

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 or in need:

- Revd Seyan Tills (Walmer BC)
- Revd Ewart Graham (Retired Minister - Moderator of Temple Ewell BC) - who is having a knee replacement operation on 23 June - please pray for the surgeon (and for Ewart, on his request, for patience whilst he recuperates)

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

(admin@seba-baptist.org.uk)

Thank you:

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you so much for your prayers over the last few months. I have felt completely held by the Lord and by His people. I am much recovered after three months of visits to hospital and operations. I now have to learn what it means to live with heart disease and live a more balanced life. No more 80

hour weeks! Thank you so much for your prayers. Thanks again.
Chris Ruddle (Revd)

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



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:

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

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.

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!

Induction - Revd Ian Forsyth:

Sunday 3 September 2017 10.30am

Milford Baptist Church (New Road, MILFORD, GU8 5BE)

Milford Baptist Church is pleased to announce that at a recent Special Church Meeting, members appointed Revd Ian Forsyth to the post of minister from September. Ian's induction service will be at 10:30 on September 3. MBC has been in a period of interregnum since the end of January 2016 and we are thankful to The Lord for his faithfulness during that time.

Advice & Information

Baptist Union news:

Baptist Union Prayer Diary for week beginning beginning 18th June: On Father's Day, our thoughts and prayers turn towards our fathers.

- Give thanks for men who sustain and support us in our living, who love us no matter what.
- Pray for those whose father has been a source of hurt and pain. May their wounds be healed. May they find the nurturing, sustaining love that is needed for their growth and well-being.

- Pray, too, for those who have been denied a chance to be fathers, or whose fatherhood has been cut short.
- And pray for God's blessing on all fathers as they care for their families.

Following another dramatic week, here's **Lynn's statement regarding the election**, please have a look: <http://www.baptist.org.uk/Publisher/Article.aspx?id=499475>

Journey to Justice, the first comprehensive appraisal of the journey towards reconciliation among British and Jamaican Baptists has been released. Here's a report from its official launch, which took place at Regent's Park College earlier this week: <http://ow.ly/3Kbh30cs6vP>

'It gets people thinking about some of life's bigger questions.' **The Shack** opens in UK cinemas on Friday - check out this interview with its British director Stuart Hazeldine, whose brother is a Baptist minister <http://ow.ly/MYx730cmrzF>

In partnership with Spurgeons, we have developed a special resource with our President Dianne Tidball <http://www.baptist.org.uk/Groups/291551/Spurgeons.aspx>

Congratulations to Baptist minister and broadcaster **Roy Jenkins**, who received a Sandford St Martin Trust award last week for his programme on Aberfan. The judges said: "In the midst of so much coverage of the fiftieth anniversary, this beautifully-constructed, moving programme was all the more powerful for its thoughtful, quiet approach." You can still listen to the programme here:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b07zdlgn>

For more the awards, visit: <http://sandfordawards.org.uk/2017-award-winners/>

'To remove our vulnerability would be to remove our humanity' A minister reflects on the London terror attack <http://ow.ly/nLSR30cmqxf>

Life, death, sacrifice - a Baptist minister has written this poem about the Manchester bombing. Even more poignant following the events in London <http://ow.ly/P4nu30ckmhk>

Wanted!

Does anyone have about a dozen copies of large print Mission Praise Easy-to-Read words, 1992, edition. Hard Back or soft cover. Sheddingdean Baptist Church in Burgess Hill is looking for them to be used at a monthly "Senior Songs of Praise". If you have any you no longer need please contact Liz Adshead on liz.admin@seba-baptist.org.uk or Alistair Harper on alistair@alistairharper.co.uk. Thank you.

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

Jobs

Canterbury Baptist Church vacancies:

Hub Manager

Children's & Youth Ministry Co-ordinator

Hub Manager

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

Children's and Youth Ministry Co-ordinator

Hours: 20 hours per week

Salary: £11,000 per annum

Contract: Permanent (with a six month probation period)

Start date: Tuesday 29th August 2017

Click [here](#) to download the job description.

Closing date is Sunday 9th July 2017. Interviews will be held shortly after this date and the appointee subject to DBS checks and practical assessment.

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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