



2019 - Syllabus for Talents Festival in Shirley

(Formerly Methodist Talents Festival)

FESTIVAL DAY - SATURDAY 2ND MARCH 2019

TIME - 10 am ONWARDS

VENUE

**SHIRLEY METHODIST CHURCH ELDON AVENUE,
CROYDON CR0 8SD**

Shirley Methodist Church is on the corner of Eldon Ave and Shirley Road - by the roundabout on the A232. It is well served by buses. The following buses all pass close by:

Bus stop on Upper Shirley Road (B1) - 130 & 466.

Bus stop on Wickham Road (B2) - 119, 194, & 198.

The 367 service stops on Wickham Road just before Verdayne Avenue.

There is unrestricted parking in the streets close to the church and a limited amount of parking in the church car park.



If you have any enquiries about the Talents Festival
call 020 8406 1342 or email methodistfestival@hotmail.co.uk

Your Church Festival Co-ordinator is _____

Welcome to the Talents Festival Syllabus for 2019

Whether you have taken part at previous Festivals as a competitor or as a spectator, or the Talents Festival is new to you, we hope you will find some classes to try in this syllabus. Whatever your interests, there is a wide range of creative and performing classes from which to choose.

When you have chosen the classes you would like to enter, give the details - **class numbers and names, together with your entry fees** - to your church's Festival Co-ordinator.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR ENTRIES:

REGISTER YOUR ENTRY/ENTRIES - Closing date for **entry details** for all classes to be given to your Church's Festival Co-ordinator **no later than**

Sunday 11th November 2018

FINISHED ENTRIES – **Creative Classes entries** (except classes 76-83) are due in to your Church Festival Co-ordinator **no later than**

Sunday 13th January 2019

Timetables for Performing Classes will be available in February.

TALENTS FESTIVAL DAY Saturday 2nd March 2019

10 am Doors open. Display of Handicraft entries all day

11 am onwards Refreshments on sale, including light lunches.

5-6 pm Festival Concert All are welcome to attend the Concert when entrants, including some class winners, will perform.

RULES

We have kept rules to a minimum so the ones below are important! There are some specific conditions relating to some classes - please read these carefully and follow them!

1. **Entry fees are 50p per entry.** The date by which entry forms are due in to your church's Festival Co-ordinator is stated above. The decision of the Festival Co-ordinating Committee is final regarding acceptance of entries after deadline. Entry fees are non-returnable.
2. Age of competitor will be as on **2nd March 2019**.
3. **State the age of any entrant below 19 years on entry forms** and on creative entries when these are submitted for adjudication.
4. Competitors may submit only **one entry** per class.
5. Entries in the creative classes (1-83) **must be the competitors' own unaided work.**
6. Although every effort is taken to protect entries, it remains entrants' responsibility to cover them on their own insurance against loss or damage if they wish.
7. There are **further specific rules** for individual and groups of classes. Please read these carefully.
8. Adjudicators' decisions are final and no correspondence can be entered into.
9. **Competitors must be ready to perform when their names are called.** If a competitor is engaged in another class the adjudicators' stewards must be informed.
10. **No photography or taking of images in any way is permitted on the day of the Talents Festival.**

Finally, have fun preparing your entries and enjoy the Talents Festival Day!



TALENTS FESTIVAL 2019

CLASSES FOR CHILDREN (11 years & under)

(Age of child on date of festival – 2 March 2019)

CREATIVE CLASSES

CREATIVE WRITING

ORIGINAL POEM

Class 1 11 years and under Own choice of subject

HYMN WORDS

Class 5 Any Age

A Hymn about 'Welcome' to the tune 'Herongate' (Hymn words set to this tune include 'It is a things most wonderful' (*Singing the Faith 415, Hymns Old and New 325, New English Hymnal 34*) 'Now in the name of him, who sent' and 'The Church of Christ in Every Age')

PRAYER WRITING

Class 6 11 years and under "Our lovely world"

LIMERICK

Class 11 18 years and under entries to be submitted on a postcard – 5 lines beginning 'We have a new teacher called James.....'

SHORT STORY (*Presentation, including punctuation and spelling, will be taken into account.*)

Submit your entry on A4 size paper using up to 500 words

Class 13 11 yrs & under, Write a story starting with ONE of the following starters:

- 'Out of the cloudless blue sky appeared.....'
- 'Everyone was desperate to hide from.....'
- 'It was nearly midnight, time to
- 'The horse galloped across the field towards.....'
- 'Between the books on the shelf I found.....'
- 'As the train left the station I realised that.....'

MINI SAGA Write a story in no more than **25** written words using no abbreviations or numerals.

The word limit includes the title if you want to give one.

Class 17 18 years and under own choice

HANDWRITING *Presentation, including accuracy, neatness and consistency - will be taken into account.*) Submit your entry on A4 size paper. Select (see below) from a favourite story/book and state its title and author.

Class 19 8-11 years 5 lines of prose from a favourite story/book

CALLIGRAPHY

Class 24 Any age - an illuminated manuscript on an A5 sheet – write the phrase 'All are welcome'

CRAFTS, TEXTILES AND NEEDLEWORK

NEEDLEWORK

Class 25 18 years and under Hand sewing A bag for life

CROSS STITCH

Class 27 Any Age Hand sewing A coaster

HAND KNITTING

Twiddlemuffs are knitted muffs with items attached to keep dementia patients' hands active and busy.

There are plenty of patterns on websites such as 'Knit for Peace'.

Class 28 18 years and under A twiddlemuff for dementia patients

SALT DOUGH

Class 30	7 years and under	A snowman (you could use real twigs for arms)
Class 31	8-10 years	An animal

TIE DYE

Class 35	18 years and under	Own choice
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FRIEZE

Entries in Class 37 must be a team effort of at least 3 people

Frieze size 137 cm x 53 cm / 54 ins x 21 ins (standard wallpaper size)

Class 37	Any age	'A Rainbow Nation'
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CARD MAKING

Entries should be no bigger than 19 cm x 14 cm / 7 ½ x 5 ½ ins.

Class 38	7 yrs & under	An Easter card
Class 39	8-11 years	A Birthday card

PAPER OBJECT

Origami - make an object out of a piece of paper no larger than 25 cm / 10 ins square

Class 43	11 yrs & under	Own choice
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COLLAGE

MUST be on the size of paper/card stated for the class number and produced in 3 or more mediums/ materials

Class 47	6 years & under	Rocket (on A4)
Class 48	7-9 years	An Animal (on A4)
Class 49	10-11 years	My Favourite Meal (on A3)

PHOTOGRAPHY

One black and white or colour photo no bigger than 17.5 x 12.5 cm/7 x 5 ins.

Further information can be found in 'Tips for photographic entries' available from your Church Festival Co-ordinator.

Class 53	11 years and under	Transport
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PHOTOGRAPHY PORTFOLIO

Four black and white or colour photos per entrant, each print no more than 17.5 x 12.5cm/7 x 5 ins. This entry should be mounted

Class 58	Any Age	The Natural World
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DRAWING

Use black lead or charcoal pencil on white paper or card - A4 size paper

Class 59	6 years and under	Apple with a funny face
Class 60	7-9 years	Tree
Class 61	10-11 years	Lighthouse

ORIGINAL PICTURES IN COLOUR Any method of colouring may be used

Class 65	6 years and under	A butterfly (A4)
Class 66	7-9 years	Under the sea (A3)
Class 67	10-11 years	A fantastic beast/creature (A3)

COMPUTER GENERATED DESIGN

Make a short video, up to 90 seconds duration. If the video specifically features people, please ensure you obtain their permission in advance. Submit your entry on a disk, a USB or flash drive. Please state the file format if you know it.

Class 72	11 years and under	Own choice
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OPEN CLASS **The entry must be bought to Shirley by 10.30 am on Festival Day**

An arrangement of greenery – no taller than 12 ins / 30 cm including the container.

Class 76	11 years and under	Own choice
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COOKERY **Bring the entry by 10.30 am on Festival Day** and display 3 items on a paper plate covered in cling film or a plastic bag – provide a list of ingredients (**not** the recipe)

Class 80	11 years and under	Rock cakes
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TALENTS FESTIVAL 2019

CLASSES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE (12-18 years)

(Age on date of festival – 2 March 2019)

CREATIVE CLASSES

CREATIVE WRITING

ORIGINAL POEM

Class 2 12-15 years

own choice of subject

Class 3 16-18 years

own choice of subject

HYMN WORDS

Class 5 Any Age

A Hymn about 'Welcome' to the tune 'Herongate' (Hymn words set to this tune include 'It is a thing most wonderful' '(*Singing the Faith* 415, *Hymns Old and New* 325, *New English Hymnal* 34), Now in the name of him who sent' and 'The Church of Christ in Every Age')

PRAYER WRITING

Class 7 12-15 years

"Holidays"

Class 8 16-18 years

"Following Jesus"

LIMERICK

Class 11

entries to be submitted on a postcard – 5 lines beginning

18 years and under

'We have a new teacher called James.....'

SHORT STORY (*Presentation, including punctuation and spelling, will be taken into account.*)

Submit your entry on A4 size paper using up to 500 words

Class 14 12-15 years Write a story starting with ONE of the following starters:

Class 15 16-18 years Write a story starting with ONE of the following starters:

- 'Out of the cloudless blue sky appeared.....'
- 'Everyone was desperate to hide from.....'
- 'It was nearly midnight, time to
- 'The horse galloped across the field towards.....'
- 'Between the books on the shelf I found.....'
- 'As the train left the station I realised that.....'

MINI SAGA Write a story in no more than 25 written words using no abbreviations or numerals.

The word limit includes the title if you want to give one.

Class 17

18 years and under

own choice

HANDWRITING (*Presentation, including accuracy, neatness and consistency - will be taken into account.*) Submit your entry on A4 size paper. Select (see below) from a favourite story/book and state its title and author.

Class 20

12-15 yrs

5 lines of prose from a favourite story/book

Class 21

16-18 yrs

5 lines of prose from a favourite story/book

CALLIGRAPHY

Class 24

Any age - an illuminated manuscript on an A5 sheet - write the phrase 'All are welcome'.

CRAFTS, TEXTILES AND NEEDLEWORK

NEEDLEWORK

Class 25

18 years and under

Hand sewing

A bag for life

CROSS STITCH

Class 27

Any Age

Hand sewing

A coaster

HAND KNITTING

Twiddlemuffs are knitted muffs with items attached to keep dementia patients' hands active and busy.

There are plenty of patterns on websites such as 'Knit for Peace'.

Class 28

18 years and under

A twiddlemuff for dementia patients

SALT DOUGH

Class 32	11-14 years	A decoration for a Christmas tree
Class 33	15-18 years	An angel

TIE DYE

Class 35	18 years and under	Own choice
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FRIEZE

Entries in Class 37 must be a team effort of at least 3 people

Frieze size 137 cm x 53 cm / 54 ins x 21 ins (standard wallpaper size)

Class 37	Any age	'A Rainbow Nation'
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CARD MAKING

Entries should be no bigger than 19 cm x 14 cm / 7 ½ x 5 ½ ins.

Class 40	12-15 years	An Easter card
Class 41	16-18 years	A Birthday card

PAPER OBJECT

Origami - make an object out of a piece of paper no larger than 25 cm / 10 ins square

Class 44	12-15 years	Own choice
Class 45	16-18 years	Own choice

COLLAGE

MUST be on the size of paper/card stated for the class number and produced in 3 or more mediums/ materials

Class 50	12-13 years	Zoo (on A3)
Class 51	14-18 years	The Forest (on A3)

PHOTOGRAPHY

One black and white or colour photo no bigger than 17.5 x 12.5cm / 7 x 5 ins.

Class 54	12-14 years	Something weird
Class 55	15-18 years	A landmark

PHOTOGRAPHY PORTFOLIO Four black and white or colour photos per entrant, each print no more than 17.5 x 12.5cm/7 x 5 ins. This entry should be mounted

Class 58	Any Age	The natural world
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DRAWING

Use black lead or charcoal pencil on white paper or card - A4 size paper

Class 62	12-13 years	Fantastic cake
Class 63	14-18 years	Creative hairstyle

ORIGINAL PICTURES IN COLOUR Any method of colouring may be used

Class 68	12-13 years	Noah's Ark (A3)
Class 69	14-18 years	Peace (A3)

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Class 73	12-15 years	Own choice
Class 74	16-18 years	Own choice

OPEN CLASS **The entry must be bought to Shirley by 10.30 am on Festival Day**

An arrangement of greenery – no taller than 12 ins / 30 cm including the container.

Class 77	12-15 years	Own choice
Class 78	16-18 years	Own choice

COOKERY **Bring the entry by 10.30 am on Festival Day** and display 3 items on a paper plate covered in cling film or a plastic bag – provide a list of ingredients (**not** the recipe)

Class 81	12-15 years	Cheese straws
Class 82	16-18 years	Jam tarts using shortcrust pastry (pastry should be homemade)



TALENTS FESTIVAL 2019

CLASSES FOR ADULTS

(Age on date of festival – 2 March 2019)

CREATIVE CLASSES

CREATIVE WRITING

ORIGINAL POEM

Class 4 19 years and over Own choice of subject

HYMN WORDS

Class 5 Any Age

A Hymn about 'Welcome' to the tune 'Herongate' (Hymn words set to this tune include 'It is a thing most wonderful' (*Singing the Faith* 415, *Hymns Old and New* 325, *New English Hymnal* 34), 'Now in the name of him who sent' and 'The Church of Christ in Every Age')

PRAYER WRITING

Class 7 19-59 years

"Family Life"

Class 8 60 years and over

"Intercession for persecuted Christians"

LIMERICK

entries to be submitted on a postcard – 5 lines beginning..

Class 12 19 years and over

An anxious young doctor called Mark.....

SHORT STORY *Presentation, including punctuation and spelling, will be taken into account.* Submit your entry on A4 size paper. Up to 750 words for 19 yrs & over

Class 16 19 yrs & over Write a story starting with ONE of the following starters:

- 'Out of the cloudless blue sky appeared.....'
- 'Everyone was desperate to hide from.....'
- 'It was nearly midnight, time to
- 'The horse galloped across the field towards.....'
- 'Between the books on the shelf I found.....'
- 'As the train left the station I realised that.....'

MINI SAGA Write a story in no more than 25 written words using no abbreviations or numerals. The word limit includes the title if you want to give one.

Class 18 19 years and over own choice

HANDWRITING (*Presentation, including accuracy, neatness and consistency - will be taken into account.*) Leave a margin on the left side of the page and submit your entry on A4 size paper. Select (see below) from a favourite story/book and state its title and author.

Class 22 19-59 yrs

a short paragraph

Class 23 60 yrs & over

a short paragraph

CALLIGRAPHY

Class 24 Any age - an illuminated manuscript on an A5 sheet – writing the phrase 'All are welcome'

CRAFTS, TEXTILES AND NEEDLEWORK

NEEDLEWORK

Class 26 19 years and over

Hand sewing

A bag for life

CROSS STITCH

Class 27 Any Age

Hand sewing

A coaster

HAND KNITTING

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Class 29 19 years and over

A twiddlemuff for dementia patients

SALT DOUGH

Class 34 19 years and over A Wreath (no bigger than 8cm diameter)

TIE DYE

Class 36 19 years and over Own choice

FRIEZE

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Frieze size 137 cm x 53 cm / 54 ins x 21 ins (standard wallpaper size)

Class 37 Any age 'A Rainbow Nation'

CARD MAKING

Entries should be no bigger than 19 cm x 14 cm / 7 ½ x 5 ½ ins.

Class 42 19 years and over A Get Well card

PAPER OBJECT

Origami - make an object out of a piece of paper no larger than 25 cm / 10 ins square

Class 46 19 years and over Own choice

COLLAGE

MUST be on the size of paper/card stated for the class number and produced in 3 or more mediums/ materials

Class 52 19 years and over City skyline (on A3)

PHOTOGRAPHY

One black and white or colour photo no bigger than 17.5 x 12.5cm/7 x 5 ins.

Class 56 19-59 years Peace

Class 57 60 and over Peace

PHOTOGRAPHY PORTFOLIO Four black and white or colour photos per entrant, each print no more than 17.5 x 12.5cm/7 x 5 ins. This entry should be mounted.

Class 58 Any Age The natural world

DRAWING

Use black lead or charcoal pencil on white paper or card - A4 size paper

Class 64 19 years and over Glasses (not spectacles) with liquid/shadow

ORIGINAL PICTURES IN COLOUR Any method of colouring may be used

Class 70 19 -59 years A stained glass window (A3)

Class 71 60 years and over Easter (A3/A4)

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Class 75 19 years and over Own choice

OPEN CLASS **The entry must be bought to Shirley by 10.30 am on Festival Day**

An arrangement of greenery – no taller than 12 ins / 30 cm including the container.

Class 79 19 years and over Own choice

COOKERY **Bring the entry by 10.30 am on Festival Day** and display 3 items on a paper plate covered in cling film or a plastic bag – provide a list of ingredients (**not** the recipe)

Class 83 19 years and over Individual savoury tarts (vegetarian)
(Pastry should be homemade)



TALENTS FESTIVAL 2019

PERFORMING CLASSES

(Age on date of festival – 2 March 2019)

- Please note – a *non-vocal* backing track may be used in Classes 84-99.

- Competitors must provide their own equipment and are responsible for its care for the duration of the day at the Festival.
- Competitors in vocal classes are required to provide their OWN accompanist.
- A copy of own choice pieces **MUST** be provided for the adjudicator before the class begins and will be collected by the steward. Publishers' permission to photocopy must be obtained by the competitor.
- Time limit of own choice classes must not exceed 5 minutes.

VOCAL SECTION

- Class 84 **Group singing** 2-8 singers or fewer, any age – own choice
Class 85 **Group singing** 9 or more singers, any age – own choice
Class 86 **Youth groups** This class is for groups for whom singing together is an **occasional** activity. No more than 2 leaders per group may participate - own choice
Class 87 **Worship group**, any age. Class 81 is for groups who take part in leading worship. The group should be instrumental as well as vocal.

Choose **ONE** of the following to perform:

- 'O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder' HO&N 499, MP 506, StF 82, SoF 425
'You shall go out with joy' HO&N 754, MP 796, SoF 640, StF 487
'I watch the sunrise' HO&N 328, StF 469

HO&N = Hymns Old and New, MP = Mission Praise, SoF = Songs of Fellowship,
StF = Singing the Faith

Class 88 **Music Group** All age - own choice (**Please note** – there must be five or more people in the group, from at least two generations. The performance can include instrumental **and/or** vocal.)

VOCAL SOLO

Songs in all vocal solo classes should be sung from memory.

Class 89 10 years & under - own choice

- **Songs in classes 90-98 should NOT be from a show or film or television programme**

Class 90 11-13 years - own choice

Class 91 14-18 years - own choice

Class 92 19-59 years - own choice

Class 93 60 years & over - own choice

Class 94 **A folk song**, any age (with or without accompaniment) - own choice

SONG FROM A SHOW OR FILM OR TELEVISION PROGRAMME

- **Classes 95-99 Competitors should consider the song's suitability in relation to their age and its content.**

Class 95 11-13 years - own choice

Class 96 14-18 years - own choice

Class 97 19-59 years - own choice

Class 98 60 years & over - own choice

COMEDY SONG

- **Competitors may use props and actions in class 99.**

Class 99 Comedy song, any age - *own choice*

INSTRUMENTAL SECTION

- **A copy of own choice pieces MUST be provided for the adjudicator before the class begins and will be collected by the steward. Publishers' permission to photocopy must be obtained by the competitor.**
- **Time limit of own choice classes must not exceed 5 minutes.**

PIANO SOLO

Class 100 10 years & under - own choice
Class 101 11-13 years - own choice
Class 102 14-18 years - own choice
Class 103 19 years & over - own choice

ORGAN SOLO

Class 104 Any age – own choice

OTHER INSTRUMENTAL SOLO

- **Class 105 - for those learning an instrument for 2 years or less**
- Class 105 Novices class - 13 yrs & under – own choice

INSTRUMENTAL OTHER THAN PIANO OR ORGAN

Class 106 13 years & under – own choice
Class 107 14 years & over – own choice

POETRY READING

- **Copies of the poems for classes 108-113 can be obtained from your Church Festival Co-ordinator**

Class 108 10 years & under 'The Visitor' Jack Prelutsky
Class 109 11-13 years 'Good Books' Edgar Guest
Class 110 14-18 years 'Ducks Don't Shop in Sainsburys' Gary Boswell
Class 111 19-59 years 'Love's as warm as tears' CS Lewis
Class 112 60-69 years 'The Lake Isle of Innisfree' W B Yeats
Class 113 70 years & over 'How do I love thee' Elizabeth Barrett Browning

POETRY RECITATION

- **Poems must be recited from memory. A copy of the poem MUST be given to the Adjudicator when the class begins.**

Class 114 18 years & under - own choice
Class 115 19 years & over - own choice

OTHER SPOKEN PERFORMANCES

Performances in classes 116-118 must not exceed 5 minutes

DRAMATIC SKETCH

Class 116 Any age – own choice - can be read by 2 or more. Props may be used.

MONOLOGUE

Class 117 18 years & under – own choice – can be read.
Class 118 19 years & over – own choice – can be read.

SCRIPTURE READING

Copies of The Good News Bible and the New International Version will be available at the Festival. Competitors may bring other versions of the Bible – they must provide a copy of the text from which they will be reading for the adjudicator.

Class 119	10 yrs & under	Psalm 149
Class 120	11-13 years	Psalm 1
Class 121	14-18 years	Psalm 11
Class 122	19-59 years	Psalm 47
Class 123	60-69 years	Psalm 122
Class 124	70 years & over	Psalm 121