cafe** - Open Mondays and Fridays 9.30am to 12.30pm (term-time only). Fancy a coffee and delicious homemade cake with a friend? Now is your chance. ☕
- **Test and Trace Covid 19 App** - When visiting the church, if you can, please "check-in" via the App. The QR code is on both the side and the 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
- **Ignite Youth Group** - in the main church - Tuesdays (term-time only) 7 to 9.30pm. Please contact James for more information.
- **Friday Prayers** - *"Did you know - we need to make prayer part of our lives - indeed a daily habit – if we want to learn to pray. Experts tell us that apparently it takes the average person 30 days of doing the same thing before it becomes a habit. The Friday Prayer suggestions will be ready for you to use each Wednesday"*. Please contact Jean and Tim via friday.prayers@southcourt.org if you would like a copy.
- If you want to buy a copy of 'NIV Bible SpeaksToday' (£28), which Martin Manser spoke about in Our Life Together on 11 October, then please email him on mhmanser@gmail.com and he will arrange to get you a copy.

- **Bridge the Gap** 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. Please also contact the church office if you are struggling and would appreciate some food. Thank you so much 🙌
- 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
- **Twitter** account, Click here [Southcourt Baptist \(@SouthcourtBC\)](#) for a link to our account. Our username is @SouthcourtBC.
- **Prayer resources** - UNITE 714 - a simple but significant resource to help keep us praying at least twice a day! <https://www.unite714.com/>
- My **good news** for this week has been reading about Tring Baptist Church and their Gold Eco Church award. What an amazing achievement and such an inspiration for us to follow suit!
Click on the link to find out more. <http://tringbaptistchurch.co.uk/eco-church/> 😁

Coronavirus advice - In case you've missed the latest advice, here's a link to the government site [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): guidance and support](#).

Music - Here is my music choice of the week. 🎵 In loving memory of Jonny Nash who died last week. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NkwJ-g0iJ6w&ab_channel=Josegeraldofonseca

Finally - *“As you announce peace with your mouth, make sure that greater peace is in your hearts. . . . For we have been called to heal wounds, to bind up the broken, and to call home any who have lost their way.”* - Francis of Assisi

If you need to contact anyone if you have concerns, need a chat, or would like to help in some way, here are some email addresses that might help:

- Youth - james@southcourt.org
- Children & families - iain@southcourt.org, Little Lifekidz - michelleg@southcourt.org
- Bridge the Gap - lou@southcourt.org
- Something Better - somethingbetter@southcourt.org, Friday Prayer group - friday.prayers@southcourt.org
- Lifegroups - lifegroups@southcourt.org
- Pastoral support - lou@southcourt.org

Otherwise, just reply to this email or ring the church office on 01296 480080 and leave a message for me. 🙌 The next news email will be produced on **October 28th**. Blessings and peace to you all,



p.s. If you know of people who are not on the internet and would appreciate **paper copies** of this email or would like to be added to the email list, please let me know.

p.p.s. Please note that, to keep our staff team as safe as possible, **the main church office** is currently only accessible to church staff and volunteers. If you need to come to the church building, please ring the bell and wait for someone to come down to see you. Thank you so much for your cooperation with this.