

**Weekly update from the  
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**Prayer requests:**

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

- Revd Chris Ruddle (Folkestone BC)
- Revd Seyan Tills (Walmer BC)

(if you would like your name added to the prayer list, please email me ([admin@seba-baptist.org.uk](mailto:admin@seba-baptist.org.uk)))

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## **SEBA Notices**

**Revd Jerry Newson:**

Please continue to pray for Jerry's recovery, and his family, following Jerry's recent surgery. Everything is going well to date.

Jerry is happy for you to email him during his recuperation - as he will be keeping an eye on his emails, but don't expect a speedy reply.

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**Pensions deficits:**

By now all churches, who have, or had ministers or staff belong to the Baptist Pension company, should have received notifications of their pensions deficit details, and (for a few) details of your 'Cessation' amount. Due to data protection regulations, the pension company are not permitted to let the Association know

which churches are affected - so if you have received your deficit letter and are concerned about what it says, please speak to a member of the Regional Team. You can get in touch with them via the [SEBA website](#) or their contact information is at the front of the new SEBA directory, They are unable to give direct financial advice, but the Association is here to support you and help you work through any worries you have.

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### **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.

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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 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

## Events

### **Ladies Day 2017:**

*Saturday 20 May 2017 10am-4pm*

*Sompting Village Primary School (White Styles Road, SOMPTING, BN15 0BU) Tickets are £10 each*

For more information contact the SCC Office: 01903-368247

[sopmtngcommunitychurch.office@gmail.com](mailto:sopmtngcommunitychurch.office@gmail.com) [www.s-c-c.org.uk](http://www.s-c-c.org.uk)

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### **Managing Conflict:**

*Saturday 20 May 2017 10am-4pm (Coffee from 9.30am)*

*Godalming Baptist Church (Queen Street, GODALMING, GU7 1BA) £12 per person*

To book a place: email Sally Pollard [pollard3@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pollard3@hotmail.co.uk) or Janet Fry [janetfry1@gmail.com](mailto:janetfry1@gmail.com) or call the Church Office on Mon, Weds and Friday mornings 01483-422105

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### **Signs & Wonders - Watoto Concert:**

*Tuesday 23 May 2017, 7.30pm at Canterbury Baptist Church (St Georges Place, Canterbury, CT1 1UT - opposite Waitrose)*

A vibrant worship experience, the sound of a transformed generation by a family of orphans from Uganda. The concert is free and open to all.

Watoto Children's Choirs have travelled extensively since 1994, sharing a message of hope for Africa's orphans and widows. Each child in the Watoto Children's Choir has suffered the loss of one or both parents and now lives in a Watoto village. The experience of travelling on a choir helps the children to develop confidence and boldness, as well as broadening their worldview. The choir presents Watoto's vision and mission by sharing personal stories, music and dance acting as advocates for the millions of other African children who have experienced the same heartbreaking pain and suffering as them.

Click [here](#) to download a poster

Check out more information at [www.watoto.com](http://www.watoto.com)

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### **The Turning - Envisioning Event:**

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

For more information, click [here](#) to download the details. Also, check out their facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/eastsussexturning/>

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### **Bereavement Care Awareness:**

*Saturday 10 June 2017 10.00 am–4.00 pm*

*Haywards Heath Baptist Church (Sussex Road, Haywards Heath, RH16 4DZ)*

Churches have told us that they can sometimes struggle to support bereaved people because of a lack of information, resources and training. In response to this, we've developed Bereavement Care Awareness, a special one-day seminar to help churches equip leaders and pastoral workers. The course is delivered by trained facilitators and will help you and your church better understand the needs of bereaved people and how you can support them.

You can find more details about the course at [www.careforthefamily.org.uk/bereavementcare](http://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/bereavementcare)

If you would like further information or to book a place please contact Richard Vesey ([r.vesey@btinternet.com](mailto:r.vesey@btinternet.com) or 01444 413204). The cost is £15 per participant, payable on the day or in advance. Please note that there are a maximum of only 24 places on the course, and about a third are spoken for, so please don't leave it too long to reserve your place.

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

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### **Leadership Challenge - Retreat Day led by Fiona Stevenson**

*Wednesday 14 June 2017 9.30am-3.30pm*

*Hosted by Ian Stackhouse at The Chapel at the Millmead Centre (Guildford Baptist Church - GU2 4BE)*

Jesus has been called the greatest leader of all time, but what makes an exemplary leader?

The Leadership Challenge was developed out of research by Jim Kouzes and Barry Posner who set out to understand those times when leaders perform at their best.

What emerged were five practices common to extraordinary leadership achievements. They called these The Five Practices of Exemplary Leadership™ and these practices could have been lifted from scripture: · Model the Way · Inspire a Shared Vision · Enable Others to Act · Challenge the Process · Encourage the Heart. These practices are relevant to anyone, at any level.

Join us on the retreat day to reflect our own leadership, the five practices and what scripture has to say.

Please RSVP Ian Stackhouse's PA (Genevieve) on [genevieve.sutton@guildfordbaptist.org](mailto:genevieve.sutton@guildfordbaptist.org) or call on 01483-375008 by 9 June (include any dietary requirements)

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**Towards 2018 (Hope 2018):**

*Thursday 15th June 2017 at 7:30pm*

*Canterbury Baptist Church, St Georges Place, Canterbury, CT1 1UT (opposite Waitrose)*

Hope's dream is growing church, showing Jesus' love and telling the Jesus story, at the heart of every community.

Join Roy Crowne, Executive Director of Hope Together, as he shares his vision for churches and Christians across the nation to join in local mission for transformed communities during 2018.

For more information please contact: [andrew@canterburybaptistchurch.org.uk](mailto:andrew@canterburybaptistchurch.org.uk)  
01227-456204

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**Learning about: How to support people who care for those living with mental concerns:**

*Saturday 17th June, 2017, 10.00am-3.00pm*

*Dorset Gardens Methodist Church (Dorset Gardens, Brighton BN2 1RL)*

People with mental health concerns struggle in countless ways and those who try to care for them have many different burdens to bear. What are some of the issues facing those who care for people living with dementia, depression, anxiety, personality disorders, schizophrenia, etc. How can congregations best support those carers? Peace of Mind is holding a training event designed to help us answer some of those questions and become more confident as we try to support and care for the carers.

Course Fee: £10

Click [here](#) to download a booking form

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**Dementia Awareness Morning:**

*Wednesday 21st June-10.00am to Noon (coffee from 9.30am)*

*Godalming Baptist Church (Queen Stree, GODALMING, GU7 1BA)*

This Life Issue session will cover how to manage some of the more common symptoms and behaviours of dementia and also to hear more about becoming a 'Dementia friend'

To book a place, cost £12 per person, please contact either Sally Pollard [pollard3@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pollard3@hotmail.co.uk) or Janet Fry [janetfry1@gmail.com](mailto:janetfry1@gmail.com) or call the Church Office on Mon, Weds and Friday mornings 01483-422105

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**As In Heaven - with Dianne Tidball (BU President 2017-18):**

*Sunday 25 June 2017 6.30pm*

*Chichester Baptist Church (124 Sherborne Road, CHICHESTER, PO19 3AW)*

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

Click [here](#) to download a PowerPoint (4x3)

Click [here](#) to download a PowerPoint (16x10)

## Advice & Information

### Baptist Union news:

**Baptist Union Prayer Diary for week beginning beginning 14th May:** The Baptist Assembly met yesterday at Harrogate Convention Centre. Please pray for all those

commissioned as Fully Accredited Ministers, Pastors, Preachers and Mission Personnel as they begin this new chapter of their life. [www.baptistassembly.org.uk](http://www.baptistassembly.org.uk)

The MULTIPLY project seeks to grow multi-congregational churches by planting new congregations 'from within' churches that already exist.

<http://www.baptist.org.uk/Groups/290511/Multiply.aspx>

If you're taking part in Thy Kingdom Come either as an individual, your family and/or as church please tell us! For example -Northallerton will be and they are having a special prayer room event on 10th June. Let's pray for someone we know to find Jesus.

Unsure about how to share your faith? There's a simple answer - pray for a chance to try <https://vimeo.com/215646745>

Cole Maynard has been a Baptist army chaplain for 20 years. He is currently blogging for us from South Sudan. <http://ow.ly/b6Op30boCnv>

Damaris Media has produced an excellent (free) guide to help church communities make the most of The Promise, a new film documenting the Armenian Genocide

<http://buff.ly/2pabtPK>

Our review is here: <http://ow.ly/Euy130bmddf>

Read how a Baptist church has been intentionally helping refugees and asylum seekers in recent years. Much of what it does is simple, it says.

Lots of good info here, including a link to the church's guidelines on befriending refugees and asylum seekers

<http://ow.ly/Loz230bfORU>

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### **Operation Agri – new appeal (and new website):**

Operation Agri, your Baptist development team supporting life changing projects among some of the world's poorest people, has just refurbished our website [www.operationagri.org.uk](http://www.operationagri.org.uk), on which you can find details of all the projects we support around the world, as well as this year's new Appeal, Water and Welfare in

Sri Lanka.

In Northern Sri Lanka Tamil families have returned to villages that were abandoned during years of conflict. OA's partner LEADS is there, helping to rebuild and restore village life through:

- Wells for water
- Welfare for children
- Women's self-help groups

There's a pack of materials to go with the appeal, which can be used at any time your church is turning their focus outwards to the needs of the world. This can be ordered through the website.

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**Health & Safety advice please:**

"Hi. I'm after some advice and wisdom, so have come to SEBA! At Birchington BC we are undertaking the torturous process of a Health and Safety Policy from scratch. We have some great folk working on it, and it's coming together.

The advice I seek is about the role of the person with 'overall responsibility'. In our case, it is proposed to be me as Minister, but I felt I needed some clarity on this. I know certain things fall the role as leader, but I'm not sure 'overall responsible person for H&S' was in the original job description.

- What will my liability be (legal, financial etc) as named person? Especially should something goes wrong.
- Am I expected to know everything in relation to how the policies are monitored, updated, implemented etc?
- Are other ministers/leaders in the same role? How have you dealt with it?
- Has anyone looked at specific liability insurance, such as many school governor etc have?

I'd be grateful for any practical wisdom. You can email me on

[bbcminister@zoho.com](mailto:bbcminister@zoho.com).

Thanks and blessings. Bob Goode"

## Jobs

### **Chaplain / Spiritual Care Lead - Ellenor (Kent):**

*Salary £26,228 pro rata per annum*

*Hours 22.5 hours per week*

ellenor is the provider of all-encompassing hospice care for both adults and children living in Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley, West Kent and Bexley. Our services include adult In-patient and Day Therapy at the Hospice in Northfleet, and 24 hour Hospice at Home for all ages. Our strategic aims recognise our role in leading the development of services to the wider community at the end of life, and we see an increasing role in education and training and as a coordinator for providing the best possible palliative care to more people and families.

We are currently recruiting for a Chaplain / Spiritual Care Lead.

You will lead and develop the spiritual aspect of the Hospice's work and offer pastoral support to patients, carers, staff and volunteers. You will work as a key member of a multidisciplinary team and participate in the overall holistic care provision for our adult and children's service as well as managing a team of volunteer Chaplains and chaplaincy / spiritual visitors and seeking to develop links with local faith leaders and their congregations.

We are seeking an ordained faith leader with a track record in representing and supporting their faith community.

You should be a driver and have the ability to travel around our catchment area. You will be required to co-ordinate and participate in the out of hours on-call arrangements for the Chaplaincy team. There may be occasions where you will be expected to appear in the media as a representative of ellenor.

This post is subject to Enhanced DBS clearance. Support with professional development will be provided. An employer contributory pension scheme is available, and NHS Pension Scheme members can transfer in their pension.

For informal enquiries please contact the Director of Patient Care, Jacque Hackett or Russ Hargreaves Head of Wellbeing on 01474 320007.

To apply please visit the Work with Us page on our website at [www.ellenor.org](http://www.ellenor.org) and download an application form. Please quote reference 170401 when applying and state where you saw this advert. Please contact [hr@ellenor.org](mailto:hr@ellenor.org) or phone 01474 320007 ext 1135 should you require any further information.

Closing date: 31st May 2017

Interview date : to be confirmed



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