

**Weekly update from the
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"As a father has compassion on his children, so
the Lord has compassion on those who fear him;
for he knows how we are formed, he remembers
that we are dust."

Psalm 103: 13-14

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) - Seyan awaits the results of 3 MRI scans (head, neck and spine) and a further facial scan in two weeks time. His troublesome leg is swelling again, as it does every six weeks

after antibiotics. Please pray that the cause might be found and effective treatment be available.

(if you would like your name added to the prayer list, please email me (admin@seba-baptist.org.uk)

SEBA Notices

Gift Aid help:

Due to a number of different reasons, some of our churches are finding themselves without someone to process their Gift Aid paperwork – as you will know, Gift Aid is very important to the finances of any church. So if you have someone in your church who is clued up and knows how to process the paperwork, who would be willing to help another local Baptist Church with their claims, please could you urgently contact Steph Tidy (01444-233431) admin@seba-baptist.org.uk - Thank you

Advance Notice – SEBA Worship Training Day:

This will be on Saturday 14th October at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Gravesend. Information and booking details were emailed on Wednesday, to the Church Secretaries. Please forward to the appropriate person/people in your church.

Please click on the link, to download [the poster](#) - [the individual booking form](#) - [the group booking form](#)

Any queries to Liz Adshead liz.admin@seba-baptist.org.uk

In need of some inspiration and training in mission?:

There are 3 opportunities beginning this autumn which are ideal for teams or individuals to attend if wanting to explore how to be more effective in mission and how to begin new mission initiatives.

The Crucible Course takes place over 6 weekends and describe itself as something for Christians with courage and imagination who want to engage with those on the margins. For more information visit <http://urbanexpression.org.uk/training-and-events/crucible-course/> currently there is an offer for teams – bring 5 people and only pay for 4!

The **Mission Shaped Ministry course** is a national course which helps folk to think creatively about new ways to build church and share the gospel. The Kent course will commence in September with teaching once a month in Bluewater and Canterbury, 2 Saturdays, and a weekend away in March. Find out more at missionshapedministry.org or from Penny (penny@seba-baptist.org.uk)

BMS have just launched a new training opportunity called '**Mission where you are**'. They will be bringing their wide overseas mission experience and making it relevant for 'ordinary' Christians who want to reach their neighbours and friends in the UK context. More details can be found at <http://www.bmsworldmission.org/missionwhereyouare>

To find out more follow the links above or contact Penny who will be able to signpost you to the relevant contacts. In some cases SEBA may be able to offer some financial support, to find out more, contact Penny penny@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. The roadshow is open to anyone interested in the pensions issues (including Ministers).

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 2 Excellence in Safeguarding (covering Children & Adults at Risk):

- Saturday 30 September 2017 /// Beulah Baptist Church, Bexhill-on-Sea – 9.30am - cost £10 per space
- Thursday 5 October 2017 /// Horley Baptist Church – 7pm - cost £10 per space

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

- Saturday 30 September 2017 /// Beulah Baptist Church, Bexhill-on-Sea – 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](#).

First Aid (Emergency First Aid at Work):

- Saturday 7th October 2017 - Haywards Heath Baptist Church (at 9 Sussex Road, Haywards Heath, RH16 4DZ, as the main church building will be closed for redevelopment) // 9.30am // £40 per space (just four places available)

Please [email Rich](#), if you are interested.

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)

All Inclusive? seminar (working with Children & Young People with Special or Additional Needs):

Friday 8 September 2017 7.30-9.30pm

Battle Baptist Church (Mount Street, Battle, TN22 0EG)

An essential seminar for all parents, teachers, church leaders, youth and children's leaders, and anyone who cares about children and young people with special or additional needs.

This high-quality, interactive, enjoyable and challenging evening event will:

- Explore some of the statistics and explode some of the myths surrounding working with kids with special or additional needs.
- Look at some of the key strategies that you can use to make what you offer more inclusive.
- Identify some of the amazing benefits that inclusion can bring to your whole group.
- Highlight some further resources that you can use as you work through this with your teams.

To book your places on this event contact Andy Garlick

Email. office@battlebaptistchurch.org.uk

Tel. 07549 625948

Click on the links to download [a poster](#) - [a postcard flyer](#)

Fresh Streams - Leadership Encouragement Day:

Monday 18 September 2017, 10am-4pm

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

Speaker: Roy Searle. The day 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). 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. Please send completed booking form, with a deposit of £10 per person (& final payment of £60 by 25th August). 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).

Introductory Day on Centering Prayer:

Saturday 7 October 2017 10am-4pm

Convent of Poor Clares (Crossbush, Arundel, BN18 9PJ)

Suggested donation of £10, refreshments provided (but please bring a packed lunch). Click the link to download a [poster](#)

To book contact:

Sister Clare Ruva (clareruval@gmail.com) or Revd Guy Partridge

(guy_newlifechurch@btinternet.com)

01825-891133 or 07702-836057

Advice & Information

Baptist Union news:

Baptist Union Prayer Diary for week beginning beginning 23rd July: The Ministries Team is one of the three Specialist Teams based at Baptist House. The Team supports all forms of recognised and accredited ministry amongst our churches, as well as providing guidance and advice on ministry-related matters. Please pray for the Team as they mark the retirement of Viv O'Brien, Deputy Team Leader and Ministries Adviser, and work to implement the Ignite project on future ministry.

www.baptist.org.uk/ministries

Jobs

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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