

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



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Revd Geoffrey Whitfield

Geoffrey received the Call to Glory last Thursday morning (25 June); when he suffered a ruptured aneurism, just above his heart; following admission to hospital for an infection.

Geoffrey had been minister at two Brighton Baptist churches (Moulescoomb Way '61-'71 and Florence Road '90-'95) and a University Chaplain twice (in the '70s and again in his retirement).

Geoffrey's wife, Jean, passed away from a stroke, only a couple of months earlier.

Please pray for their children, Sarah, Robert & Colin - cards of condolence can be sent to Geoffrey's home address (which is listed in the SEBA directory).

The funeral & thanksgiving service will be held later this month - details will follow when we have them.

Prayer requests

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

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

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

(admin@seba-baptist.org.uk)

SEBA Notices

SEBA Joint Network Celebrations:

Dates for your diary

8 October 2017 - East, Mid & West Sussex Networks

venue to be confirmed

22 October 2017 - Gatwick & North Downs Networks

@ Guildford Baptist Church

5 November 2017 - East, North, South & West Kent Networks

@ Maidstone Baptist Church

Watch this space for more details, in due course.

Pensions

Church Pension Deficits:

Should you have not yet received the notification of your current pension deficit amount by post we are reminding you that the amounts are also available (see note below) on the employer hub of the Baptist Pensions website. This hub has been up and running for some time now, though the deficit calculations have only been on the hub for the past two months. The employer hub can be accessed from [here](#)

You should have received your individual log in details already but if not you can get them again if you contact Lane Clark & Peacock PPL. Their contact details are as follows:

Lane Clark & Peacock LLP (St Paul's House, St Paul's Hill, Winchester, SO22 5AB)

+44 (0)1962 672930 BaptistAdmin@lcp.uk.com

Note: Whilst most of SEBA churches have their pension deficit amounts now calculated and on line, there will be some, for specific reasons not known to us, that are not yet completed.

Should you have specific queries relating to your own church Pension Deficit please contact Jason Collis (Pensions Consultant at the Baptist Pension Trust Limited). His email is jcollis@baptist.org.uk



Pensions Roadshow:

The Baptist Union Pensions Roadshow is coming to SEBA on the afternoon of *Saturday 21 October 2017 (at Crawley Baptist Church)*. The format of the presentations will explain how they arrived at the deficit figure as at 31 December 2016; details about the EG and what proposals the pension scheme have been making to the Union, Associations and Colleges; details about progress with those proposals; details about what churches might consider doing etc. and time enough for probably lots of questions and/or comments.

More information will follow - but for now, please put this date in your diary.

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

Excellence in Safeguarding training:

Level 2 Excellence in Safeguarding (covering Children & Adults at Risk):

- 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 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

There is a safeguarding introductory guide on the Baptists Together website, this guide would be good for anyone who is new into work with children, young people or adults at risk, and as a refresher for anyone who is planning to come to training. it can be found [here](#).

Events

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/>

Bereavement Care Awareness:

Saturday 10 June 2017 10.00 am–4.00 pm

Haywards Heath Baptist Church (Sussex Road, Haywards Heath, RH16 4DZ) £15 per participant, payable on the day or in advance (maximum of 24 spaces). If you

would like further information or to book a place please contact Richard Vesey (r.vesey@btinternet.com or 01444 413204).

You can find more details about the course at

www.careforthefamily.org.uk/bereavementcare

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

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)

Please RSVP Ian Stackhouse's PA (Genevieve) on

genevieve.sutton@guildfordbaptist.org or call on 01483-375008 by 9 June (include any dietary requirements)

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

Towards 2018 (Hope 2018):

Thursday 15th June 2017 at 7:30pm

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

For more information please contact: andrew@canterburybaptistchurch.org.uk 01227-456204

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

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) Course

Fee: £10

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

Wintershall Events: The Life of Christ – The greatest story of all time:

Wintershall (Bramley, GU5 0LR) 20-24 June 2017 10.00am-3.30pm

There is free coach and car parking on site, catering, shopping and mobility assistance. This is a wonderful day out in the countryside and you can bring a picnic!

Ticket Prices: Adult: £20 / Student (18-25): £12 / Senior citizen (65+): £18 / Child (3–18 yrs): £9.50 / Family (2 adults and 2 children): £50

Click [here](#) to download The Life of Christ poster

To book now, click here www.wintershall-estate.com or call 01793 418299

Dementia Awareness Morning:

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

Godalming Baptist Church (Queen Stree, GODALMING, GU7 1BA) To book a place, cost £12 per person, please contact either Sally Pollard pollard3@hotmail.co.uk or Janet Fry janetfry1@gmail.com or call the Church Office on Mon, Weds and Friday mornings 01483-422105

Click here to download a [flyer](#)

Click here to download an [A4 poster](#)

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)

Mission through Business Roadshow:

Wednesday 5 July 2017, 7.30pm

Guildford Baptist Church - Millmead Centre Cost £10

Registration and more information is available at <https://missionthroughbusiness.org>

Do contact Fiona Stevenson on info@missionthroughbusiness.org if you have any questions.

To download a poster, click [here](#)

Advice & Information

Baptist Union news:

It has been a very difficult week for the whole nation and we along with many others have been reflecting. Here are some thoughts:

- 'Hard to find words' Baptists join with other Christians to express their horror at the terror attack in Manchester <http://ow.ly/X2X330bYImT>
- Glen Marshall, Co-Principal of Northern Baptist College, Manchester has written this powerful reflection. <https://www.christiantoday.com/article/after-the-bomb-why-this-manchester-college-is-committed-to-living-the-jesus-way/109468.htm>
- Phil Jump, Regional Minister Team Leader for the North Western Baptist Association offers this reflection and prayer <http://ow.ly/8VZH30bYLSQ>

Baptist Union Prayer Diary for week beginning beginning 4th June: As the General Election on 8 June approaches:

We pray for those who seek office
And those to whom this responsibility will be given
May we never take for granted
The service that they offer
Or the freedom we have
To determine those who govern us.

From a prayer written by Phil Jump www.baptist.org.uk/election

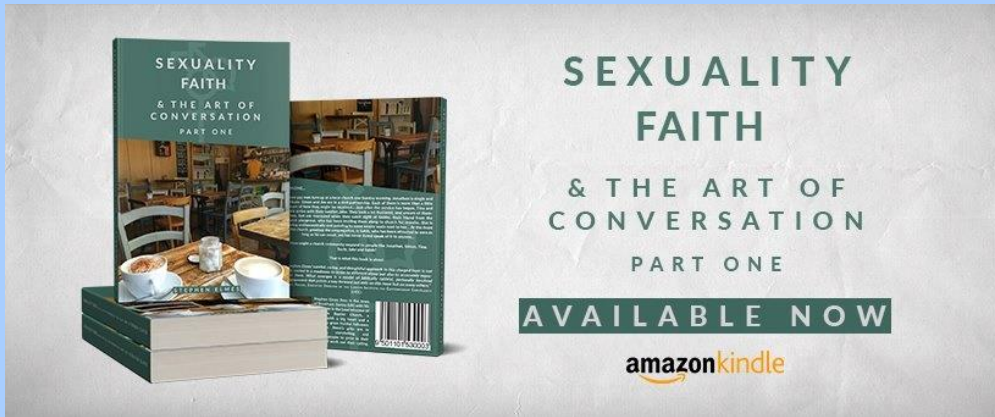
A new jungle? Baptist minister returns to Calais <http://ow.ly/xAS30bVw7t>

How do we make sense of some of the more difficult passages of the Old Testament - and what relevance do they have for Christians today? A recent reflection from a Baptist research fellow <http://ow.ly/qNcw30bVygk>

Thy Kingdom Come begins. Let's join in! <https://vimeo.com/217639426>

'**Sexuality, Faith, & the Art of Conversation**' by Stephen Elmes is now in paperback. The book has been revised a little in light of feedback received and a study guide has been added. You can purchase it for £6.99 on Amazon (£3.99 for the kindle version) using the link below, or visit Steve's page on Facebook (search

for @revstephenelmes) for more information.



Jobs

Hub Manager: Canterbury Baptist Church

We are hiring!

Looking for a Hub Manager to fulfill our vision for a community-transforming Hub.
37.5 hours per week, £22,000 per annum (permanent contract)

Click [here](#) to download a job description

For more information email andrew@canterburybaptistchurch.org.uk
(01227) 456204

www.canterburybaptistchurch.org.uk

Closing date for applications: Sunday 25 June 2017

South Counties Baptist Association - Team vacancies:

Regional Minister

Children, Youth & Families Mission Developer

For more information (including application forms) click on this link

<http://www.scba.org.uk/rm-team-vacancies.html>

To download the Regional Minister advert, click [here](#)

To download to Children, Youth & Families Mission Developer advert, click [here](#)

Closing date for both vacancies is midnight on Sunday 25 June 2017

Interviews for the Regional Minister will be held on Wednesday 5 July.

Interviews for the Children, Youth & Families Mission Developer will be held on Thursday 6 July.



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