


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 September	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 are kicking off with a Youth Service on September 5th where we will be commissioning our young people who are going off to uni.</p> <p>We will also be sharing in Communion together on September 12th as David leads us on his return from sabbatical.</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 currently saying that we need to put on our masks at this point. However, this might change as we review the situation in early September.</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 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>Children & young people’s work will be starting up again in September although the Sunday youth and Little Lifekidz children will be starting off in the church initially to join us in worship.</p>

			We are hoping to start serving refreshments again soon - so if you would like to sign up to help with this once a month, we would be very grateful.
All Mondays and Fridays in September	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>Coffee, Crackers for cheese, Tinned Sardines, Tinned meat. Stews / Curry / Bolognese. Biscuits, Custard, Tinned Fruit, Pasta Sauce/ Tikka/Korma Sauce, toilet rolls.</i>
All Mondays and Fridays in September	9.30am to 12.30pm	Bertha's cafe	Good drinks, good cakes, everyone Welcome. The place to be on a Monday or Friday morning!
Tuesday September 7th	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 September	7 to 9pm	Ignite Youth Group	Ignite is our weekly youth group for young people in school years 7-13. We like to spend time hanging out together, playing a few games and discussing questions about life, God, the Bible and the Christian faith.
Wednesdays in September starting from 8th	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. This is a term time only gathering on a Wednesday, 10 to 11am in the main church hall. Free admission, but we are currently following social distancing guidelines. If you would like to attend, please email lain@southcourt.org
Wednesdays - date tba	4 to 6pm	Youth Cafe	After a long break due to the pandemic, we are aiming to launch our wonderful Youth Cafe some time in September. To enable this to happen, we need volunteers. If you are interested or would like to find out more, please email james@southcourt.org .
All Mondays in September except 6th	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

All Fridays	Flexible!	Friday Prayer Group	<p><i>“Although the title is “Friday prayer group” we know that many use the prayer suggestions at a time which is convenient to their week. The suggestions are available on Wednesdays and are emailed to the team on Thursday evenings. Following the August break, the printed prayer suggestions will be available from Wednesday 1st September and then they will be emailed to the group on Thursday evening, 2nd September. The prayer suggestions begin with a time of “coming closer to God” when a variety of Bible based ways are used allowing the Holy Spirit to speak. The suggestions then go on to give a variety of prayer focusses, international, national and local, but particularly concentrating on prayer needs within the fellowship at Southcourt Baptist Church (SBC). If you would like to sample a prayer suggestion please contact Tim and Jean on friday.prayers@southcourt.org. If you are reading a printed copy of the September news, a printed copy of the prayer suggestions are posted on Wednesdays. Please telephone the Church Office and your name and telephone number will be passed on to us and we will ring you” - Tim and Jean.</i></p>
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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	<p>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 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 August thanks to Grah and the team. The expected completion date is looking like early September.
Exit Gate	The fence is currently being fixed and so the exit lane and gate should be opened by September.

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 - 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	Visit the website for more information on how you can give to the work of the church - Donate Many thanks for your generosity.

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 Jean Howlett - 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) - Matt Redman (Best Worship Song Ever) (with Lyrics) - <i>"At times, I enjoy finding out more about why or how a hymn/song has been written. I read "10,000 Reasons" published by David Cook (ISBN 978-1-4347-0290-6) which gives stories of faith, hope and thankfulness inspired by the song. Quote from page 21/22 of the book "I hope that these thoughts and stories will encourage you in your own life of worship. I hope they'll inspire you to keep on thanking and trusting God from a deep place, especially in those tough moments of life when the temptation could so easily be to wander from the path of praise. My conviction is that the greater the storms we face the louder our songs must be." This is my prayer and why I share this song with you."</i></p>
Quote	<i>"Performance of joy while the wounds are still being inflicted is not a display of otherworldly strength. It is an act of faith that God will not give us more than we can bear."</i> - Barbara Holmes
Good News	The good news for September is that we have two weddings close to home. My daughter Hannah and fiancée Craig are getting married at the end of the month and Beth Miller and Sam Costello the week before. I am so grateful for universal events that we can continue to celebrate.

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 September diary. https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/615505/BU_Prayer_Diary.aspx
Creation Care Tip	Helping birds and other wildlife in hot weather - Keeping your bird bath topped up with fresh water in warmer weather can be a life saver for our feathered friends. Get your garden birds through a heatwave when natural supplies, like worms, become scarce, by putting out supplementary food - black sunflower seeds, pinhead oatmeal, soaked sultanas, raisins and currants, mealworms, waxworms and good seed mixture.



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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 **September 22nd** for the month of October.

Blessings and peace to you all,

