

**Weekly update from the  
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‘When weary in this earthly race  
I rest on his unchanging grace.  
In every wild and stormy gale  
My Anchor holds, and will not fail.’

Edward Mote

### Prayer requests

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

- Revd Jim Crompton (Retired Minister - pastor at Emmanuel Congregational Church, Chatham) - slowly recovering from pneumonia
- Revd Ewart Graham (Retired Minister - Moderator of Temple Ewell BC) - recovering from his knee replacement surgery (Note from Ewart: *Thank you all for your prayers last Friday. The operation was a success and the new knee is in place. Recovery pain is severe and Patience is ‘kicking in’. It is good to know there is a bond of Christian Love and support ready to step in when needed. Blessings, Ewart*)
- Revd Seyan Tills (Minister at Walmer Baptist Church) - Seyan values the ongoing prayer support from across the Association as he continues to live with the challenges of Parkinson's Disease. In addition, the

recurring infection in his leg, of last year, which keeps him on light duties, reduced hours and restricts the time he can stand frustrates him in his ministry.

Please remember him over the coming month as he has 3 MRI scans scheduled at Margate and 1 at Canterbury Hospitals. Pray too, for the church at Walmer striving to support Seyan and continue their ministry and mission.

(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

### **Annual leave:**

Maeve Whitchurch, our Youth & Safeguarding Officer, is taking annual leave this week (commencing 1 July).

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### **Ministers and Leaders Conference 2018:**

If this is not already in your diaries, please put it in now! The Conference is on Tuesday 20th – Thursday 22nd February 2018 at Ashburnham. The Guest Speakers are Revd Rupert Lazar who was the BUGB President for 2016 and Minister of East Barnet Baptist Church and The Rt Revd Trevor Willmott, Bishop of Dover. Booking details and further information will be available in September.

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### **SEBA's Church Project of the Year 2017 - update:**

To read more about New Life Church, Durrington's building project, click [here for the latest news](#).

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### **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.

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## 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.*

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### **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 3 Excellence in Safeguarding (covering Children & Adults at Risk):*

- 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

### **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](mailto:info@missionthroughbusiness.org) if you have any questions.

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

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### **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, PO21 2TD)*

Tickets £5.00 available from [www.eventbright.co.uk](http://www.eventbright.co.uk) or

Email: [office@opengate.org.uk](mailto:office@opengate.org.uk) Tel: 01243 821891

Please click [here](#) for a poster

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**Puppet Training Day (One Way UK):**

*Saturday 8 July 2017*

*Lunsford Primary School (Larkfield, Aylesford, Kent)*

Click [here](#) for full details on this training day!

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**Learning how to be a .... Dementia Friendly Church:**

*Tuesday 11 July 2017, 7.30-9.15pm*

*Crossways Community Baptist Church (Junction Road, DORKING, RH4 3HB)*

Join us for an evening, led by Revd Trevor Beckett and Rachel, his daughter

Click here for a [publicity PowerPoint](#)

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**Imaging the Story Summer School:**

*Monday 31 July-Friday 4 August 2017 10.00am-1.00pm (with free time for art-making in the afternoon)*

*Riverside 2-4, Guildford Baptist Church GU2 4BE*

A daytime arts course, exploring the salvation story through the arts, mixing teaching sessions with opportunities for community and individual art-making. No experience necessary!

Cost: £45 (includes course book). Pay in cash or by cheque on the day (cheques made payable to 'Guildford Baptist Church').

Email [arts@guildfordbaptist.org](mailto:arts@guildfordbaptist.org) for details. Click here for more information, and to book <https://guildfordbaptist.churchsuite.co.uk/events/ule8pgg4>

A flyer containing details can be downloaded [here](#).

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**Induction - Revd Ian Forsyth:**

*Sunday 3 September 2017 10.30am*

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

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**Induction - Revd Andy Machin:**

*Saturday 23 September 2017 2.30pm*

*Seaford Baptist Church (Belgrave Road, SEAFORD, BN25 2EE)*

Seaford Baptist Church is delighted to announce that Revd Andy Machin from Bristol has accepted the call to be its new minister. He will arrive in the autumn and his Induction Service will be on Saturday 23 September at 2.30pm.

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**Encouragement for Leaders conference:**

*3-5 October 2017 - Ashburnham Place*

One Challenge are running a residential conference for those in Church Leadership and Leaders of Christian Organisations - a time of renewal and refreshment.

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

The date has been extended to 31st July for people to register an interest, and final payment by 25th August.

## Advice & Information

**Baptist Union news:**

**Baptist Union Prayer Diary for week beginning beginning 2nd July:** The Annual Gathering of the Baptist World Alliance takes place this week. Baptists from all over the world will be gathering together in Bangkok, Thailand to pray, worship and discuss together issues affecting Baptists and our world; and to promote fellowship and cooperation.

[www.bwanet.org](http://www.bwanet.org)

**Reflecting on how to grow your church?** The Growing Churches Forum will be held in Stafford on 19-20th July. Contact [alex@seventy-two.network](mailto:alex@seventy-two.network)

**Two vital principles of spiritual gifts** - a new reflection: <http://ow.ly/4M7R30cJLgE>

The Joint Public Issues Team has a briefing for **ministers called to give evidence in support of asylum applications** <http://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/asylum-applications-and-christian-belief/>

**Looking for Dedication and Baptism cards?** Have a look at our selection on our Pinterest board <https://uk.pinterest.com/baptistunionGB/baptism-and-dedication->

[cards/](#)

**Moving Stories** - a new Baptist resource to help reflect theologically about the refugee crisis

[http://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/497002/Engage\\_theologically\\_with.aspx](http://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/497002/Engage_theologically_with.aspx)

**New piece: The impact of Christians going into schools can be far reaching and cross-generational** <http://ow.ly/dQai30cHYaD>

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**100 chairs** – wooden base with blue fabric seat and back, in good condition, available to a good home. The chairs have a shelf for Bibles etc, a place for communion glass and are linkable. For more information please contact the Church Administrator, Littlehampton Baptist Church, BN17 5NY, 01903 717961, [office@littlehamptonbaptistchurch.org](mailto:office@littlehamptonbaptistchurch.org)

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### **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](mailto:liz.admin@seba-baptist.org.uk) or Alistair Harper on [alistair@alistairharper.co.uk](mailto:alistair@alistairharper.co.uk). Thank you.

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### **Scam emails:**

The number of scam emails doing the rounds is ever increasing - please make sure you take extra care when opening any attachments or links in emails (especially when they come from people or companies you don't know). I get around a dozen or so scam emails every week, some appear to come from trusted companies and some even from church email addresses that I recognise (so many of us have had our personal email addresses hacked).

My own policy is

- a) don't trust the links if the email doesn't make sense.
- b) if it' appears to be from a reputable company, don't use the link in the email - make your own way to the company's website and access the account that way.
- c) if there is an attachment I am not expecting, I email the person back and ask them

for more information on the attachment (if it's genuine, they won't mind your caution - if it's not, most likely your email won't even get delivered, and you can ignore the first one).

## Jobs

### **Canterbury Baptist Church vacancy:**

*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.

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### **Church on the Heath – Buildings & Premises Manager**

The Church on the Heath are advertising for a Building and Premises Manager to work 14 hours per week to oversee the maintenance and development of the Church building and Ministers' homes. If you are interested in this role, please visit [www.churchontheheath.org.uk/bpm](http://www.churchontheheath.org.uk/bpm) for more details and the application process or call the church office on 01252 400236.

Closing date for applications: 14 July 2017



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