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



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Revd Tom Pelham:

We are still waiting for the details of Tom's funeral; but we will let you know as soon as possible.

SEBA Notices

Revd Stuart Davison:

Stuart is currently on sick leave, following his recent ankle operation. All is going well, and he hopes to be back at work after Easter (although he may well be restricted in travel for a while longer than that). 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 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):

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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

Art Festival:

Maundy Thursday 13 April-Easter Monday 17 April 2017

East Worthing Baptist Church (Pendine Avenue (off Church Walk), Worthing, BN11

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East Worthing Baptist Church is possibly the smallest in SEBA but is tackling a massive project to get the local community talking. Over the Easter weekend they are putting on a special ART Festival, which will include a large mural on the outside of the Church building, about 7meters by 2.5meters and a large display of trees, shrubs and flowers (courtesy of Old Barn Nursery, in Dial Post).

The Church building will be packed with special displays depicting aspects of the life of Jesus. The artists vary from 12years old to pensioners and most have never done anything like this before.

If at all possible could you ask your congregation to show them support and encouragement by visiting during the five days.

The displays open on Maunday Thursday, 13th April at 10am and will be on display all day on Good Friday, Easter Saturday, Easter Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday. Doors close at 4pm each day.

Tea, coffee and cake will be available every day and on Easter Saturday a Ploughman's Lunch will be available from 12 noon.

Come and enjoy, encourage, and be inspired.

For more information contact Pauline Mah, 07840-382920

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](#)

Curry & Comedy with Compassion:

Saturday 29 April 2017 - 6pm for 6.15pm start

Herne Bay Baptist Church (CT6 5LA)

Would you like to have a laugh, have an authentic curry cooking masterclass, enjoy a tasty curry meal and have the opportunity to hear about (and support) Compassion? Then why not join Steve Legg and Jane Alam for all of the above on Saturday 29th April at Herne Bay Baptist Church.

Tickets cost £9 for adults, £3 for children and include Chicken Tikka, Chicken Korma or Vegetable Khari from a local Indian Restaurant.

To download a flyer with more information, click [here](#).

Please speak to Eve (01227 368579) for more information and tickets.

Baptist Assembly 2017:

Saturday 13 May 2017 - Harrogate Convention Centre

It's now only 5 weeks until the Baptist Assembly, and time is running out to book your place. The closing date for booking is 24 April.

For more information about the event, special offers (including 25% discount off advanced fares with Virgin trains and discount rates of hotels through Reservation Highway) go to www.baptistassembly.org.uk

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 9th April: Please pray for the Support Services Team at Baptist House as they seek to support churches and associations with financial and legal matters, pensions and safeguarding issues. Pray for the new Team Leader, Richard Wilson as he settles into the role of overseeing the strategic management of the Team, and relationships with Associations in these areas of work.

www.baptist.org.uk/supportservices

'God does not leave us to wallow in a sense of unworthiness, but welcomes us with mercy and grace' A reflection and prayer for the 5th Sunday in Lent -

<http://www.baptist.org.uk/Publisher/Article.aspx?ID=494256>

Bristol's Children and Family Ministry training focuses on the family, including ways to nurture faith in the home <http://ow.ly/M04J30aoztl>

Is your church missing those aged 18-35? Do you want that to change? Come to this seminar at Assembly. It will reflect how we might together equip, inspire and resource this to happen in the future. Book your Assembly place now, limited spaces

<http://ow.ly/FNUd30aoKqA>

Heard about Thy Kingdom Come? Praying for people you know to find Jesus? As part of this, venues across the UK and in other parts of the world are preparing to welcome hundreds of people for major beacon events. If you want to know where and when check out the events listed on <https://thykingdomcome.global/events> You can list your own events here or find out what's happening in your area. The

interactive map will light up when you add an event.

A new volume on Baptist history and heritage has just been published - more here: <http://ow.ly/YTXd30amuj8>

'The future wellbeing of our nations does not depend solely on whether or not we are members of the EU, or the terms on which our departure is negotiated. The simple truth is that as local citizens and communities, we can make a significant difference to our local communities, irrespective of the political backdrops that may exist.'

Here's more on the new [The Joint Public Issues Team](#) resource which aims to help churches engage with public life and community building after the EU referendum.

http://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/494334/Post_Brexit_Society.aspx

Spurgeon's College appoint a new Principal:

The College Governors are delighted to announce the appointment of Revd Professor Philip McCormack MBE as the next Principal of Spurgeon's. More details of his appointment can be found by clicking [here](#). Philip succeeds the Rev'd Dr Roger Standing and is due to start on 01 September 2017.

Philip is currently a senior chaplain in the British Army and is the Assistant Chaplain General for the Army Recruiting & Training Division. Previously he was the Army's academic lead on ethics nationally and internationally and the Deputy Principal / Chief Instructor at the Armed Forces' Chaplaincy College.

An accredited BUGB Baptist minister and widely-published author and speaker Philip served with distinction as Senior Chaplain for the British Task Force, Helmand Province Afghanistan. He has extensive experience of leadership, teambuilding, and strategic and organizational development.

We very much look forward to welcoming Philip to the College as he and his wife Karen plan to move in the summer.

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@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



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