

Dear friends of Southcourt Baptist Church,

Welcome to the latest news email for Southcourt Baptist Church.



**Christmas 2020**

The booking lines are now open for all these events.

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. We are hoping to open Bertha's at the beginning of the service, depending upon numbers. This will mean that the doors will open at 10am so that you can get your orders in.
Sunday December 20th	7pm	Carol Service	This will be an adult-focused reflective service.
<p>You are welcome to book into both events on December 20th but due to the Covid-rules and the lack of space in the building, we will need you to express a preference of attending either the morning <i>or</i> evening service. If numbers are limited we will then give you your first preference.</p>			
Thursday December 24th	11.45pm to 12.15am	Online Midnight Reflection	<p>Join us online for a time of reflection &amp; communion together. Everyone is welcome to join Mark and Jenny for a short service at 11.45pm on Christmas Eve, lasting about half an hour. It's an opportunity to join together virtually via Zoom and share in communion</p> <p>Once you've joined the Zoom meeting, please mute yourself and Jenny and Mark will lead the time of reflection, prayer and communion. We encourage you to take time to listen, reflect and pray. Just remember to bring your bread and wine. Christmas jumpers are optional!</p> <p>Here are the zoom details:</p> <p>Meeting ID: 869 546 2067 Password: 405060</p> <p>We will open the meeting at 11.40 to allow people to gather so we can start promptly at 11.45pm. Hope to see you there!</p> <p>If you've got any questions about how it will work, please get in touch with Mark or Jenny.</p>
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. If you are coming with your 3-household "bubble", please let us know so that we can sit you together.
Sunday	10.30am	Sunday	This is not specifically a family worship service. However,

December 27th		Service	our children and youth work volunteers will be taking a well-earned rest. Please note that this service will not be Live-streamed.
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## Church Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Details
Friday December 11th	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 December 11th	9.30am to 12.30pm	Bertha's cafe	Good drinks, good cakes, everyone welcome. Please note that you can only sit with people in your own household or bubble.
Friday December 11th	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 <a href="mailto:friday.prayers@southcourt.org">friday.prayers@southcourt.org</a> . The email is sent out on a Thursday each week.
Sunday December 13th	10.30am	Sunday Service	We are now back in the building! If you cannot attend, please continue to access the Livestream from our Youtube channel. <a href="#">Southcourt Baptist Church</a> . Children's work will also be running in the building. As it is week 2, youth work will not be available this week. Contact the church office to book your place & avoid disappointment.
Monday December 14th	9am to 12.30 pm	Bridge the Gap	As above
Monday December 14th	9.30am to 12.30 pm	Bertha's cafe	As above
Tuesday December 15th	7 to 9pm	Ignite Youth Group	Our weekly youth group for young people in school years 7-13. Contact James to book in. This is the last one before our Christmas break.
Friday December 18th	9am to 12.30 pm	Bridge the Gap	As above
Friday December 18th	9.30am to 12.30pm	Bertha's cafe	As above. Please note that this is the last Bertha's before Christmas. It will open again on Friday January 8th.
Friday December 18th	Any time you are free	Friday prayers	There will be no prayer suggestions for Christmas Day and New Year's Day. However, the prayer

			suggestions for these days will be made available with the suggestions for Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December. Any emergency prayer requests will be forwarded to the Prayer Team as they are received.
Friday December 18 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 - 9pm	Unite Social	An evening for the youth to celebrate here at church and online with the young people from other churches. To book in, contact James.
Monday December 21 <sup>st</sup>	9am to 12.30 pm	Bridge the Gap	As above. Please note that this is the last BTG before Christmas. It will open again on Monday January 4 <sup>th</sup> .



## 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 <a href="#">Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance and support</a> .
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.



## Getting Involved

Help needed in BTG before Christmas	We are looking for volunteers to deliver Christmas parcels to our clients between 7 <sup>th</sup> and 21 <sup>st</sup> December. If you would like to sign up in some way to be part of this wonderful “Santa” role, please contact Lou.
Helping in the church on Sundays	We are looking for more stewards to help welcome on a Sunday. If you can help once a month, please contact the office.
Green Team	Contact Liz for more information if you would like to be part of a group helping to change our church to lower its negative impact on the planet.
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 Amazon will donate money to the church when you order your Christmas presents? So, whether buying socks for your Dad or a games console for your daughter use <a href="http://www.smile.amazon.co.uk">www.smile.amazon.co.uk</a> and set 'Southcourt Baptist Church Trust' as your chosen charity. Let me know if you need a hand setting it up.</p> <p>Between January and March the church will be making use of the Government's flexible Job Retention Scheme and furloughing our staff for one day a week. If you have any questions about this, I would be happy to help.</p>

	If you would like to give financially to the work of the church, visit the website for more information - <a href="https://www.southcourtbaptist.org.uk/SBC_DONATE.htm">https://www.southcourtbaptist.org.uk/SBC_DONATE.htm</a>
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## Inspiration

Music choice	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0bhJHMoDsdE&amp;ab_channel=ChristianMedia7">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0bhJHMoDsdE&amp;ab_channel=ChristianMedia7</a> This just about sums up the spiritual walk for me. I have to sing it at the top of my voice - in the house of course! Can't wait to sing it in the church building again with my church community. For our Christmas news email, I will share a carol. Let me know what your favourite one is and I will share the most popular. 👍
Quote	<i>"The place which Jesus takes in our soul he will nevermore vacate, for in us is his home of homes, and it is the greatest delight for him to dwell there. . . . And the soul who contemplates this is made like [the one] who is contemplated"</i> - Julian of Norwich
Good News	Have you noticed the light at the moment? With the sun so low in the sky, some of the views even from my front door have been awesome especially with the fog. I am so grateful.
Prayer Resource	UNITE 714 - <a href="https://www.unite714.com/weekly-prayer">https://www.unite714.com/weekly-prayer</a>
Creation Care	We are looking to phase out wet wipes in the church when our current supply is used up. Instead we will be looking to use recycled paper rolls with anti-bact/viral spray (sourced from a refill). For more information on the impact of wipes, see this link. <a href="https://friendsoftheearth.uk/plastics/wet-wipes-keeping-them-out-our-seas-and-sewers">https://friendsoftheearth.uk/plastics/wet-wipes-keeping-them-out-our-seas-and-sewers</a>

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Website		<a href="https://www.southcourtbaptist.org.uk/index.html">https://www.southcourtbaptist.org.uk/index.html</a>
Twitter Account		Click here <a href="#">Southcourt Baptist (@SouthcourtBC)</a> for a link to our account. Our username is @SouthcourtBC.
Facebook groups/pages		<a href="https://www.facebook.com/southcourtbaptistchurch">https://www.facebook.com/southcourtbaptistchurch</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/bridgethegapaylesbury">https://www.facebook.com/groups/bridgethegapaylesbury</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/BerthasSBC">https://www.facebook.com/BerthasSBC</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/messychurchaylesbury">https://www.facebook.com/groups/messychurchaylesbury</a> For SBC Children and SBC Youth, you will need to contact Iain or James.
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 **December 23rd** in time for Christmas!

Blessings and peace to you all, 