



(Independent)  
Middle Road, Sholing,  
Southampton SO19 8FS



**August 2018**

**WEEKLY SERVICES**

Sunday

10.30am

Morning service includes Junior Church and Crèche  
(Also includes Communion on 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month)

6.30pm

Evening Service (Communion on 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday)

Tuesday

10.00 - 11.30am Mustard Seed Toddler Group

2.00pm

Tuesdays at Two (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>)

Wednesday

7.00 - 10.00pm Craft Evening (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>)

7.15pm

Table Talk (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Thursday

10.00am

Toddler Group

10.15am

Bible study (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>)

6.00pm

Sunshine Corner (for ages 4 and up)

7.15pm

Fantastics and TnT (for ages 8-11 and 11-16)

1<sup>st</sup> Day of each month

Whole Church Prayer Meeting

*If on Mon - Friday 6.30 to 7.30pm*

*If on Saturday the Friday preceding*

*If on Sunday the next day (Monday)*

House groups also meet through-out the week at different locations and times.

Please ask for details if you wish to join. All are welcome.

Wheel chair access available

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## The importance of a breeze

This hot weather is amazing. The hottest summer since 1976. Maybe the hottest recorded temperature ever. I think it is lovely ... but not everyone agrees with me. A friend said to me, "I can't come out because of this awful weather." I've only ever heard that said about rain and snow before.



One of the things that I find quite surprising is how quickly we get used to the higher temperatures. I have heard someone say, "Oh it's a bit cooler today. It's only 28." I would never have thought that here in England we would describe 28 degrees as cool. But actually after 31 degrees 28 does feel quite comfortable. Strange.

So what determines whether you think the weather is amazing, lovely, awful or cool? I suppose it could depend on what we are used to. But I think it is more likely to do with how we are able to cope. If we feel hot and bothered and unable to cool down it's awful. If we're on the beach and able to have a refreshing dip in the sea, it's amazing. If we're stuck in an office with no air-conditioning and no open windows it's stifling. If we're driving along in a convertible it's beautiful.

What if we're sat in a church listening to a sermon? Well that depends.

I think the problem isn't so much the heat, it's the lack of air. Or rather lack of fresh air. When the air is warm, still and stale it is so hard to cope. It's hard to concentrate. It's hard to stay awake. But when there's a breeze....


Sometimes life throws at us trials and difficulties far worse than the extremes of weather. How do we cope? We need a breeze.

Prayer is like a breeze. It can refresh and inspire. It can revitalise and give hope. It can make the difference between wilting or surviving.

But even more important than prayer is the presence of God. Meshach, Shadrach and Abednego were thrown into a furnace seven times hotter than usual. The presence of one, "like unto the Son of Man", made the difference. The trial was not only bearable it became a blessing. It changed from awful to amazing! So in our lives today, whatever the weather and whatever our circumstances, make sure we rely on prayer and rejoice in the presence of God.


Pastor Chris Ricketts

Sundays at Sholing		
	Morning 10.30 am	Evening 6.30
August 5 <sup>st</sup>	Pastor	Solomon Nathaniel
August 12 <sup>st</sup>	Jim Halifax	Come and join us at Church Camp
August 19 <sup>st</sup>	Pastor	Generate
August 26 <sup>th</sup>	tba	tba




**The whole Church  
Prayer Meeting**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August  
6.30pm**



**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August**

**Interactive Prayer Meeting for ALL ages  
drop in between 5.00pm and 8.00pm**



### The Lion's Den

A Sunday school teacher was telling the story of Daniel in the Lion's Den. She described the hunger and ferocity of the lions, and then showed her class a picture of Daniel standing brave and confident right in the middle of them all. Suddenly one little girl began to cry. The teacher paused, 'Oh my dear,' she said. 'Are you afraid for Daniel?'

The little girl shook her head. "No, not at all. It's that poor little lion, over in the corner; he isn't going to get any food."

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6.30pm Whole Church Prayer Meeting	2 5.00pm - 8.00pm Interactive Prayer Meeting for ALL ages	3	4
5 10.30am Pastor ChriRicketts 6.30pm Solomon Nathaniel	6 7.30pm Music Group	7	8	9	10	11 Church Family Holiday 2018
12 10.30am Jim Halifax 6.30pm Come and join us at Church Camp	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>Sholing Baptist Church Family Holiday 2018</b> Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> August till Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> August <b>Lockerley Water Farm</b>						
19 10.30am Pastor Chris Ricketts 6.30pm 'Generate'	20 7.30pm Music Group	21	22	23	24	25
26 10.30am tba  6.30pm tba	27	28	29	30	31	