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Weekly update from the Association Administrator, Steph Tidy 01444-233431



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Prayer Update on Revd Seyan Tills (Walmer Baptist Church):

Please pray for Seyan, he has had another set-back; the infection has returned (again) in his leg and he's back on yet another course of antibiotics. He has been told to rest and keep his leg elevated.

As you can imagine Seyan is distressed to find that even light duties continually keep to resurrecting the same problem (it seems to be a 6-week cycle); and with no firm idea (or long term medical solution) of what the long-term is for him and his ministry.

Please pray for him and the church.

Christopher Penney:

For those who remember Christopher Penney, who was minister at Eynsford Baptist Church for a while, we are sad to inform you that Christopher passed away, unexpectedly, on Christmas morning. Please remember his widow, Abigail, in your prayers at this very difficult time.

SEBA Notices

Errors in the SEBA tri-fold leaflet:

Please be aware that there are a couple of errors in the SEBA leaflet, sent out to all churches and ministers in the mailing prior to Christmas. The correct information is:

- Revd Jerry Newson's telephone number is 01233-720511
- Brian Hasler's email address is brian.hasler@btinternet.com

Ministers and Leaders Conference:

Ashburnham Place – 28th Feb to 2nd March 2017

If you are interested in attending the Conference as a day visitor for one or all of the days, then please do contact Liz on liz.admin@seba-baptist.org.uk as this is still possible.

In order to ensure no booking has been overlooked, if you think you have booked but have had no confirmation of this then please do contact Liz on address above.

SEBA Training

Core Leaders training:

Our Core Leaders Training is open to any Baptist Pastor / Deacon / Elder / Church Leader. The course covers 6 sessions (Spirituality - Trusteeship - Spiritual Life of the Core Team - Working Together - Decision Making - Mission/Pastoral Care) - the course is run, in different networks across the Association throughout the year.

- Saturday 28 January & Saturday 4 February 2017 // Whitstable Baptist Church // 9.30am-12.30pm

£15 per person for the complete course - for more information download the poster by clicking [here](#) - to book, click [here](#) to contact Pam Kerley. There are still a few spaces available.

- Saturday 6 & Saturday 20 May 2017 // Opengate (Bognor Regis Baptist Church) // 9.30am-12.30pm

£15 per person for the complete course - for more information download the poster

by clicking [here](#) - to book, click [here](#) to contact Pam Kerley. **Please book before 30 January 2017, as spaces are limited.**

Excellence in Safeguarding training:

Level 2 Excellence in Safeguarding (covering Children & Adults at Risk):

- Saturday 11 March 2017 /// Farnham Baptist Church – 9.30am - cost £10 per space.
- Saturday 18 March 2017 /// Blackboys Village Hall (East Sussex) – 9.30am - cost £10 per space.
- Sunday 19 March 2017 /// Orpington Baptist Church – 6.30pm - cost £10 per space
- Saturday 17 June 2017 /// Sandhurst Baptist Church – 9.30am - cost £10 per space

Level 3 Excellence in Safeguarding (covering Children & Adults at Risk):

- Saturday 11 March 2017 /// Farnham Baptist Church – 1.30pm - cost £10 per space.
- Saturday 18 March 2017 /// Blackboys Village Hall (East Sussex) – 1.30pm - cost £10 per space.

For more info or to book please click [here](#) to contact Maeve

Food Safety training:

Food Safety in Catering (CIEH Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering)

- Saturday 25th February 2017 // Ashford Baptist Church, St John's Lane, Ashford, TN23 1PS // 9.30am – 4.30pm // £33 per space

Places need to be booked in advance with payment through Rich Jago

(rich.admin@seba-baptist.org.uk)

Events

Walk through the Bible - New Testament:

*Friday 27 January 7-9.30pm & Saturday 28 January 9am-1pm Redhill Baptist Church
(Hatchlands Road, REDHILL, Surrey, RH1 6AE)*

Following the successful 'Old Testament' event last year, we are delighted that Walk Through the Bible Ministries is returning again to RBC.

They will be presenting a two-session fun filled 'Walk through the Bible - New Testament' This is a great event that you will remember for a long time afterwards and is a splendid way to open up and understand the bible in a very accessible and easy way. We would love to see you here to enjoy this with us. Refreshments will be served during both sessions.

Cost £14.00pp to include a workbook; *free for 11 - 17 year olds, accompanied by an adult, no workbook.* (Not suitable for under 11's)

Booking Tickets PLEASE BOOK NOW

Online: Go to 'Walk Through the Bible' website www.Bible.org.uk (adult events / live event tickets) - please bring your printed ticket with you

Postal / On the day: cash or cheque only (cheques payable to 'Walk Through the Bible') Booking forms accompanied by a cash or cheque payment accepted at the church in advance.

For more information, go to the [WTB website](http://www.WTB.org.uk) or email, events@redhillbaptist.org.uk

ForMission Mentor Training:

3rd Feb 2017, 7:30pm - 4th Feb 2017, 4:30pm // 9th June 2017, 7:30pm - 10th June 2017, 4:30pm // 6th Oct 2017, 7:30pm - 7th Oct 2017, 4:30pm

ForMission College London Campus (City Temple, Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1A 2DE)

ForMission are running a number of Mentor training events this year - Dr Rick Lewis is leading the training programme. The aims of the training are to provide practical training as a spiritual mentor; to move beyond education to build competency in mentoring ministry; and to apply training materials to the actual mentoring partnership of trainees. The structure of the training involves four stages: instruction,

action, supervision, and reflection.

Check out the booking page for more information

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/formission-mentor-training-london-tickets-19117726635> or email nicolasmith@formission.org.uk

Programme of Life Issues Sessions and Reflective Days in 2017:

Please find below details of the events being run by Godalming Baptist Church over the coming year. Everyone is warmly invited to attend any or all of the workshops. Their aim is to bring Life Issue Sessions to as many people as possible at an affordable price. You can download a leaflet with details of all the events by clicking [here](#).

Focusing on 'End of Life' Care:

Part 1 - from an Emotional and Spiritual Perspective - Friday 24th February 2017 10 am – 12 midday (Coffee from 9.30 am)

Led by Rev. Dr Steve Nolan

Please book a place by [Friday 10th February](#)

Part 2 - from a Practical and Medical Perspective - Saturday 22nd April 2017 10 am – 12 midday (Coffee available from 9.30 am)

Led by Dr Martin Brunet and Dr Karen Jones

Please book a place by [Friday 7th April](#)

PLEASE NOTE: The 'End of Life' Care sessions are both free of charge, but there will be an opportunity to give a voluntary donation, on 24th February, towards the work of the Princess Alice and Phyllis Tuckwell Hospices

To download a poster, click [here](#)

A Question of Gender:

Saturday 18th March 2017 10 am – 12 midday (coffee available from 9.30-10 am)

Led by Suzette Jones - this will be a sensitive, educational, non-judgemental talk on

transgender.

Cost of course £6 (after administrative costs, the proceeds will be donated to 'The Bishop of Guildford's Fund', a charity which helps to support the most disadvantaged in Surrey and NE Hampshire through church and community projects)

Please book with payment by Friday 3rd March

Waverley Abbey Away Day:

Wednesday 22nd March 2017 10.00 am - 4 pm

Speaker: Debbie Laycock (Debbie is on the leadership of a congregation in East Greenwich and manages the Training Programme in Ichthus)

A day of refreshment and encouragement (for women), in the peaceful setting of Waverley Abbey

Cost £25 per person (to include lunch and refreshments)

Please reserve your place by Wednesday 1st March

Managing Conflict:

Saturday 20th May 2017 10 am – 4 pm (Coffee available 9.30-10 am - lunch not provided)

Led by Chris Ledger, with Fiona Nation

PLEASE NOTE: This course will be led from a Christian and Biblical perspective, but the principles and material covered are accessible and helpful to those with any or no faith

Cost of the Course £12

Please book with payment by Friday 5th May

Dementia Awareness Morning:

Wednesday 21st June 10 am - midday (Coffee available 9.30 am)

Led by Penny Giles

Learn more about Dementia during the interactive morning, and find out how to manage some of the more common symptoms, exploring what is involved in becoming a 'Dementia Friend' (an initiative of the Alzheimer's Society, endorsed by

the government, to raise awareness about Dementia so that those with the disease and their carers can continue to live well).

PLEASE NOTE: The 'Dementia Awareness Morning' is free of charge, but there will be an opportunity to give a voluntary donation, towards the work of the Alzheimer's Society

Please book a place by Wednesday 7th June

The Human Highway of Trafficking:

Thursday 5th October 7 pm - 9 pm (Coffee available 6.45 to 7 pm)

Led by Suzette Jones

Cost of course £5 (after administrative costs, proceeds will be donated to 'The Bishop of Guildford's Fund' - details overleaf)

Please book with payment by Friday 21st September

Away in a Manger for Adults!:

Saturday 2nd December 10 am - 4 pm (Coffee available 9.30 am) To be held at Ladywell Retreat and Spirituality Centre, Ashted Lane, Godalming, Surrey GU7 1ST

Led by Pam Thorogood (a Spiritual Director with the Guildford Diocese, who is trained in Ignatian Spirituality and Direction, and who also serves as a Chaplaincy Visitor at St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey)

An opportunity to step aside at the beginning of Advent for quiet reflection amidst the busy preparations for Christmas, rediscovering the season for what it is, without the frills - all welcome!

Cost £25 per person (to include lunch & refreshments)

Please reserve your place by Friday 10th November

For more details on any of the session or retreat days, or to make a reservation, please contact:

Sally Pollard, pollard3@hotmail.co.uk

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or The Administrator of Godalming Baptist Church,
(on Monday, Wednesday or Friday mornings),
01483 422105 or office@gbc.btinternet.com

Please send cheques to Sally Pollard at Godalming Baptist Church; payable to: 'Life Issues Fund, GBC'

All Life Issues sessions are held at Godalming Baptist Church (Queen Street, Godalming, Surrey, GU7 1BA), with drinks provided.
Retreat Days are elsewhere, as stated

Advice & Information

Baptist Union news:

Baptist Union Prayer Diary for week beginning 15th January: This week we pray with the London Baptist Association as they seek to Start the Year with God and work towards their vision of 'a Spirit empowered community of churches growing in holiness and unity, working to be at ease with our diversity, and aiming to reach London for Christ'. www.londonbaptist.org.uk

How can we use social media and our smartphones in a way that's aligned with our faith? Some suggestions here. <http://ow.ly/TbzM307HVOg>

As we welcome 2017, Lynn Green and Roy Searle reflect on the year ahead
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=72ENvAdK-dA>

Baptists Together magazine - Spring 2017 edition 'Leading Matters' is now available
http://www.baptist.org.uk/Groups/223077/Together_Magazine.aspx.

Jobs

Lead Chaplain, Bluewater £31,000 - £33,500

The Chaplaincy Service at Bluewater serves one of the largest retail complexes in the UK, providing support to the retail and facilities staff in the context of their daily life and work.

The chaplaincy team consists of one paid, full-time Lead Chaplain and a large team of volunteer chaplains. We are now seeking to replace the present Lead Chaplain who has filled the post since 2011 and is moving into church-based ministry.

As Lead Chaplain you must be a practising Christian, lay or ordained, with a sound understanding of the nature, purpose and vision of chaplaincy and with a proven ministry in pastoral care.

Bluewater is an all-age, multi-ethnic, multi-faith community where diversity is valued and all are welcomed. The ability to communicate the Christian message in this context calls for grace and sensitivity.

If you feel you could meet the challenge of this unique position, a full job and person specification, together with an application form can be obtained at

www.kentworkplacemission.org

This post is subject to an Occupational Requirement that the post holder is a committed Christian under Part 1 of Schedule 9 to the Equality Act 2010.



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