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

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### SEBA Notices

#### Notice for all Treasurers

We are still not able to receive any money transfers direction into the main SEBA bank account. For now please send cheques only, direct to the Treasurer (David Burr, SEBA Treasurer, 30 Windmill Road, POLEGATE, BN26 5BG).

However, any direct online payments to the Home Mission account (*Sort Code: 40-19-35 Account Number: 91264028*), are perfectly ok; so you will not need to cancel or adjust your Home Mission standing orders or payments.

We will advise you of new online payment details for the main account as soon as we have them. Thank you for your patience and co-operation during this time.

### 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 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.

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### **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

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### **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 // **This is now fully booked.**

## **Events**

### **Parental Guidance Workshop - The Naked Truth Project:**

*Friday 3 March: 8.00 - 10.00pm @ Redhill Baptist Church*

A workshop giving parents, family members & those working with 8 - 18's essential information and guidance on XXX content:

This workshop, hosted by the Christian charity The Naked Truth Project, is an important opportunity, for parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents, teachers, youth leaders and anyone working with children and young people (especially those aged 8 - 18years), to:

- update their understanding about the digital world
- get fresh information and statistics about how children & young people are engaging with adult content online
- receive practical advice to give to 8—18's about staying safe on the internet.

The content will be suitable for those of any faith or none. There will be a Q&A session and free resources available.

A 2016 Dare2Care report surveying 1000 UK teens found that 94% had seen porn by the age of 14 . . . This is the 'porn in their pocket' generation; porn has never been more accessible, affordable, anonymous or addictive.

For more information, visit [www.thepgworkshop.com](http://www.thepgworkshop.com)

To book your place, please email [events@redhillbaptist.org.uk](mailto:events@redhillbaptist.org.uk)

There is no ticket fee for this event but donations towards costs will be welcome on the evening.

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**Boost 2017:**

*Saturday 4 March 2017 9.15am-1pm Cheriton Baptist Church*

*Exploring Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing in Children & Young People*

For only £5 per person, join children's and youth workers, volunteers and church leaders from across your local area to explore together how we can respond to the growing emotional challenges faced by the children and young people we minister to.

Click [here](#) to download a flyer

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## Life Issues

**A Question of Gender:**

*Saturday 18th March 10.00am-12 Noon (coffee from 9.30am) at Godalming Baptist Church*

Led by Suzette Jones. Suzette will lead a sensitive, educational, non-judgemental talk on Transgender. Please book a place by Friday 3rd March.

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

**Away Day - Encouraging day for Women:**

*Wednesday 22 March 2017 Waverley Abbey*

This is an inspiring and encouraging day for women in the beautiful surroundings of Waverley Abbey; this is an ecumenical event and is open to everyone.

Debbie Hitchcock, a wonderful speaker is going to lead our day entitled 'Rise Up On Eagle's Wings' Do you feel weary or discouraged? This is the day for you! Also it is for everyone who wants to be uplifted, renewed in strength and faith and to be encouraged!

Please book by Wednesday 1st March - Cost is £25 per person which includes a delicious lunch, refreshments throughout the day, hire of our room and speaker's expenses. Please do consider coming to this so worthwhile day and bring a friend!

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

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To book a place for either/ both sessions please contact:

Sally Pollard [pollard3@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pollard3@hotmail.co.uk) or Janet Fry [janetfry1@gmail.com](mailto:janetfry1@gmail.com)

or call the Church Office Administrator - 01483-422105 email on

[office.gbc@btinternet.com](mailto:office.gbc@btinternet.com)

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**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](mailto:info@chichesterbaptist.org.uk) or call 01243 782582

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**Battle SportsReach Netball & Soccer school:**

*Wednesday 5-Saturday 8 April 2017 Battle Sports Centre (TN33 0HT) - plus Awards service at Battle Baptist Church at 10.45 am on Sunday 9 April 10 am to 4 pm*

*(Wednesday to Friday) & 10 am to 5 pm (Saturday)*

Cost: £50 per child (financial help is available on a first-come, first-served basis)

Ages 9 to 13 girls & boys for Netball. 7 to 14 girls & boys for Soccer.

Contact: Andy Garlick on 07549 625948.

Other info:

Event organised & ran by the SportsReach UK Charity in partnership with Battle Baptist Church.

Event in its 9th year.

Children of all abilities & backgrounds welcome.

Experienced coaches provided.

Child safeguarding in operation.

Click here to download a [poster](#), and information [document/booking form](#)

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**Toolbox Rebooted 2017:**

*22nd April 2017 10am—3pm Tea/Coffee & Resources from 9.30am at John Wallis Academy (Millbank Road Kingsnorth, Ashford, Kent TN23 3HG)*

It's time for another KEYCOG (Kent Ecumenical Youth and Children's Officers Group) toolbox event, this time it will be a bit different but with all the quality of input you have come to expect from a Toolbox day. Please note that there are 2 prices, with or without lunch. This will be a great day for networking and checking out the thoughts and ideas of current working with children and young people.

To book your place: [www.keycog.co.uk](http://www.keycog.co.uk) bookings close 24th March

Click [here](#) to download a flyer

## **Advice & Information**

### **Baptist Union news:**

**Baptist Union Prayer Diary for week beginning beginning 26th February:** This week please pray for the South Eastern Baptist Association and the 150 churches

they support. Everything they do is geared towards fulfilling their aim of 'enabling mission and Christian living'. [www.seba-baptist.org.uk](http://www.seba-baptist.org.uk)

40acts is back! Take on a generous challenge each day of Lent. 100k people signed up already <https://youtu.be/VGffvhIXDz0> [www.40acts.org.uk](http://www.40acts.org.uk)

"I've always been interested by the spooky and the strange" An interview with Peter Laws, writer, speaker and Baptist minister whose newly released debut crime thriller specifically explores baptism. Peter was a guest on R4's Midweek on Weds - links in the piece <http://ow.ly/UTFC3093DVe>

The difference between prayer... and prayerfulness - new reflection  
<http://ow.ly/lyp7308XtYk>

The enabling leader: Giving people the tools to face their problems is a style of leadership that encourages congregations to develop their giftings. Another from our recent magazine <http://ow.ly/tPYW308XscM>

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### **Acoustic Panels:**

Reigate Baptist Church have some acoustic panels with feet (please see attached photo) that we no longer need and are giving away. Some are damaged but still usable.



If your church is interested in them please do let us know and feel free to come and see them.

01737 248258 [info@reigatebaptistchurch.org.uk](mailto:info@reigatebaptistchurch.org.uk)

## Jobs

### **Family and Community Worker - Haywards Heath Baptist Church:**

Haywards Heath Baptist Church is a family-friendly church with a big heart for our local community. We are seeking to extend and develop our outreach work with particular focus on families who are not currently part of the church, with a view to drawing people into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and helping them grow as Christian disciples.

We'd love you to join our team if you are:

- Committed to Christ with a passion for sharing your faith and bringing people into the church family
- Experienced in Christian outreach, evangelism and pastoral work
- Called by God to be involved in family and community work

Salary £20,000 - £24,000 depending on experience

Contact [admin@hhbchurch.org.uk](mailto:admin@hhbchurch.org.uk) for application details, or Chris Norden, Minister, on 07802 721958 for more details on the role.

Closing date: Sunday 30 April 2017 [www.hhbchurch.org.uk](http://www.hhbchurch.org.uk)

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### **Spurgeon's College (South Norwood, London) - Principal:**

*Salary + Benefits*

The role of Principal has many parts including vision setting, shaping strategy and delivering sustainability; engaging with a range of external stakeholder bodies; providing organisational leadership; and supporting academic excellence. At this stage in the life of the College we have opportunity to appoint a Principal who will provide overall leadership and vision to the mission, inspire our gifted team, and engage widely across the UK church.



So we are looking for an experienced, engaging and visionary Baptist leader with a clear sense of calling to this work and a proven ability to build, shape and lead a talented team. It's this proven leadership experience that is central to the role. Experience of working in higher education is not essential.

Ideally we are seeking someone to start in September 2017.

The role offers a competitive salary and benefits including accommodation on site, pension and 30 days holiday.

Please [click here](#) for further information about the role and how to apply. Please [click here](#) for the candidate information form and [click here](#) to complete the equal opportunities monitoring form.

Closing date for applications is 12pm on Monday 20 March 2017.

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### **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](mailto:pastor@oasischristianfellowship.org.uk)

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**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](mailto:wavesseaford@btconnect.com)

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

Interviews planned for late March/early April.



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