


Dear friends of Southcourt Baptist Church,

Welcome to our monthly news email for Southcourt Baptist Church!



## Church Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Details
All Sundays in August except August 29th	10.30am	Sunday Service in the building	<p>There is now no need to book in on a Sunday! Just turn up to worship together as a community.</p> <p>We still recommend that we wear masks although we can take off our masks once we are sat down. When singing (which we can now do - whoopee) we are currently saying that we need to put on our masks at this point.</p> <p>Please note that it might be breezy as we would like to keep doors/windows open to maintain good ventilation.</p> <p>The service will also still be available on-line</p> <p>Please join us via the YouTube link <a href="https://www.youtube.com/SouthcourtBaptistChurch">Southcourt Baptist Church</a></p> <p>or via the website <a href="https://southcourtbaptist.org.uk/">https://southcourtbaptist.org.uk/</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;">  </p> <p>- just click on when you are on the website</p> <p>Children &amp; young people's work is taking a break during August.</p> <p>We are hoping to start serving refreshments from the autumn - so if you would like to sign up to help with this once a month, we would be very grateful.</p>
Friday August 6th to Saturday August 7th	Whole time!	Gather/Pray /Go Youth Event	<p>Please be praying for all the leaders and the young people over the course of the weekend as the youth community come together to have fun, worship and go out of the building to serve.</p>

Monday August 9th	9.30am to 12.30pm	Bertha's Cafe - Games event	Come along for coffee and to chat with friends. Playing games is optional!
Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th	Anytime between 9am and 2 pm	Exam results drop-in	We have 2 exam results day drop-in's happening for the GCSE and A level exam results days. Come and say "Hi", share your results with us and help yourself to some snacks. With leaders on hand to chat through and pray with you about your next steps. This will be taking place in the Jubilee Hall.
Friday 13th August	All day	Pilgrimage Walk from Tring to Aylesbury	The Young Christian Climate Network are walking a relay from the G7 in Cornwall to the COP26 in Glasgow to show we all care about climate justice and creation care and push for systematic change on a global and a local scale. We hope that by doing this relay, we can raise awareness of COP26 and our imperative as Christians to engage in creation care theology, individually and corporately. You can find more information at <a href="https://www.yccn.uk/">https://www.yccn.uk/</a> You can get involved by joining the walkers, holding an event as it passes through or hosting a walker overnight.  Liz is intending to do part of the walk - so if you would like to join her, just let her know.
All Fridays in August except 13th August.	9am to 12.30 pm	Bridge the Gap	Our food bank is only planning to open on a Friday each week in August (except 13th) - to give some of the team a well-deserved rest. 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>Coffee, Crackers for cheese, Tinned Tuna/Sardines, Tinned meat. Stews / Curry / Bolognese. Biscuits, Custard, Tinned Fruit, Chocolate Bars, Pasta Sauce/ Tikka/Korma Sauce.</i>
All Fridays	Flexible!	Friday prayers	<i>"From 30<sup>th</sup> July to August 27<sup>th</sup> there will be a break in the weekly prayer suggestions. Last year the team was encouraged to read and meditate on the book of Esther. This year there will be the opportunity of looking at some "Heroes of Faith". We have been given permission to reproduce some from Cannon J.John's blog and at the end of each of the descriptions of these heroes, there is a challenge for us all. Last year a full list of friends, for whom we prayed over the year, was prepared and a similar list will be available. It will enable our Friday prayer team to pray again for the many. During this break, however, any additional prayer requests received will be forwarded to the team for them to bring before our Living Lord Jesus".</i> If you would like to receive the "Heroes of Faith" or would like to send a prayer request for the team please contact Tim and Jean on <a href="mailto:timandjeanhowlett10@gmail.com">timandjeanhowlett10@gmail.com</a>
Wednesday August 25th	3.30 to 5.30pm	Bertha's Cafe Afternoon Tea	If you could book for this event, it will help with the preparations as we would like to be open for any passers by as well and that can make planning hard. So if you could let <a href="mailto:michelleg@southcourt.org">michelleg@southcourt.org</a> know for this by the 21st

			August that would be helpful. £5 for couples (or friends) and £10 for a family.
Sunday August 29th	10.30am	Church in the Park	<p>Gather in the Aylesbury Vale Park with other churches in Aylesbury to worship together. Please bring your own chairs and wet weather gear if necessary. Also, we are encouraged to bring along picnics for a picnic banquet after the service.</p> <p>For anyone who doesn't know Aylesbury Church in the Park is the Aylesbury churches all coming together with one voice, in unity for an open air family church service in the very centre of Aylesbury.</p> <p>We will spend some time praying for the peace of our town, worshipping together, with stories of hope and encouragement.</p> <p>As the church in this town we hope we'll leave refreshed, motivated, and mobilised for mission to serve God where we are placed.</p> <p>To help us in this we have Nick Collard leading a worship band made up across different churches and have invited Frog Orr-Ewing from Latimer Minster to come and speak to us.</p>

## Covid and other church admin



Test and Trace Covid 19 App	When visiting the church, if you can, please continue to "check-in" via the App. The QR code is on the side, Jubilee Hall and front doors.
Coronavirus advice	<p>In case you've missed the latest advice, here's a link to the government site <a href="#">Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance and support</a>.</p> <p>Most restrictions have now been lifted across the country although individual venues, public transport, workplaces etc are keeping their own controls where applicable.</p> <p>We also now have a supply of lateral flow testing kits in the office so please ask Liz if you need/want one. There will be a supply available on Sunday mornings too.</p>
Access to the office	Please note that all essential visitors to the office must wear face-masks although in meetings and whilst sitting down you are welcome to remove them.
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.
New Toilets project	Good progress has been made in July thanks to Grah and the team. The expected completion date is looking like early September.
Exit Gate	Unfortunately the exit lane is currently out of action as we wait for the fence to be mended. Please be careful when exiting via the entrance gate especially on a Sunday morning.



## Getting Involved

Volunteering	We would love more volunteers to get involved on a Sunday morning or at other times during the week. There are vacancies for Stewards, Refreshments, Little Lifekidz, Lifekidz and Youth work volunteers. In addition, now that the room bookings are starting to pick up again, if you can help in any way, such as tech, unlocking or locking up, or just being in the building at the time, I would be so grateful. Just grab one of the stewards on a Sunday morning to ask for more details or to sign up for a monthly team.
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 - <a href="mailto:prayer@southcourt.org">prayer@southcourt.org</a> .
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	Visit the website for more information on how you can give to the work of the church - <a href="#">Donate</a>  Many thanks for your generosity.



## Inspiration

Music choice	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. This week it's from Ruth Miller - <a href="#">Rend Collective - I CHOOSE TO WORSHIP (Acoustic Performance)</a> <i>"This album came out last year during lockdown &amp; the words of this particular song really spoke to me during the time of such uncertainty. It was great to be reminded that it's a choice to worship &amp; that we can choose to worship no matter the circumstances".</i>
Quote	<i>"I know that my redeemer lives, and in the end God will take his stand upon the earth. After this body has decayed, these eyes will look upon the Lord, and I will see God close to me—not someone else, but God! My heart trembles at the thought!" - Job 19:25–27</i>
Good News	We are opening up!! It's such good news and it looks like the vaccinations seem to be working to allow this to happen. Being able to sing again together is absolutely marvellous. I am so grateful to God and the medical profession for enabling this to happen.

Prayer Resource	<p>Since we are only producing a monthly email, we have changed the prayer resource to be the monthly prayer diary from the Baptist Union. Please click on this link for the August diary. <a href="https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/614824/BU_Prayer_Diary.aspx">https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/614824/BU_Prayer_Diary.aspx</a></p> <p>You might also be interested in this - <b>Here I am Lord:</b> BRF on-line conference for men and women: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October from 10.00am-3.00pm - as recommended by Tim and Jean. Attached to the news email is more information on this.</p>
Creation Care Tip	If you have disposable face masks, rather than putting them in the bin, there are recycling points in both Wilkos and Morrisons.



## Church Contact Information

Name	Area of work	Email
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Global Mission		Contact Lydia, Our Global Links Coordinator at <a href="mailto:gmission@southcourt.org">gmission@southcourt.org</a> .
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 **August 18th** for the month of September.

Blessings and peace to you all,

