

**Weekly update from the
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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.

News from the Networks:

The latest news from SEBA churches across the Association is available on the SEBA website- check out what's happening with: Whitstable Baptist Church (*East Kent network*) - Union Church, Heathfield (*East Sussex network*) - Life Community Baptist Church, Horsham (*Gatwick network*) - One Church Brighton (*Mid Sussex network*) - New Life Church, Woking (*North Downs network*) - Parkwood Christian Fellowship, Gillingham (*North Kent network*) - Romney Marsh Community Church (*South Kent network*) - Bessels Green Baptist Church (*West Kent network*) - Opengate, Bognor Regis Baptist Church (*West Sussex network*).

Network Executive members:

Both Revd Dave Stedman (East Kent network) and Revd Philip Amos (West Sussex network) have been reappointed to the SEBA Executive, for a further 3 years (until December 2019).

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.

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

Events

Boost 2017:

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

Saturday 1 April 2017 9.15am-1pm Crawley 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

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](#)

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

Sally Pollard pollard3@hotmail.co.uk or Janet Fry janetfry1@gmail.com

or call the Church Office Administrator - 01483-422105 email on office.gbc@btinternet.com

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

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](#)

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 bookings close 24th March

Click [here](#) to download a flyer

Advice & Information

Baptist Union news:

Baptist Union Prayer Diary for week beginning beginning 5th March: This week, we focus our prayers on all those in prison as we consider the worrying state of prisons. Pray for widescale transformation in our prisons and for God's leading so that, as Baptists, we can play our part in helping those leaving prison to change their lives. www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/487438/ Crime_rehabilitation.aspx
www.langleyhousetrust.org

Notes from Ministers' Conference - Mental Health:

For those who attended the Ministers' Conference this week, and would like a copy of the notes from the Wednesday evening session on Mental Health - you can download a copy by clicking [here](#).

Amendment to survey:

A few weeks back we included details of a survey that Revd Tony Mayes is running, on how smaller churches handle Sunday worship. The link to the survey was wrong - for anyone willing to take part in this, this is the correct

link https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSegn71fPKLIfeNZwF7VuqYmGd02OIh5GEjeG2zGM8ez_ZuZEg/viewform

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@hnbchurch.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.hnbchurch.org.uk

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.

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



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