

Dear friends of Southcourt Baptist Church,

Welcome to the latest news email for Southcourt Baptist Church:

- **Sunday Morning Services** - 10.30am - We have opened the building!! 🏡 Such good news. The church will be open to all those people who have signed up at the church office. Please note that if you are not signed up for either Group A or Group B and still want to come back to church, please contact the church office, liz@southcourt.org or 01296 480080. If you are watching from home, please access our Youtube feed to link up to the service. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B0tXs5GSzrE&ab_channel=SouthcourtBaptistChurch.
- **Sunday Children and Young People's work** - please look out for specific details from James, Iain and Michelle or email them - see below for details.
- **Bertha's Cafe** - Open Mondays and Fridays 9.30am to 12.30pm (term-time only). Fancy a coffee and delicious homemade cake with a friend? Now is your chance. ☕
- **Lifegroups** - Many of you will be aware that over the last 6 months or so, even though we haven't been able to meet on a Sunday morning, many of our Lifegroups have continued, either to meet online via zoom, or keeping in touch with each other via phone or even meeting in a garden - at a safe distance! As we move into the Autumn season, we invite you to consider getting involved with a Lifegroup - whether or not you have in the past! It's a great way to connect with a smaller group of church friends, to chat, share our lives, grow in our faith together, encourage and pray for one another. Our group, which meets fortnightly on a Thursday, will be meeting online - so we aren't limited by the size of our living room! We've just begun to look at the book of 1 Peter for this term. You'd be very welcome to join us, or one of the other groups in the church in different locations and times of the day. Please get in touch with us, Mark and Jenny, via email lifegroups@southcourt.org and we will try to find the best fit for you.
- Just to say that the **pastoral team** has been working throughout the pandemic and are still keeping in contact with people during these uncertain times. If anyone would like to help as a backup for picking up shopping or prescriptions they would be very welcome. Please contact lou@southcourt.org.
- **Test and Trace Covid 19 App** - When visiting the church, if you can, please "check-in" via the App. The QR code is on both the side and the front doors. For more info, copy this link into your browser. https://www.covid19.nhs.uk/?utm_campaign=App_Launch_England&utm_medium=paid_social&utm_source=Google&utm_content=PPC&gclid=CjwKCAjw2dD7BRASEiwAWCtCby99N4qH7qY018O3aDdiDTpX0GEaPMDz6waVamrsyF1vW6l3pNQwjxoCKxoQAvD_BwE
- **Volunteers needed** on a Sunday morning - If you would be happy to help on a Sunday morning once a month as a steward or any other role, please let me know. I would be very grateful. Of course, full training will be provided. 🙏

- **Aylesbury Town Centre Chaplaincy** - Paul H has kindly produced a video update on the latest news for this wonderful work in Aylesbury town. If you would like to see a copy of the video, please let me know.
- **Ignite Youth Group** - in the main church - Tuesdays (term-time only) 7 to 9.30pm. Please contact James for more information.
- **Yada** - Women's group Wednesdays (term-time only) in the Jubilee Hall 9.45-11am. Contact Joy B for more information or email the church office.
- **Friday Prayers** - As you are aware there is a group of people who pray on a Friday. The prayer subjects are varied, but certainly the group pray for friends at Southcourt and other individuals as well as national or international subjects. The Prayer Suggestions are ready by Wednesday afternoon for you to request a copy. Email somethingbetter@southcourt.org or contact the church office. You can use the same contact details if you would like a prayer request put onto the Prayer Suggestions. Tim and Jean.
- Our **AGM** was scheduled for October 21st. Given the current situation we have decided to postpone it until the New Year at a time when we can all be in the room together. We will be sending out a letter to church members over the next few weeks or so.
- **Breaking News - Bridge the Gap** food bank is changing its days to a Monday and Friday from October 5th. If you would like to donate, here is the current list: Jam, Long-life milk, washing powder/tubs etc, ladies deodorant (not aerosol), tea bags, ring pull meat and fish, biscuits, coffee. Please ring or email the office first if you are able to deliver food to the church. Please also contact the church office if you are struggling and would appreciate some food. Thank you so much 👍
- If you would like to give financially to the work of the church, visit the website for more information - https://www.southcourtbaptist.org.uk/SBC_DONATE.htm
- **Twitter** account, Click here [Southcourt Baptist \(@SouthcourtBC\)](#) for a link to our account. Our username is @SouthcourtBC.
- **Prayer resources** - UNITE 714 - a simple but significant resource to help keep us praying at least twice a day! <https://www.unite714.com/>
- My **good news** for the week has been reading through my Happy Newspaper which I get on a regular basis. Unashamedly I would recommend it! [The Happy Newspaper](#) 😄

Coronavirus advice - In case you've missed the latest advice, here's a link to the government site [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): guidance and support](#).

Music - Here is my music choice of the week. 🎵 I've just come across Lauren Daigle. I know, late to the party! What is there not to like: [Lauren Daigle - You Say \(Official Music Video\)](#). This is for Chloe 🌸 Don't forget, you can let me have your choice of music to share, just let me know what moves you to the core. Would love to hear from you!

Finally - "*Not everything that is faced can be changed; but nothing can be changed until it is faced*" - James Baldwin.

If you need to contact anyone if you have concerns, need a chat, or would like to help in some way, here are some email addresses that might help:

- Youth - james@southcourt.org
- Children & families - iain@southcourt.org
- Little Lifekidz - michelleg@southcourt.org
- Bridge the Gap - lou@southcourt.org
- Something Better - somethingbetter@southcourt.org
- Lifegroups - lifegroups@southcourt.org
- Pastoral support - lou@southcourt.org

Otherwise, just reply to this email or ring the church office on 01296 480080 and leave a message for me. 🙏



Blessings and peace to you all,

p.s. If you know of people who are not on the internet and would appreciate **paper copies** of this email or would like to be added to the email list, please let me know.

p.p.s. Please note that, to keep our staff team as safe as possible, **the main church office** is currently only accessible to church staff and volunteers. If you need to come to the church building, please ring the bell and wait for someone to come down to see you. Thank you so much for your cooperation with this.