

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



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Funeral details - Revd Tom Pelham:

Tom's funeral will be held on Wednesday 26 April 2017, 11am at Ashford Baptist Church (St John's Lane, ASHFORD, TN23 1PS).

All are welcome - but they would like to know numbers for catering, so please [email Debbie](#) (Church Secretary at Grow Church, Ashford if you are planning to attend - thank you.

Please continue to pray for Anna and the family.

Prayer requests:

Please remember in your prayers those, across the Association, who are unwell:

- Revd Chris Ruddle (Folkestone BC) who has recently undergone heart surgery
- Revd Ali Boddington (Hawkinge BC)
- Revd Seyan Tills (Walmer BC) who is still suffering from a six-weekly recurrent infection, which is hard to deal with on top of his ongoing Parkinson's disease.

(if you would like your name added to the prayer list, please email me

(admin@seba-baptist.org.uk)

SEBA Notices

Revd Stuart Davison:

Stuart's sick leave will conclude after Easter. His stitches have been removed and he is now able to move around without the use of a crutch. Obviously he will be recuperating for a while longer, so please bear with him during this time. Thank you for your prayers and good wishes, which have been appreciated.

South Eastern Baptist Women's Ministry:

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.

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

2NB)

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

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

Ladies Day 2017:

Saturday 20 May 2017 10am-4pm

Sompting Village Primary School (White Styles Road, SOMPTING, BN15 0BU)

Sompting Community Church invite you to join them for their annual Ladies Day, for talks - worship - seminars - prayer trail - prayer pods - craft - BBQ lunch - afternoon tea. The speaker will be Allie Moore. Tickets are £10 each.

For more information contact the SCC Office: 01903-368247

somptingcommunitychurch.office@gmail.com www.s-c-c.org.uk

Click [here](#) to download a flyer.

The Turning - Envisioning Event:

6th June 2017 1-3pm Ashburnham Place (TN33 9NF)

You are invited to the envisioning event for The Turning mission to East Sussex; led by Revd Yinka Oyekan (Pastor of the Gate Church, Reading).

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

Also, check out their facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/eastsussexturning/>

Advice & Information

Baptist Union news:

Baptist Union Prayer Diary for week beginning beginning 16th April: It is Easter and we celebrate hope. If Christ has been raised, anything can happen and no good thing is impossible. Alleluia!

Prayer for Easter Morning from Baptist Praise and Worship

Worship resources for Easter including images and prayers for Maundy Thursday and Easter Day

http://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/495196/Worship_resources_for.aspx

Get a helping hand to pray for your friends with the Thy Kingdom resources.

www.cpo.org.uk/thykingdomcome

The importance of resourcing Christian parents is revealed in a new report from Care for the Family and HOPE - and Bristol Baptist College is already onto it. The research included enough responses for a specific Baptist supplement

<http://ow.ly/INPp30ayihM>

As part of the Joint Public Issues Team, we have released a statement about the Government's new two-child limit. We believe the limit is 'deliberately ignoring the needs of the most vulnerable children in society', and have urged the Government to rethink, even at this late stage <http://ow.ly/Rn1T30aA981>

In November 2007, we apologised for our part in the transatlantic slave trade.

Reflecting on this 10 years on there is a new resource, book and tour. Rev Dr Devon Dick, President of the Jamaican Baptist Union is part of this tour. See him along with Lynn Green this coming Saturday at the Justification and Justice Symposium

<http://ow.ly/UuDj30aw154>

"Since our last Home Mission Focus report, there have been several changes and answers to prayer" - lots of encouragement from one of our newest churches

<http://ow.ly/hpcd30aoCWW>

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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