

**Weekly update from the  
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‘Since ancient times no one has heard,  
no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,  
who acts on behalf of those  
who wait for him.’

Isaiah 64:4

### Prayer requests

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

- Continue to pray for Revd Guy Laurence (Retired Minister).
- Revd Seyan Tills (Minister at Walmer Baptist Church) - Seyan awaits the results of 3 MRI scans (head, neck and spine) and a facial scan. 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.

Revd Jim Crompton sends his thanks for your prayer support - his pneumonia is improving

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(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)))

## 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 were emailed last week, 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](mailto:liz.admin@seba-baptist.org.uk)

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### **In need of some inspiration and training in mission?:**

There are 4 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!

**Incarnate Retreat** - alongside their annual Houseparty, they've been exploring the possibility of hosting a number of other events and activities throughout the year. Last July they hosted their first retreat, which went well - so well in fact, they'd like to do it again!

When: *10am, Tuesday 26th September - 2pm, Wednesday 27th September\**

Where: *The House of Bread at The Mill, Shipston-on-Stour, CV36 5AF*

Cost: £60 per person including a bed in a twin room, all meals and refreshments.

To find out more and book your place, head over to [buytickets.at/incarnatenetwork](http://buytickets.at/incarnatenetwork)

If you've got any questions, please email [info@incarnate-network.eu](mailto:info@incarnate-network.eu).

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](http://missionshapedministry.org) or from Penny ([penny@seba-baptist.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:penny@seba-baptist.org.uk).

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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:**

*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](mailto: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.

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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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### **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 16 September 2017 /// Godstone Baptist Church – 9.30am - cost £10 per space
- 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
- Saturday 4 November 2017 /// Union Church, Heathfield – 10.15am - cost £10 per space

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

- Saturday 16 September 2017 /// Godstone Baptist Church – 1.30pm - cost £10 per space
- Saturday 30 September 2017 /// Beulah Baptist Church, Bexhill-on-Sea – 1.30pm - cost £10 per space
- Saturday 4 November 2017 /// Union Church, Heathfield – 2.15pm - 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](#).

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#### **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**

#### **Induction - Revd Ian Forsyth:**

*Sunday 3 September 2017 10.30am*

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

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#### **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)*

To book your places on this event contact Andy Garlick

Email. [office@battlebaptistchurch.org.uk](mailto:office@battlebaptistchurch.org.uk) Tel. 07549 625948

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

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#### **Induction - Revd Martin Shorey:**

*Saturday 16th September 2017 at 2.30pm*

*Horley Baptist Church (289 Court Lodge Road, HORLEY, RH6 8RG)*

You are invited to join with Horley Baptist Church as they welcome their new minister, Revd Martin Shorey.

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**Fresh Streams - Leadership Encouragement Day:**

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

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

Speaker: Roy Searle. The cost (including meal) is £12 (booked and paid for before 1st September) or £15 thereafter.

Click [here](#) for more information.

To reserve your place, contact:

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

E: [office@newlifeworthing.com](mailto:office@newlifeworthing.com) 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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**Romero Centenary 1917-2017 Special Evensong:**

*Saturday 23 September 2017, 3pm at Westminster Abbey*

National Ecumenical Celebration of the birth of Oscar Romero. The Address will be given by Lord Rowan Williams.

Click [here](#) to download a flyer

Book tickets through Eventbrite: [www.romerotrust.org.uk/news/evensong-westminster-abbey](http://www.romerotrust.org.uk/news/evensong-westminster-abbey)

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**Encouragement for Leaders conference:**

*3-5 October 2017 - Ashburnham Place*

For more information, click [here](#) to download the leaflet - and click [here for additional information about the booking](#).

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

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### **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](mailto:clareruval@gmail.com)) or Revd Guy Partridge

([guy\\_newlifechurch@btinternet.com](mailto:guy_newlifechurch@btinternet.com))

01825-891133 or 07702-836057

## **Advice & Information**

### **Baptist Union news:**

**Baptist Union Prayer Diary for week beginning beginning 6th August:** Pray for safe travels for all those going away over the summer break, for those working in the holiday industry that it may be a time of fruitful occupation and for all that there may be times of rest and relaxation.

**'Believe me, if a church does not pray it is dead'** The 10 most tweeted Spurgeon quotes for July <http://ow.ly/sWyT30dWZWN>

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### **Micro Grants available in West Sussex:**

Cinnamon network start-up grants of up to £2000 are currently available to churches in West Sussex who want to start a Parish nursing service and/or one of the other Cinnamon approved projects (check out the list of approved projects [here](#)). To apply, check out their website for more information

<http://www.cinnamonnetwork.co.uk/cinnamon-micro-grants-west-sussex/>



Parish Nursing Ministries UK now have a step by step process to help churches start a Parish nursing service, which makes quite a difference to the mission of a church. If you are interested in exploring this further, please email them on [enquiries@parishnursing.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@parishnursing.org.uk) to receive a free information pack (and if you want to take it further than that, they are happy to arrange an information meeting with you).

## Jobs

### **Worship Ministry Leader - Chichester Baptist Church:**

You have a proven heart and passion for leading worship. You are an excellent musician with the skills to coordinate other worship leaders and develop worship ministry, helping to provide a consistent feel and approach, enabling vibrant , accessible worship.

You may have the skills to oversee the audio-visual teams as well as the ability to fulfil the organisational tasks that enable the worship to happen.

You may additionally bring extra gifts and we would love to hear about these and explore with you how they might serve our overall aim.

The post will be up to 3 days a week (including Sundays) and initially for a two-year period. Closing date: 20th September 2017

Further details and application form from [info@chichesterbaptist.org.uk](mailto:info@chichesterbaptist.org.uk)

To download a poster for your notice board, click [here](#)

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### **Regional Minister Appointments - Southern Counties Baptist Association:**

*Is God calling you – or someone you know – into a strategic role focused on inspiring, connecting and resourcing healthy churches in relationship for mission in Southern England?*

Southern Counties Baptist Association is seeking to appoint two Regional Ministers (up to 2 FTE) to make a distinctive contribution as part of a team seeking to inspire, connect and resource healthy churches in relationship for mission. Following recent appointments, we are building a fresh team comprising Colin Norris (Team Leader),

Ali Boulton (Pioneer Mission Enabler) and Clare Hooper (Children, Youth and Families Mission Developer) to serve our 163 churches.

Each Regional Minister will work closely with up to 55 churches in their geographical area, supporting and inspiring them and their ministers and leaders in mission-focused service. Prayerfully rooted in Christ and in the Baptist story, they will have a growing sense of God's call to trans-local ministry. Pastorally able, they will have experience of supportively accompanying other leaders and of strategic mission enabling.

We are also seeking additional oversight, expertise and responsibility in the three areas of

- i. Communications,
- ii. Safeguarding and
- iii. Churches clustering and networking.

One of the regional minister posts will particularly serve and therefore need to live in the northern part of SCBA.

We are open to God's leading in the configuration of the new team, with the possibility of part-time (minimum 0.7) and will seek to discern through the whole application and interview process how responsibilities may be shared.

Further details and an application pack are available on the SCBA website:

<http://www.scba.org.uk/regional-minister-vacancies.html>

If you would like to discuss the role further, please contact the Team Leader, Revd Colin Norris ([c.norris@scba.org.uk](mailto:c.norris@scba.org.uk) (07725 039943)) or the chair of the SCBA trustees, Mike Mortimer, ([mortimer@scba.org.uk](mailto:mortimer@scba.org.uk) (01235 819012)).

The deadline for applications is midnight on Monday 11th September. Interviews will take place on Monday 25th September.



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