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

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### SEBA Notices

#### Revd Stuart Davison:

Stuart is having an operation on his ankle next week, on Thursday 30 March, and will be off work for at least 2 weeks. We will keep you posted on his progress, and return to work date, when we know it. In the meantime, for any pastoral concerns please contact Revd Paul Kerley or Revd Jerry Newson. You can leave messages for Stuart with either his PA, Liz Adshead, or with the SEBA Administrator.

For telephone and email details for the above please click [here](#).

Obviously, all prayers for a successful operation, and quick recovery are appreciated.

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#### Visiting Speaker/Lay Preacher list:

I hold a list of all church recommended visiting speakers and lay preachers for the SEBA area. I am undertaking a time of 'house-keeping' and will be contacting all those named on the list to check if they are still willing, and able, to be on the list. If you are on the list, and do not hear from me in the next couple of weeks it may be that I do not have your current contact details, so please email me ([admin@seba-baptist.org.uk](mailto:admin@seba-baptist.org.uk)).

The list is available, on request, for SEBA churches and groups seeking to fill

speaking/preaching vacancies - just [email me](#) to request it (although do bear in mind that if you do so in the next month or so, the list I send out is under review).

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### **Update for all Treasurers**

We now have the new bank account details. Please note, this account is for payments direct to SEBA (NOT for any Home Mission payments). The new account details are: sort code: 60-01-73 (Reliance Bank); account number: 00218212; account name: South Eastern Baptist Association

All Home Mission payments should still be sent to the same, old, Home Mission account (*Sort Code: 40-19-35 Account Number: 91264028*).

Thank you for your understanding.

## **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 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 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 13th May 2017 // Southwick Christian Community Church // 9.30am – 4.30pm // £33 per space

Places need to be booked in advance with payment, through Rich Jago - click [here](#) to email Rich

## **Events**

### **Marilyn Baker concert:**

*Tuesday 28 March 2017 2.30pm - Dormansland Baptist Church (7 High Street, Dormansland, RH7 6PU)*

All welcome. For more details, click [here](#) to download the poster.

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### **Beacon Event (Thy Kingdom Come):**

*Pentecost Sunday 4 June 2017 - Guildford Cathedral*

*4.30-6pm Prayer & Food Festival*

*6.30-8pm Celebration service with Ignite Worship Band and Hosted by Pete Greig*

Get your free tickets at [www.guildford-cathedral.org](http://www.guildford-cathedral.org)

Click here to download a [flyer](#)

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### **Fire Camp 21-25 July, 2017:**

Fire Camp is the collaborative, camping, mini-festival for Baptists and friends on Mersea Island, Essex. It is a grass-roots Baptists initiative in it's second year.

The 2017 theme is intriguingly called 'Heaven and Earth' and will explore the question, 'what does it look like to welcome heaven rather than wait for it?'

Tickets are now on sale at [www.firecamp.org.uk](http://www.firecamp.org.uk)

## **Advice & Information**

### **Baptist Union news:**

**Baptist Union Prayer Diary for week beginning beginning 26th March:** On this Mothering Sunday, we thank God for people who offer us the care of a mother:

For their nurture and care;

For their example and inspiration;

For their love and friendship.

'As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you', says the Lord.

Taken from resources published by the Mothers' Union [www.themothersunion.org](http://www.themothersunion.org)

Reflections and images for you to use on the fourth Sunday in Lent

[www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/493634/Fourth\\_Sunday\\_in.aspx](http://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/493634/Fourth_Sunday_in.aspx)

Journeying to Justice is of such importance to the study of Black religion that to say its time has come would be an understatement'. This new book edited by Anthony G. Reddie with Wale Hudson-Roberts and Gale Richards will be launched at the Justification and Justice Symposium in April. Book your place here:

[http://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/485217/Justification\\_and\\_Justice.aspx](http://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/485217/Justification_and_Justice.aspx)

New reflection: How smaller churches encourage leadership opportunities. The secretary at article author Michael's church is just 23 - he's wondering if this is the youngest in our union? Let us know! <http://ow.ly/MIu4309TfXr>

Are you joining the global wave of prayer, praying that people you know might know Jesus? <http://ow.ly/kzRU309Vlkx>

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### **East Africa Crisis appeal:**

You may be aware that the DEC (Disasters Emergency Commission) has just launched an East Africa Crisis appeal to help 16 million people across South Sudan, Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia who are urgently in need of food. Christian Aid have contacted us to ask us to encourage you to take up a collection for the appeal.

Details of the appeal and the work Christian Aid is doing in the affected areas can be found [here](#); and church resources supporting the appeal can be found [here](#).

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### **Change to contact information:**

Please be aware that Revd Steve Lomas, minister of Arundel Baptist Church, has moved house (the new details will be in the next SEBA Directory, out in May) - his contact telephone number has also changed to 01243-587199

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### **Daily Devotional Readings:**

To celebrate 20 years, York Courses has produced a booklet of Daily Devotional Readings from Easter to Pentecost. A 48-page booklet with a thoughtful reading for every day from Easter to Pentecost ('Whit Sunday')

£2.99 each, with free UK post and packing (there are discounts available on multiple orders.

A perfect Easter gift for friends - for more information, click [here](#).

## **Jobs**

### **Church Administrator - Canterbury Baptist Church:**

Canterbury Baptist Church are looking for a new Church Administrator - for information on the job, please click [here](#) to download all the information.

Closing date: 26 March 2017.

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### **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@hbbchurch.org.uk](mailto:admin@hbbchurch.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.hbbchurch.org.uk](http://www.hbbchurch.org.uk)



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