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SEBA Notices

Closing service:

We are sad to announce the final service of Dunsfold Baptist Church - this small, but faithful church has taken the difficult decision to close, after many years of faithful service - as the membership has dwindled, and the age and health of the 2 remaining members has precipitated that decision. You are welcome to come and join them in the last service of this church on Saturday 4 February 2017 at 2.30pm (The Common, Dunsfold, GODALMING, GU8 4LA).

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 4 March 2017 /// Sittingbourne Baptist Church – 9.30am - cost £10 per space.
- 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 13 May 2017 /// Halton Baptist Church, Hastings – 9.30am - 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 4 March 2017 /// Sittingbourne Baptist Church – 1.30pm - cost £10 per space.
- 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.
- Saturday 13 May /// Halton Baptist Church, Hastings – 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](#) 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

Life Issues Sessions and Reflective Days in 2017:

You can download a leaflet with details of all the year's 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) Godalming Baptist Church (Queen Street,

Godalming, Surrey, GU7 1BA)

Led by Rev. Dr Steve Nolan (the Chaplain of the Princess Alice Hospice, Esher), who will speak about some of the difficult questions that are faced when life is limited:

- What is meant by 'End of Life'?
- What is it like to die?
- What kind of care to dying people want, need or get?
- How does caring for dying people affect the carers?

Please book a place by Friday 10th February

*(NB Part 2 - from a Practical and Medical Perspective is on Saturday 22nd April 2017
10 am – 12 midday - Led by Dr Martin Brunet and Dr Karen Jones*

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](#)

For more details or to make a reservation, please contact:

Sally Pollard, pollard3@hotmail.co.uk

Janet Fry, janetfry1@gmail.com

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'

Exploring Missional Communities - Helping our churches get out of the building:

Saturday March 25th 2017 - 9.30am-3pm - Chichester Baptist Church (Sherborne

Road, CHICHESTER, PO19 3AW) £10 – lunch included

Chichester Baptist Church are on a journey of exploring using their Sundays not just for worship gatherings but also for mission. 4 years and 9 Missional Communities later they've learned a lot along the way. In response to people asking them to share their story Revd Ken Benjamin and Revd Ellen Wild are hosting a day conference on March 25th.

Come and hear their story, not to copy this model but to think about how our churches can engage more meaningfully with our communities. Ideal for leaders, their teams and those with a heart to see local church engage more meaningfully.

Please see [poster](#) for details.

To book on to this day conference book via eventbrite at

<http://chichesterbaptist2017.eventbrite.co.uk>

For more information or any dietary requirements email Paul Woodfield on

info@chichesterbaptist.org.uk or call 01243 782582

Jonathan Veira & Sons, in Concert:

Saturday 25th March, 7.30pm, Kings Church (The King's Centre, 33-35 Victoria Road Burgess Hill, RH15 9LR), (Doors open from 7.00pm).

Sheddingdean Baptist Church is delighted to present an unforgettable evening with international singer and Raconteur, Jonathan Veira. The concert is a fundraiser for the 'Cornerstone', a church and community project to be built in the Sheddingdean area of Burgess Hill. We would love the Baptist Family of SEBA to support us and we can guarantee a wonderful evening's entertainment.

Ticket Prices are as follows; Adults £15, Concessions £13, students and U 18 £10, 4 tickets for £50.

Tickets can be purchased as follows; Tel 01444236292, email events@cornerstone, or purchased direct from the Help Point, Church Walk, Burgess Hill. This will make a wonderful Mothering Sunday Present

Click [here](#) to download the poster

Wintershall Events:**The Passion of Jesus:**

Trafalgar Square Good Friday (14 April) 2017 – performances 12 noon & 3.15pm

Free entry - outdoor Easter performances of the story of Jesus. All welcome.

Click [here](#) for the Passion of Jesus poster for Trafalgar Square

The Passion of Jesus:

Guildford High Street – Easter Saturday (15 April) 2017 – performances 12 noon & 2.30pm

Free entry - outdoor Easter performances of the story of Jesus. All welcome.

Click [here](#) for the Passion of Jesus poster for Guildford High Street

Please Note: Both these performances contain a realistic interpretation of the crucifixion - parental guidance is advised.

The Life of Christ – The greatest story of all time:

Wintershall (Bramley, GU5 0LR) 20-24 June 2017 10.00am-3.30pm

Ticket Prices

Adult: £20

Student (18-25): £12

Senior citizen (65+): £18

Child (3–18 yrs): £9.50

Family (2 adults and 2 children): £50

Click [here](#) to download The Life of Christ poster

To book now, click here www.wintershall-estate.com or call 01793 418299

Advice & Information**Baptist Union news:**

Baptist Union Prayer Diary for week beginning beginning 27th January: Please pray for the East Midland Baptist Association, as they welcome new Team Leader Mark Clay. Their vision is to serve East Midlands Baptists in Mission, through growing healthy churches, and they do this by pioneering, equipping, partnering, and caring. www.embaptists.co.uk

New theological college in Yorkshire <http://ow.ly/rmCu3087dto>

Screened out - please take a moment to read this insight into those hidden in our communities, for whom social workers consider television a necessity. How can we break into these hollowed out lives? <http://ow.ly/bYES30873sL>

Giving God your loving attention - how to go about rediscovering contemplative prayer <http://ow.ly/DKL8308dr4g>

Baptists Together on Instagram – If you didn't know, we have an Instagram page. <https://www.instagram.com/baptistsaltogether/>

Baptist Union Annual Returns:

Last week all churches (most likely via their Church Secretary/Administrator) should have received an email with the details of the annual return (or for those view churches who don't complete things online - and probably won't be reading this email anyway - a paper copy).

Please ensure that you complete these within the time frame requested. If you haven't received any information, please drop me a line admin@seba-baptist.org.uk, and I will investigate for you.

Mechanics for Africa (MfA) is a training college for motor mechanics which was set up and is supported by *Milford Baptist Church* in Surrey. We offer a two-year course which leads to *City & Guilds* qualifications. An essential part of the education includes training in life-skills along with pastoral support. MfA is based in Ndola, Zambia and currently offers training to seventy students.

In a country where around three-quarters of young people are unemployed, over 90% of our graduates quickly find work. In almost every case, when our young

people become wage-earners they help pay for the education of brothers, sisters and cousins and support the elderly members of their families.

Mechanics for Africa has been a great blessing to *Milford Baptist Church*, and has enabled us to become a blessing to others. We now feel we should develop the work and invite other churches and individuals to help us do this.

If you would like more information to do with either regular or one-off support, MfA would love to hear from you. Please contact the chairman of MfA, David Lucas, by email (david.lucas@mechanicsforafrica.com) or call him on 07909 985050.

In the meantime you can find out more as a welcome visitor to www.mechanicsforafrica.com, or visit our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/mechanicsforafrica

Receiving Christ in five different ways is a **5-session course for discussion groups** written by **John Young** and featuring on CD:

- **THE RT REVD NICK BAINES** Bishop of Leeds
- **MARGARET SENTAMU**
- **REVD DR KEN HOWCROFT** former President of the Methodist Conference
- **THEODORA HAWKSLEY** RC theologian and a novice at the Bar Convent, York.

'To all who received him ... he gave power to become children of God.' (John 1.12.)

This raises big questions. **Aren't we all children of God anyway? Just how can we receive Christ? And what does it mean to have 'a relationship with God'?** In a course crammed with discussable questions, John Young teases out from the New Testament various ways in which we receive Christ, demonstrating that St John's theology in his magisterial Gospel has very practical implications for our day-to-day lives.

Five Sessions

Session 1: Receiving Christ: as children of God

Session 2: Receiving Christ: in the stranger and the needy

- Session 3:** Receiving Christ: in Holy Communion
Session 4: Receiving Christ: through prayer and fellowship
Session 5: 'Christ in you, the hope of glory' (Colossians 1.27)

Click [here](#) for more information

Jobs

Part-time Assistant Youth Worker at Oasis Christian Fellowship and Holland Road Baptist Church (Hove, East Sussex):

Background to this Post

Our two Baptist churches are involved in an ever-deepening partnership that may lead to a merger of the two churches later in 2017. Both churches are very excited about this project. We are therefore looking for a part time Assistant Youth Worker to help us at this time. The person appointed will join an existing team of children's and youth workers. The person appointed will be funded by Oasis and employed by Holland Road Baptist Church and will be a part of the children's and youth team. Some of this role involves work across both churches, but the main focus currently is on serving the youth at Oasis Christian Fellowship. This appointment also follows the retirement of the Pastoral Worker (Children, Youth & Families) who finished at Oasis in December 2016. Therefore we are looking to build on some solid foundations built over the last two years or so.

Terms and Conditions

Start Date: ASAP

Duration: This is a 12 month contract, subject to a three month probationary period and a notice period of one month.

Hours: This is a part-time post of 10 hours per week, including Sunday and evening work and some weekday daytime availability. There will be at least one day per week completely free of church responsibilities.

Employer: Holland Road Baptist Church Trust funded by Oasis Christian Fellowship

Salary: We are offering an annual gross salary of £5,280, paid in 12 equal monthly instalments of £440

Pension: The church will additionally pay £44 into your pension monthly. This can either be into your existing pension scheme or into a new pension with Scottish Widows, who the church usually use.

For more information, either email or telephone Revd Andrew Edwards M.07903 114567 E: pastor@oasischristianfellowship.org.uk

South Wales Baptist Association - Association Administrator:

The Association Administrator will be a member of the Association Team. He/She will be responsible for ensuring that the SWBA Office functions efficiently and delivers the administration support required for the Association to engage in mission and to achieve its goals. The Administrator will be the primary interface with the churches in the Association for communication and administrative matters.

This is a full-time appointment based on 37½ hours per week and carries a salary of £22,500 per annum.

The closing date for applications is Friday 10th February 2017.

If you would like to be considered for this role, please complete the application form which can be found on our website,

<http://www.southwalesbaptistAssociation.org.uk>.

Please send the completed application form together with a covering letter by email to: Revd Nick Bradshaw, nick_bradshaw@icloud.com

South Wales Baptist Association
54 Richmond Road
Cardiff
CF24 3UR

Telephone 029 20 491366

Christian School's Worker for the Marsh Academy, New Romney:

The Apollos Trust seeks to appoint a Christian School's Worker 0.8 (ie 4 days per week) for the Marsh Academy New Romney, Kent TN28 8BB

www.marshacademy.org.uk

£19,000 - £21,000 (full time equivalent) (pro rata term time only)

An opportunity to take part in the expansion of a dynamic project that has been running for over 4 years.

For further information and an application form please go to the Trust website www.apollostrust.org/vacancy or to discuss this post please phone Frances Aubrey 01797 320890 or Michelle Whitewood, Senior Pastoral Leader, at The Marsh Academy 01797 364593.

Closing date for applications: 16th February 2017

Interviews: early March 2017

WAVES - Family worker:

WAVES Family Support, a separately constituted charity, with strong relationship with Seaford Baptist Church and the wider Christian Community in Seaford, East Sussex is seeking to appointment a Family Worker.

The hours are 15 per week. The applicant must be able to work together with our current Family Worker as part of a team to develop the work amongst families requiring support in Seaford.

Further details, job description, person spec. and application form are available from the WAVES Centre 01323 873797 or by email on wavesseaford@btconnect.com

Closing Date for applications is 12 noon on 3 March 2017,

Interviews planned for late March/early April.

Become an “Essential Volunteer” - Memralife:

Our office team in Uckfield, East Sussex are kept very busy year-round in preparing for Spring Harvest, and administering all the other activities of the Charity including Spring Harvest Holidays, Song Solutions and Essential Event Management. Much of what we do is made easier by the help of people like you, who by giving of a few hours of your spare time can support our team to help further the work of Memralife Group.

So why not become an “Essential Volunteer”; a creative and fulfilling way of using your gifts in God’s service and of “giving” generously of your time to Christian ministry.

Find out more by visiting www.memralifegroup.org/jobs



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