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**Weekly update from the
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‘Praise be to the Lord, to God our Saviour, who
daily bears our burdens.

Our God is a God who saves... ’

Psalm 68: 19-20a

Prayer requests

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

- Revd Guy Laurence (Retired Minister) would value your prayers. He is fast losing his mobility, due to 3 spinal fractures (caused by osteoporosis, most likely due to Guy's nightly peritoneal dialysis;- a necessity originating from his diabetes). Despite all he suffers he says he has been so aware of God's wonderful love and grace - let's hold him in our prayers.
 - Revd Jim Crompton (Retired Minister - pastor at Emmanuel Congregational Church, Chatham) - slowly recovering from pneumonia
 - Revd Seyan Tills (Minister at Walmer Baptist Church) - 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
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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)

SEBA Notices

Advance Notice – SEBA Worship Training Day:

This will be on Saturday 14th October at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Gravesend. Information and booking details will be circulated via email to the Church Secretary in the next few days. Please watch out for these and forward to the appropriate person/people in your church. Any queries to Liz Adshead liz.admin@seba-baptist.org.uk

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.

Pensions

Pensions Roadshow:

Saturday 21 October 2017 2.30pm-4.30pm

Crawley Baptist Church (Crabtree Road, West Green, CRAWLEY, RH11 7HJ)

The Baptist Union Pensions Roadshow is coming to SEBA on the afternoon of *Saturday 21 October 2017*. 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.

There is no charge for the roadshow, but we do need to know who will be attending, so please email Steph (admin@seba-baptist.org.uk) or call her 01444-233431 with the names of those attending, and leave contact information (just in case we need to get in touch if there are any unforeseen hitches). Thank you.

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.

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.

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

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 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](#).

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

Induction - Revd Ian Forsyth:

Sunday 3 September 2017 10.30am

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

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 T: 01903 262313. OR

Graham Jefferson T: 01903 266002. M: 07840722203

E: grahamjefferson@yahoo.co.uk

Induction - Revd Andy Machin:

Saturday 23 September 2017 2.30pm

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

Encouragement for Leaders conference:

3-5 October 2017 - Ashburnham Place

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

Thanks to two generous gifts they can offer a substantial reduction to £70 per person full board and lodging (instead of the original £170).

On the flyers they asked for bookings by 30th June but Ashburnham have given them extra time in the light of these gifts so the 30th June, which has passed, can now be ignored.

They are also able to offer a day visit on Wednesday 4th October. The cost for the day is £30 to include lunch and evening dinner and tea/coffee at morning and afternoon breaks.

If people are able to send a completed booking form back with a deposit of £10 per person and final payment of £60 by 25th August as on the booking form, that would be great. The booking form can be amended as appropriate.

If there are any questions / comments, Roger Purdom can be contacted via [email](#) or mobile (07947 660859).

Advice & Information

Baptist Union news:

Baptist Union Prayer Diary for week beginning beginning 16th July: This week please pray for the Eastern Baptist Association, who are holding their Northern Sector Gathering and Association AGM on Saturday 22nd, which will also include a farewell service for Regional Team Leader Richard Lewis. Pray for the work of the Association as they welcome new Team Leader Beth Powney, and continue to support and encourage one another for mission in the east of England.

www.easternbaptist.org.uk

We have produced a short Home Mission PowerPoint in two styles that can be shared on church notices.

http://www.baptist.org.uk/Groups/292729/Home_Mission_PowerPoints.aspx

There is an increasing unhappiness among young people about their appearance. Read how this Christian author is attempting to challenge notions of what true beauty is <http://ow.ly/OiD530dh1nR>

Interesting findings from Spurgeons Children's Charity Parent Report, released today, looking at parents' hopes and concerns for their children's futures. <http://ow.ly/XbJK30dlyE3>

'To some of you, giving to Home Mission may be something boring, or meaningless. To us here at Strode, there have been times when Home Mission has been our life-line to ministry and we give you our heartfelt thanks.' <http://ow.ly/XXiq30cI25A>

Please read the June Key Communications from the Baptist Steering Group http://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/501377/Baptist_Steering_Group.aspx

Good News, Brighton: how Home Mission and your prayers are supporting a developing Christian community <http://ow.ly/ioR430dgSYz>

'Gabriel lives and works in poverty... but what lives he is obviously touching on earth.'

Another blog from Baptist chaplain Cole Maynard in South Sudan

<http://ow.ly/6dBW30dh36I>

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 email Revd David Doonan (david@doonan.co.uk) if you are interested;



Jobs

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 for more details and the application process or call the church office on 01252 400236.

Closing date for applications: 14 July 2017

Thatcham Baptist Church (Berkshire) - Church Intern

Thatcham Baptist Church are looking for a Church Intern from September 2017 until May 2018

An Opportunity to Learn and to Serve

An Opportunity to Learn

Do you want to learn more about God? A year working with us will give you many opportunities to see God at work in people's lives. Thatcham Baptist Church (TBC) is a church of all ages who come from very different backgrounds. Our Pastor, David Taylor, has a background in teaching and we believe that the experience of working

alongside him as well as other members of our church, will greatly benefit someone who is willing to learn and develop their God-given gifts. You will learn a huge amount just by observing the church in action. However, as our church intern you will also have access to the following learning opportunities:

- a weekly Small Group where you will be supported and encouraged
- at least half a day each week for personal study and/or study with David on some aspect of the Christian faith
- one Saturday a month on the Footsteps training course, which is run by Southern Counties Baptist Association and is held at TBC; we will fund your place on this course

An Opportunity to Serve

Do you want to serve God with all you've got? The internship is also a chance to invest a year of your life developing your God-given gifts and ministries as part of a local church, and being mentored as you do so. We have a number of different tasks available, and what you do will depend to some extent on your gifts and abilities.

There's also the chance to stretch yourself and to have a go at new things. You may find yourself, for example:

- helping with the TBC Toddler group
- teaching children about Jesus
- discipling young people
- helping to take a school assembly
- meeting groups of older people
- visiting people who are housebound or in hospital
- helping to run an Alpha course
- leading worship
- preaching

Practical Matters

- The internship will run from 1 September 2017 to 31 May 2018. The end date is negotiable.
- We will pay you £7000, based on 35 hours work a week for 9 months.

- You will have two days off per week, which we will agree with you. In addition you may take 18 days holiday.
- David will act as your Supervisor for your day-to-day work
- You will be allocated a church member to look after you pastorally
- You will have free board and lodging with a family from TBC
- We will pay all expenses incurred in relation to your work as an intern
- We will provide a work base at the church

Please contact Revd David Taylor if you are interested (david@thatchambaptist.org.uk)



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