


Dear friends of Southcourt Baptist Church,

Welcome to the latest news email for Southcourt Baptist Church. *Please note that, from May, we are aiming to move to a monthly news email to be used as a reference source. Any urgent news in between will simply be issued at the time.*



Church Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Details
Friday April 16th	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. If you can donate, here is our current list of stock needed : <i>Chocolate bars, biscuits, crackers, pasta sauce, cereal, peanut butter.</i>
Friday April 16th	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 April 18th	10.30am	Sunday Service in the building	<p>We are now officially back in the building each Sunday including youth and children’s work.</p> <p>You will need to continue to book your place each week via the church office.</p> <p>You may have seen the latest Government advertising which talks about Hands, Face, Space and Fresh Air. Could we remind you to come prepared for church to be colder than normal as windows and doors will be open to allow for fresh air to circulate. Hopefully the weather will warm up soon!</p> <p>The service will also still be available on-line</p> <p>Please join us via the You Tube link Southcourt Baptist Church</p> <p>or via the website https://southcourtbaptist.org.uk/</p> <p>- just click on  when you are on the website</p>

			For more information on youth and children's work, contact Michelle, Iain or James.
Sunday April 18th		Zoom coffee time	As we will be in the building from now onwards, we are not planning to continue the Zoom coffee times. Thanks again to David and Jean F who have so faithfully led these calls during the lockdown. We are very grateful. Please contact us if you are not able to attend Sunday services and would appreciate some contact from the church.
Monday April 19th	9am to 12.30 pm	Bridge the Gap	As above
Monday April 19th	10am	English Conversation Group	A free informal friendly get-together to chat, exchange experiences and have fun whilst exercising and improving your English language skills. This is for anyone who wishes to improve their English conversational skills and is currently held on Zoom. Please email Howard at EngConv@outlook.com for more information
Tuesday April 20th	7 to 9pm	Ignite	Please contact James@southcourt.org re this event. We are now back in the building!
Friday April 23rd	9am to 12.30 pm	Bridge the Gap	As above
Friday April 23rd	the prayer suggestions can be used at any time, any day and anywhere!	Friday prayers	As above
Sunday April 25th	10.30am	Sunday Service	As above
Monday April 26th	9am to 12.30 pm	Bridge the Gap	As above
Monday April 26th	10am	English Conversation Group	As above
Tuesday April 27th	7 to 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 . Restrictions are still in place across the country.
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.



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 .
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	<p>Did you know that the church has a Just Giving page? It can be found at https://www.justgiving.com/southcourt-baptistchurch.</p> <p>Did you know that you can donate to the church while buying from Amazon. Use Amazon Smile (smile.amazon.co.uk) and select 'Southcourt Baptist Church Trust' as your charity. You can enjoy (?) the same shopping experience and amazon will give us some money!!</p> <p>If you would like to give to the work of the church or would like more information please feel free to contact me. If you already give, thank you!</p> <p>If you would like to give financially to the work of the church, visit the website for more information - Donate</p>
Something Better	<p>As you know, Tim and Jean have now stood down as leaders of Something Better. As a church, we sent a thank you token to show our appreciation. Here is a message from T&J:</p> <p><i>“Dear friends, thank you so much for the gift voucher that has been given to us as we finish leading Something Better after 13 years. It has been a privilege to be involved in this work and thank you to everyone for your support. God Bless, Tim and Jean”</i></p>

Inspiration



<p>Music choice</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>This week it's from John Belson: <i>"In truth, there are so many I could choose for various reasons.... But the winner for me is I still haven't found what I'm looking for by U2.</i></p> <p><i>This is a band I have had the pleasure of seeing live on several occasions in my life. I recall being at The old Wembley Stadium many years ago when Bono started praying on stage and then the familiar sound of this classic started feeding in. Cigarette lighters came out and before long there was this amazing moment of 100,000 people, for want of a better word, worshipping! Totally caught up in the moment as Bono sang out</i></p> <p><i>' You've broke the bonds and you loosed the chains</i> <i>Carried the cross</i> <i>Took my shame</i> <i>Took the blame</i> <i>You know I believe it'</i></p> <p><i>I will admit that I was sobbing along as I sang.</i> <i>It still moves me now whenever I hear it".</i></p>
<p>Quote</p>	<p>"Be willing to be a beginner every single morning" - Meister Eckhart</p>
<p>Good News</p>	<p>It's got to be that we are on track with Boris' road map. This means that we are back at church this coming Sunday and thereafter. I'm so excited to worship together in person again. Also, as a non-drinker, I can't believe I'm saying this, but it's been lovely seeing people outside the pubs this week. Signs of life...</p>
<p>Prayer Resource</p>	<p>UNITE 714 - https://www.unite714.com/weekly-prayer</p>
<p>Creation Care Tip</p>	<div data-bbox="252 1249 422 1473" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>You may have received a leaflet through your front door from Bucks Council. Everything with a plug, battery or cable can be recycled & turned into anything from children's playgrounds to life saving equipment. Just pop your small old electricals into a carrier bag & place it on top of your recycling bin on your normal collection day.</p>

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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		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 **April 28th**

Blessings and peace to you all, 