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



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Revd Geoffrey Whitfield

We are still waiting for confirmation of details of the funeral & thanksgiving service, to 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)
- 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 Team - Annual Leave:

Revd Paul Kerley will be on annual leave 10-18 June 2017.

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



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
- Sunday 26 November 2017 /// Orpington Baptist Church – 3.30pm - 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

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](#).

Be Still - regular Service for those with Dementia:

Sunday 11 June 2017 at 2.30pm

Burrswood, Groombridge, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 9PY

Are you a carer for someone with dementia?

Would you like to worship in a place where all are welcome?

Short service • Gentle music • Quiet time • Familiar, well loved hymns

An opportunity to be yourself, be with God, and share with others in similar situations.

All are very welcome • Refreshments will be served after the service.

Full disabled access is available. We look forward to seeing you. This service will take place on the 2nd Sunday of each month.

It would be helpful for catering purposes if you could book a place with Reservations on 01892 865988

Click [here](#) to download a poster

www.burrswood.org.uk

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](#)

Cherished - A Women's Breakfast event (with Fiona Castle OBE):

Saturday 8 July 2017 8.30-10.30am All are welcome

*Opengate Baptist Church (73 Victoria Drive, Bognor Regis
West Sussex, P021 2TD)*

Life, love, loss, and beyond.....Fiona will talk openly and honestly about her life, her marriage to Roy, and how she coped with the unbearable news of his cancer, his subsequent death and her journey beyond. She will tell of her faith, the hope it brings and how it is possible against the odds to come safely through such tragedy, changed and even strengthened.

Tickets £5.00 available from www.eventbright.co.uk or

Email: office@opengate.org.uk Tel: 01243 821891

Please click [here](#) for a poster

Puppet Training Day (One Way UK):

Saturday 8 July 2017

Lunsford Primary School (Larkfield, Aylesford, Kent)

A practical hands on day suitable for both adults and children, where there will be plenty of opportunities to develop your skills and be inspired with new ideas!

This exciting training day is designed to give you hands on experience of puppetry within the following areas: basic and advanced puppet manipulation skills, solo and theatre style puppetry, how to start a puppet ministry (including finances, equipment, recruiting etc), props and scenery, choreography, putting a song together and much more!

The day is for adults and young people, schools workers, church leaders, Sunday school teachers, youth/children's workers, those already involved in puppet ministry and wanting to improve their skills or even if you are just curious as to how puppetry can enhance your outreach!

There will also be a large range of resources available for you to try out and purchase, including the latest puppets from the [One Way UK Creative Productions workshop](#)! Please contact them if there is anything specific you would like them to bring.

There will be performances and demonstrations throughout the day to give you plenty of starting ideas. Click [here](#) for full details on this training day!

Advice & Information

Baptist Union news:

Baptist Union Prayer Diary for week beginning beginning 11th June: On 17 June, there is a day for all Baptists in Wales to celebrate together marking 150 years of the Baptist Union of Wales. Please pray for this special celebration, that it will be an inspirational and encouraging day for all. www.baptistcelebration.wales

After sharing and praying during Thy Kingdom Come here are some thoughts of where to go next <https://vimeo.com/218461495>

As we prepare for the future, JPIT offers these thoughts

<http://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/preparing-for-the-future/>

Looking for a Christian internship, gap year or year-out? DNA is a unique, church based programme - and here a trainee and minister share their experiences of it. Taster days on 6 June and 17 July <http://ow.ly/xbF830ceeQS>

"That they may have life" - Lynn Green joins church leaders in General Election statement <http://ow.ly/SS1230cemvP>

Do you know any 16-23 year olds with an interest in social justice and politics?

Please let them know about this free event on 15 July - the launch of the JPIT Ecumenical Youth Forum. The day will include workshops, seminars and keynote speakers <http://ow.ly/AriE30cbYVo>

Message to all Baptist Ministers:

Revd Andy Kerr is the Free Church Chaplain employed in HMP Lewes and HMP Ford. If any ministers want to build closer connections with those prisons, want to look into Prison Ministry or need to connect pastoral care with any of our residents then he can be contacted on Andrew.kerr@hmps.gsi.gov.uk

'Gospel Street' - retelling the news - would you like to host a performance?

Touring the UK: 26th September - 9th December 2017

People are out on the street. Another generation is looking for answers - a rich young career girl, an angry gang leader, a charming church-goer, misfits, activists, crooked bankers, a surprising refugee and the bloke who bought himself seriously expensive jewellery. People who stood face to face with Jesus. There are anecdotes, bust-ups, blogs and posts. It's a wild ride through issues of life, death and miraculous street food.

Despite their differences and social divisions, 140 characters want to meet one extraordinary person. Jesus has arrived on their street and he's on the lookout for trouble – looking to do something about it.

Four young people - two women, two men - like the first evangelists, tell the startling story of what happened, just now, on that street. The result is a powerful mix of theatre, music, comedy and spoken word.

'Gospel Street' is a collaboration between award-winning writers, including rapper and hip-hop artist Testament. 'Riding Lights is doing what it does best: bringing everyone together to hear some of the good news with wisdom, laughter, energy and insight.'

Pricing details and practicalities of hosting a performance are available on request. To book a performance, please contact Beth on 01904 655317 or email her on touring@rltc.org

Click [here](#) for an information sheet, or check out their website www.ridinglights.org

Appointment of Director & Ministerial Formation & Training at Spurgeon's College:

We are very pleased to announce the appointment of Revd Simon Jones to this senior role at Spurgeon's College. He is due to take up the role on 1 September, on the same date as the new Principal, Revd Prof Philip McCormack MBE. To find out more about Simon, click [here](#) for the full article.

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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