


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 November	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>We still recommend that we wear masks although we can take off our masks once we are sat down. When singing we are still saying that we need to put on our masks at this point due to the continuing rise in the number of Covid cases. Please continue to bring your own refreshments until we consider that it's safe enough to start our own. These guidelines will be reviewed on a monthly basis.</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>
All Mondays and Fridays in November	9am to 12.30 pm	Bridge the Gap	<p>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, Crackers, Custard, Smooth Peanut Butter, Biscuits/Chocolate Bars, Pasta Sauces, Tinned sardines/meat, Toilet Rolls, hot chocolate and yakult.</i></p>
All Mondays and Fridays	9.30am to 12.30pm	Bertha's cafe	<p>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 November 12th.</p>

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Tuesday November 2nd	2 to 3.30pm	Tea Break	<p>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.</p> <p>Jeanette Hulcoop and Jean Finn</p>
All Tuesdays in November	7 to 9pm	Ignite Youth Group	<p>Ignite is our weekly youth group for young people in school years 7-13 meeting in the hut.</p> <p>We like to spend time hanging out together, playing a few games and discussing questions about life, God, the Bible and the Christian faith.</p>
All Wednesdays in November	10 to 11am	The Ark	<p>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.</p> <p>This is a term time only gathering in the main church hall.</p> <p>Free admission, but we are currently following social distancing guidelines.</p> <p>For more information, please email lain@southcourt.org</p>
All Wednesdays in November	9.45 to 11.15am	Yada	<p>Meeting in the upstairs lounge, 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 - joy.barnes2@btinternet.com</p>
All Wednesdays in November	7-8.30pm	Open House	<p>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)</p>
All Mondays in November	9.30 to 10.30am	English Conversation	<p>Would you like to improve your spoken English? If so, join us in school term time at Bertha's cafe for friendly conversation.</p> <p>For more information email engconv@southcourt.org</p>

All Fridays in November	Flexible!	Friday Prayer Group	Although the title is <i>Friday prayer group</i> we know that many use the prayer suggestions at a time which is convenient to their week. The suggestions are available on Wednesdays for hard copies to be posted to friends and then are emailed to the team on Thursday evenings. If you would like to join the team email Friday.prayers@southcourt.org or contact the Church Office if you are not on email. Tim and Jean Howlett.
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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	In case you've missed the latest advice, here's a link to the government site Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance and support . Most restrictions have been lifted across the country although individual venues, public transport, workplaces etc are keeping their own controls where applicable. 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.
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 whilst walking around.
New Tech desk	The new elevated tech desk is completed. Thanks to Graham and the team for all their hard work.
Exit Gate	The new fence is now up meaning that the exit lane and gate are now accessible. Please use it on the way out 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 (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

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 it's from Charlie who works for Youth for Christ up in our office: Switchfoot - Live It Well (Album Version) - YouTube</p> <p><i>"After my Dad had a stroke he was unable to walk, talk or generally communicate and move about. A year later after intense rehab he was able to slowly walk my sister down the aisle. He still couldn't speak however and was unable to give a speech at the wedding. We used this song as the soundtrack to a video we put together, full of memories of our lives before his stroke.</i></p>
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	<p><i>Life is short. How do we live it well when circumstances are turbulent? How do we live it well when we're grieving? How do we make the most of a horrendous situation? How do you navigate a path that has been easy and changes in a moment?</i></p> <p><i>My dad still can barely walk and struggles to communicate 6 years later. Not only has his speech been affected but his communication as a whole. He can't read, he can't write, he can't understand TV programmes, he can barely speak. Life is very lonely for him. But he is my biggest inspiration. He speaks about Jesus to anyone that will listen and is more sure of his faith than any man or woman I know. He is trying to live life well and to the full despite his limitations.</i></p> <p><i>What does living life well look like to you? Life is short. Live it well".</i></p>
Quote	"We are not loved because we are so beautiful and good. We are beautiful and good because we are loved". - Jürgen Moltmann
Good News	The good news for November is how successful the new Knife Amnesty Bin has been attached to our premises. The PCSOs collected for the third time last week and there were 43 knives in there, in total 75 for the past 3 months. As Grah commented "even if we remove just 1 knife from the streets, that's saving lives". All knives collected are destroyed.
Prayer Resource	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 November diary. https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/620621/BU_Prayer_Diary.aspx
Creation Care Tip	In November 2021, a very important International Conference is taking place on the Climate in Glasgow. Now is the time to have our say. There are numerous petitions that we could be signing but here is a great one from Oxfam https://actions.oxfam.org/great-britain/cop26-climate/petition/



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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 .

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 **November 18th** for the month of December.

Blessings and peace to you all,

