


Dear friends of Southcourt Baptist Church,

Welcome to our monthly news email for Southcourt Baptist Church!



Church Calendar

| Date | Time | Event | Details |
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| All Sundays in January | 10.30am | Sunday Service in the building | <p>Sunday services continue to be in person in the building although if you are at home you can still join us via Youtube.</p> <p>Please join us via the YouTube 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> <p>As a Central Leadership Team, we are trying to balance the risk when it comes to COVID restrictions especially now that the weather has turned colder and ventilation is more difficult. With that in mind, windows will not be open throughout the service but will be opened at intervals during the morning. This will ensure it does not get too cold but also allows some circulation of the air. The wearing of masks is now a legal requirement.</p> <p>Children & young people’s work is happening each week although the Sunday youth and Little Lifekidz children will be starting off in the church initially to join us in worship.</p> |
| Baptism Sunday 30th January | 10.30am | Sunday Service in the building | <p>We will be having a Baptismal service, it will be great to celebrate a fundamental part of our faith together. If you are interested in getting baptised, please let the office know as soon as possible.</p> |

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| Wednesday January 5th | 7.15 to 8.45pm | Community Prayer Space | All are welcome to come along to spend time together in the presence of God. Whether you have never prayed before or you are an expert - or anything in between, come along and see what happens. See attached for information. |
| Starting from 7th January, all Mondays and Fridays. | 9am to 12.30 pm | Bridge the Gap | 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>Washing powder, Baby Wipes, Coffee and decaf coffee, Sugar, Fruit Juice, Dog and cat food, Washing up liquid, biscuits, deodorant and Plastic bags and empty egg boxes.</i> |
| Starting from 7th January, all Mondays and Friday. | 9.30am to 12.30pm | Bertha's cafe | Good drinks, good cakes, everyone Welcome. The place to be on a Monday or Friday morning! Note that the second Friday of every month will now include a Games morning. So for this month, it will be January 14th. |
| Tuesday 11th January | 2 to 3.30pm | Tea Break | Come and join us for our monthly afternoon tea. You are very welcome to come for the whole time or just pop in for a shorter time. It will be a time to chill and enjoy a chat, read a magazine, do a jigsaw or a board game. We will be serving tea, coffee and cake. This will be in the Jubilee Hall. Jeanette Hulcoop and Jean Finn |
| All Tuesdays in January | 7 to 9pm | Ignite Youth Group | Ignite is our weekly youth group for young people in school years 7-13 meeting in the hut. We like to spend time hanging out together, playing a few games and discussing questions about life, God, the Bible and the Christian faith. |
| All Wednesdays in January | 10 to 11am | The Ark | The Ark provides an opportunity for parents and carers to share and relax together whilst the children enjoy games, craft, singing and stories. We are pleased to say we will be able to offer refreshments during the morning. This will <i>NOT</i> be self service, but ordered from our cafe area. We will be offering tea/coffee/squash/water and biscuits. This is a term time only gathering in the main church hall. Free admission, but we are currently following social distancing guidelines. For more information, please email lain@southcourt.org |
| All Wednesdays in | 9.45 to 11.15am | Yada | Meeting in the hut, this is for women to gather together, read the Bible, pray together and just support one another in real life. If you would like more information, please contact Joy B - |

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| January | | | joy.barnes2@btinternet.com |
| Wednesday 19th January | 7.30pm | Church Members' Meeting | An important church members' meeting in the main church hall. Please let Liz know if you are a church member and are unable to attend. |
| All Wednesdays in January | 7-8.30m | Open House | A lifegroup for young adults (school leavers and those in years 11+) meeting weekly to explore faith, read the bible and pray together. Please contact Matt Burrige for more information (matt@southcourt.org) |
| Starting from 10th January, all Mondays. | 9.30 to 10.30am | English Conversation | Would you like to improve your spoken English? If so, join us in school term time at Bertha's cafe for friendly conversation. For more information email engconv@southcourt.org |

Covid and other church admin

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| 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 | In case you've missed the latest advice, here's a link to the government site Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance and support . We 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. Face coverings: when to wear one, exemptions, and how to make your own |
| 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 whilst walking around. |

Getting Involved



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| 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 (when we start having them), 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 - 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 liz@southcourt.org or ring the church office for more information. |
| Mark on Finances | <p>I want to thank you for your continued support towards the work of God here at Southcourt Baptist Church.</p> <p>If you are new to the church and wonder how you can get involved financially, we have a donate page on our website which tells you how you can give which includes a new 'Donate' button to make it even easier. If you wish to give regularly to the church please set up a standing order. All the details you need to donate to the work of the church, whether as a one off or a regular donation, can be found at Donate. If you would like to make a cash donation to the work of the church, there is a basket on the café bar on a Sunday morning. If you have any questions about the church finances please feel free to contact me at mark@southcourt.org.</p> |

Inspiration



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| Music choice | <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 month we have a song from Katy Hudson.</p> <p>“Jude actually introduced me to another song which I love listening to as the lyrics really highlight how wonderful God’s Grace is.”</p> <p>📺 Whole Heart (Hold Me Now) Lyrics ~ Hillsong UNITED</p> |
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| Quote | "The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched, they must be felt with heart". - Helen Keller |
| Good News | The good news for January is we will be having a Baptismal service on the 30th. It will be great to celebrate a fundamental part of our faith together. |
| Prayer Resource | Please click on this link for the January diary from the Baptist Union. https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/625011/BU_Prayer_Diary.aspx |
| Creation Care Tip | Face masks - <i>Reusing is always better than recycling.</i> Why not try to use the material facemasks rather than using the paper ones? They wash and dry very easily. |



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| Graham Clarke | Buildings, CLT and BTG Leader | graham@southcourt.org |
| Jenny Rogers | CLT | jenny@southcourt.org - on sabbatical for the autumn term. |

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| 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/BerthasSBCh https://instagram.com/southcourtbaptist?utm_medium=copy_link 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 . |

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| 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 **January 20th** for the month of February. Blessings and peace to you all,

