

**Weekly update from the  
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‘Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in  
all circumstances;  
for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.’

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18

### 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.
- 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

### Visiting Speakers list:

If you have a blank space on your preaching rota, or are just looking to find a visiting speaker to fill a gap during your minister's annual leave - Steph has a list of available speakers across the Association. Just click [here](#) to ask her to send you a copy. Don't forget that Stuart Davison, Paul Kerley, Jerry Newson, Maeve Whitchurch and Penny Marsh are also available for preaching engagements.

### 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 Joint Network Celebrations:

Dates for your diary

8 October 2017 - East, Mid & West Sussex Networks

@ One Church Brighton (Florence Road venue)

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

### **Core Leaders training:**

We have had a few enquiries recently as to when we are running our next Core Leaders training (open to any Baptist Pastors, Deacons, Elders and Church Leaders). These courses (which run over the course of 2 Saturday mornings) cover 6 sessions (Spirituality - Trusteeship - Spiritual Life of the Core Team - Working Together - Decision Making - Mission/Pastoral Care); and are helpful for those new

to leadership (as well as those who've been in it a while). If you have anyone who would benefit from this course, and would like to attend one please [let Steph know](#) (including how many people you have) and we will compile a list and work out where to hold the next series of training. Thank you.

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### **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**

### **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)*

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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### **Canterbury Music Makers: Summer Concert**

*Saturday 8th July 2017, 7.30pm*

*Herne Bay Baptist Church (105 High Street, Herne Bay, CT6 5LA)*

Tickets £8 (including interval refreshments) Tel: 01227-373870 or at the door

For an evening of relaxation and enjoyment featuring Beethoven's Piano Concerto No.1, Bizet's l'Arlésienne, Postcards from Provence, plus music by Boyce, Leroy Anderson, Grundman, and starring Greg Treloar & Emily Prest singing arias from Magic Flute and West Side Story.

Click [here](#) to download a poster

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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*

Cost: £45 (includes course book).

Email [arts@guildfordbaptist.org](mailto:arts@guildfordbaptist.org) for details. Click here for more information, and to book <https://guildfordbaptist.churchsuite.co.uk/events/u1e8pgq4>

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

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### **Heidi Baker event:**

*Sunday 20 August 2017, 7pm*

*Fleet Baptist Church (115 Clarence Road, Fleet, GU51 3RS)*

A warm invitation to the fellowships in SEBA to an event on 20th August when we will be welcoming Heidi Baker - please let your congregation know.

Click [here](#) for a poster

More details can be found on the Fleet Baptist Church website, click [here](#)

Tickets are going fast and it may be that on booking a message comes up as none available but we are taking a waiting list and possibly looking at a larger venue

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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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**ADVANCE NOTICE**

**Fresh Streams - Leadership Encouragement Day:**

*Monday 18 September 2017, 10am-4pm*

*New Life Church (Greenland Road, Worthing, BN13 2LR)*

The Speaker will be Roy Searle, who is one of the leaders of the Northumbria Community, a monastic mission community, which he helped to found in the 1980s. He has been involved in training and mentoring leaders for many years and has considerable experience of helping churches to think strategically, imaginatively and creatively about how to relate to those beyond the walls of the church.

Roy is the Baptist Union's Northern Pioneer Coordinator, tasked with encouraging, inspiring and helping mission engagement, particularly through pioneering, church planting and Fresh Expressions. He is a tutor at Cranmer Hall, Durham, where as a fellow of St John's College, he has helped to pioneer a Free Church Missional Leadership Course. Roy is also an Associate Tutor at Spurgeon's College, and visiting lecturer at other colleges. He has travelled extensively in Britain and in Europe, encouraging people to love God and live generously.

The day will run from 10 till 4, and will include, worship, teaching, Q&A and opportunity for fellowship and prayer.

The cost, to include a delicious meal, is £12 (booked and paid for before 1st September) or £15 thereafter.

To reserve your place, contact:

Lyn Tiller, Church Office, 10 Greenland Road, Worthing, BN13 2RR

E: [office@new-life-church.org.uk](mailto:office@new-life-church.org.uk) T: 01903 262313. OR

Graham Jefferson T: 01903 266002. M: 07840722203

E: [grahamjefferson@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:grahamjefferson@yahoo.co.uk)

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**Induction - Revd Andy Machin:**

*Saturday 23 September 2017 2.30pm*

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

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**Encouragement for Leaders conference:**

*3-5 October 2017 - Ashburnham Place*

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 9th July:** This week we pray for the Southern Counties Baptist Association. Please pray for Colin Norris, the newly appointed Regional Team Leader, and the other members of the staff team as they settle into new ways of working together. [www.scba.org.uk](http://www.scba.org.uk)

**How Stonehouse Baptist Church is changing and growing thanks to support from Home Mission:** In this new video Ann describes the impact of the church's decision to move Sunday worship out of the chapel and into a nearby secondary school <https://vimeo.com/221892562>

**Can our prayers change God's mind?** New reflection: <http://ow.ly/WPio30cTchR>

Our **Pinterest** boards are growing - we've now added one for the Baptists Together magazine and prayer and worship <https://uk.pinterest.com/baptistunionGB/>

**Spurgeons Children's Charity**, which seeks to support the country's most vulnerable children, is increasingly drawing on the roots of its Baptist founder - and

its support from churches is vital. Interview with its chief executive Ross Hendry  
<http://ow.ly/kYOG30cT8O4>

Delighted to say our resource "**12 Myths of Inter Faith Engagement**" is now available as a free download!

[http://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/500029/Faith\\_and\\_Society.aspx](http://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/500029/Faith_and_Society.aspx)

Here's a blog from The Joint Public Issues Team on last week's **High Court judgement on the Government's policy of capping the benefits of single parents with children under 2 years old** <http://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/benefit-cap-cuts-to-single-parents-with-young-children-is-unlawful-says-high-court/>

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#### **Counter-Terrorism Public Awareness:**

Please find below the latest links from your local police forces (click on your local police force, to go to their webpage) - please make your members aware of this advice.

[Hampshire Police](#)

[Kent Police](#)

[Surrey Police](#)

[Sussex Police](#)

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#### **Piano needing a new home:**

Headcorn Baptist Church has a Roland Piano (5000s) which they are happy to donate to any church that might be interested. Recipients would need to collect. Please note, a couple of the notes are sticking, so it may require a service. Please contact Revd David Doonan if you are interested; click [here](#) to email him.



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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)

# 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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