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



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Revd Tom Pelham (minister of Grow Church Ashford):

Tom went to glory on Wednesday afternoon, whilst he was in the local Pilgrims Hospice. For those who don't know he had been living with cancer for quite some time.

Please pray for his wife Anna, their three young children and the wider family. Also pray for the many others who knew him and whose loss now is indeed a great one. As one minister has already written "the impact and effectiveness of his life has been seen by so many. His compassion, courage, humility and Christlike nature will live on for many, many years".

Especially remember in your prayers the members and friends at Grow Church and the Uprising Youth and Community Project team where Tom was the Team Leader.

SEBA Notices

Revd Stuart Davison:

Stuart had his ankle operation yesterday; he 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](#).

Prayers for a speedy recovery are appreciated.

South Eastern Baptist Women's Ministry:

The ladies have just returned from their retreat at The Oasts, which was a blessing to all - to read about the event, [click here](#).

Future Events Include:

The Kent Fellowship will be hosting a Fellowship Day with main speaker Corrine Herrick on Sat 10th June at Folkestone Baptist Church from 10am-2.30pm.

South Eastern Baptist Women's Ministry Conference at Ashburnham from the 23rd-25th February 2018. Booking forms will be released this June so please [email Laura](#) if you would like one.

Update for all Treasurers

We 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.

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 20 May 2017 /// Haywards Heath Baptist Church – 9.30am - cost £10 per space
- Saturday 17 June 2017 /// Sandhurst Baptist Church – 9.30am - cost £10 per space
- Saturday 24 June 2017 /// Sompting Village Primary School (White Styles Road, Sompting, BN15 0BU) – 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
- Saturday 20 May /// Haywards Heath Baptist Church – 1.30pm - cost £10 per space
- Saturday 24 June 2017 /// Sompting Village Primary School (White Styles Road, Sompting, BN15 0BU) – 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 (Level 2 Award accredited by RSPH) 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

Conversation Welcome - exploring the future of the UK after the EU

Referendum:

Queens Road Baptist Church, Coventry (CV1 3FE) - Thursday 27 April 2017 10am-3.30pm

(This event will provide a hands-on opportunity to engage with this resource that is designed for use both in a local church context, and as a tool for mission and engagement in the local community. The day costs £10 which includes a light lunch, refreshments and resources)

To help people find out more about Conversation Welcome, they have arranged a day workshop in Coventry on Thursday April 27th. It is open to local church representatives, but they would also like to have someone in each Association who is familiar with the resource, and could commend it to those churches where it might be of value.

Click [here](#) to download a letter with more information - and click here to download a [poster](#)

If you are interested in going along to report back to the SEBA Team, please [get in touch with us](#)

Encouragement for Leaders conference:

3-5 October 2017 - Ashburnham Place

One Challenge are running a residential conference for those in Church Leadership and Leaders of Christian Organisations - a time of renewal and refreshment.

For more information, click [here](#) to download the leaflet.

Advice & Information

Baptist Union news:

Baptist Union Prayer Diary for week beginning beginning 2nd April: The South West Baptist Association seeks to support, encourage and enable the 90 churches in the Association in their task of telling people the good news that Jesus changes lives. Please pray for the Association, and its team of staff and volunteers. www.swbaptists.org.uk

Check out Baptist minister Andrew Gardiner on the Clare Balding show, speaking about his cancer diagnosis, how it resulted in a burst of song writing creativity, and our identity in Jesus. Includes his new song All Down to You. You can find the interview at 1hr 13 mins in. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b08j27mk#play>

The Baptist Union Council report has now been published - read it here <http://ow.ly/XWnT30aaUpe>

People around the world are pledging to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for those they know to hear God calling to them. Visit our Thy Kingdom Come page to find out more. Amazing things can happen when we welcome people and we welcome God into our lives and our churches.

http://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/488037/Join_the_global.aspx

Revd Matt Ross - sponsorship:

Matt (minister at Kings Hill Christian Fellowship, West Malling) is running the London Marathon next month, in aid of Starfish Malawi.

This time 2 years ago, he visited the work of this charity (in Malawi) and he continues to be impressed with the impact their work has on the lives of children and adults in one of the poorest countries in the world.

Alongside his training, Matt has been writing a blog, highlighting the different projects that Starfish Malawi is engaged with - you can read about it at [Running Malawi](#)

If you would like to sponsor Matt, please click [here](#)

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



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