

**Weekly update from the
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"Remain in me, as I also remain in you.
No branch can bear fruit by itself;
it must remain in the vine.
Neither can you bear fruit unless
you remain in me."

John 15:4

Prayer requests

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

- Please pray for Revd Clare Atkin (Strode Crescent Baptist Church) in the lead up to her marriage to Joe (Johannes van den Berg) on 2nd September.
- Continue to pray for Revd Guy Laurence (Retired Minister).
- Revd Seyan Tills (Minister at Walmer Baptist Church) – **update** – Seyan has been back to the Neurologist for the results of his MRIs and referred back to Kings College Hospital – one of his MRI scans was missed, so he is waiting to have that done (whilst trying to rearrange where he has it, as he is unable to access the mobile MRI scanning unit where they hoped to do it). The infection in his leg is calming down now but the GP

has signed him off until November and put him on light duties (this looks like being the standard ongoing cycle with the infection). Seyan had his pre-op appointment this week, for his hernia operation (which will hopefully be done in October) and a diabetic eye test next week. He has been referred to the dermatologist for a skin rash that's on both feet (possibly relating to the leg infection) and also has the Balance Occupational Therapist is coming out to see him soon.

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

SEBA Update

Ministry changes across the Association:

Those who've moved from SEBA, or SEBA churches:

- Revd Marcus Dickinson has moved on from Godalming Baptist Church (North Downs network) to Winchester Baptist Church.
- Richard Spicer, Church Leader at Paddock Wood Baptist Church (West Kent network) has moved on and is waiting to see where God calls him next
- Revd Simon Bodington has left Ewhurst Baptist Church (North Downs network) and is waiting on God for a part-time post.
- Revd Steve Godfrey is leaving New Life Church, Guildford (North Downs network) at the end of September and will be exploring new areas of service. Steve's last Sunday service at New Life will be 17 September.

Those retiring:

- Revd John Ross, Senior Minister at Farnham Baptist Church (North Downs network), is retiring on 12 September - his last preaching Sunday will be this Sunday (20th August)
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- Revd Colin Frampton is retiring from his role as Senior Minister at Sompting Community Church (West Sussex network) at the end of September.
- Revd John Layzell is retiring from Farnborough Baptist Church (North Downs network) at the end of September.

Those moving within the Association:

- Revd Keith Abraham was Minister at Wellington Square Baptist Church, Hastings (East Sussex network) and has moved to take on the Ministry at Green Fields Baptist Church, Crawley (Gatwick network)
- Revd Jacqueline Parson was Associate Minister at Brighton Road Baptist Church, Horsham (Gatwick network) - and is moving to become Minister at Newhaven Baptist Church (East Sussex network) next month.
- Revd Allie Moore is taking on the Senior Ministry role at Sompting Community Church (West Sussex network) as from 1 October - Allie has been the Community Minister at Sompting since 2014.

Those joining SEBA: *we have a number of new ministers, all joining SEBA this September, they are:*

- Steve Collingwood will be the Lay Pastor at Paddock Wood Baptist Church (West Kent network)
 - Revd Ian Forsyth is coming to Milford Baptist Church (North Downs network)
 - Revd Graham McBain will be Senior Minister at Redhill Baptist Church (Gatwick network)
 - Revd Martin Shorey is coming to Horley Baptist Church (Gatwick network)
 - Revd Andy Machin is coming to Seaford Baptist Church (East Sussex network)
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Please ensure that any changes to personnel (including if ministers are appointed, leave or retire) are passed on to the SEBA Administrator (admin@seba-baptist.org.uk)

SEBA Notices

SEBA's Church Project of the Year:

Our SEBA Church Project of the Year (2017), helping New Life Church, Durrington finance their new building, finishes at the end of December 2017, and we now are looking for a new project for 2018.

This year we are giving preference to a viable church plant applications. So if you fit that criteria, or have either an exciting church building project or other mission project that could benefit from profiling through the South East, and a much needed injection of monetary donations, please complete [this form](#), and send it and any other details of the project to the Finance Committee, c/o Brian Hasler, Dove Cottage, Ide Hill, SEVENOAKS, TN14 6JN or email it to him on brian.hasler@btinternet.com.

If selected as SEBA's Church Project for 2018 you would need to be willing to put together and supply literature on the project for circulation to all our churches, and you may be called upon to go to churches within the Association to talk about the work you have planned.

The deadline for application is Saturday 30 September 2017.

Advance Notice – SEBA Worship Training Day:

This will be on Saturday 14th October at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Gravesend. Please ensure you inform 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

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 are available, please [email Laura](#) if you would like one.

SEBA Training

Excellence in Safeguarding training:

Level 2 Excellence in Safeguarding (covering Children & Adults at Risk): [Level 2 is for the Minister, Trustees, Designated person for Safeguarding & all those who work with Adults at risk, Children & or young people.]

- 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
- Saturday 18 November 2017 /// Ewhurst Baptist Church – 9.30am - cost £10 per space ***
- Saturday 20 January 2018 /// Rainham Christian Fellowship, Gillingham - 9.30am - cost £10 per space

Level 3 Excellence in Safeguarding (covering Children & Adults at Risk): [Level 3 is for Ministers, Trustees & the Designated person for Safeguarding and all who lead groups with Adults at risk, Children & or young people]

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- Sunday 26 November 2017 /// Orpington Baptist Church – 3.30pm - cost £10 per space
- Saturday 20 January 2018 /// Rainham Christian Fellowship, Gillingham - 1.30pm - cost £10 per space

For more info or to book please click [here](#) to contact Maeve

**** for those undertaking the level 2 & level 3 training at Ewhurst Baptist Church, lunch of soup & a roll is available, at an additional cost of £1.50, but must be booked in advance*

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

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)

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](#)

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.

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 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)

Romero Centenary 1917-2017 Special Evensong:

Saturday 23 September 2017, 3pm at Westminster Abbey

Click [here](#) to download a flyer

Book tickets through Eventbrite: www.romerotrust.org.uk/news/evensong-westminster-abbey

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).

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

JustOne at Priestfield Stadium Official Launch - Medway & Kent:

Saturday 7 October 2017 09:30 - 10:30 Arrival and refreshments / 10:30 - 12:30

Main Launch event

Prayer City, KICC (Buckmore Park, Maidstone Road, Chatham, ME5 9QG)

Join J. John and many churches to celebrate the launch of JustOne at Priestfield Stadium.

Following the amazing success of the initial JustOne event at Emirates Stadium, Priestfield Stadium, home of Gillingham Football Club, is the next venue.

This Launch event will provide the opportunity to hear first-hand from Canon J. John about the vision, and give all the necessary details and information you would require to 'get on board' and partner with the many churches and ministries around Medway and Kent already involved.

Please bring as many of your church or ministry or group as possible – open to all. Massive free parking space at Prayer City, KICC.

If you are interested in this event and how you and your fellowship might be a part of it, please contact Martyn Saunders, vice-chair of the JustOne Priestfield steering group martyn@pipnjims.co.uk or visit JustonePriestfield.com

The Leprosy Mission Regional Conference:

- with special guest, Dr Ruth Butlin, volunteer doctor for The Leprosy Mission
Saturday 7 October 2017 2-4pm

Emmanuel Stoughton Church (Shepherds Lane, Stoughton, Guildford, GU2 9SJ)

Please join Regional Manager, Jenny Foster, & local Leprosy Mission volunteers for Afternoon Tea followed by inspiring news and stories, and a celebration of local supporters' contributions to transforming the lives of people affected by leprosy.

RSVP by 30 September 2017, to Jenny Foster

jennyf@lmew.org.uk 01733-516092

Boost Conference 2018 - Identity & Inclusion in Children's & Youth Ministry:

a day conference for Children's & Youth Workers, Volunteers & Church Leaders

Tuesday 6 March 2018 9.15am-4.30pm

Emmanuel Centre, Marsham Street, Westminster, SW1P 3DW

With all of the debate about inclusion going on 'Exploring Identity and inclusion in Children's and youth ministry' is definitely something that we need to hear and engage with, we can't get away from the fact that across our churches there are many groups of people who at various times, if not all the time struggle to feel included and instead of feeling that they are a part of things can instead feel apart from things.

If you go to the website you will find that bookings are open and you can get the 'earlybird' price until the end of the year. You will also be able to listen to the talks from the 2016 BOOST conference which was on Mental health and wellbeing

To download the small flyer, click [here](#)

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

Advice & Information

Baptist Union news:

Baptist Union Prayer Diary for week beginning beginning 20th August:

Loving Father,

we bring before you all those students receiving exam results in these days.
Guide them and their families as they make decisions for their future in the light of
their results.

May they find fulfilment in whatever course they choose and richly receive the
rewards of their labour.

Amen

Prayer from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Plymouth

Want your church to be genuinely inclusive and embrace ethnic diversity?

Come to our Pentecost People Seminar

http://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/501583/Pentecost_People_seminar.aspx

Looking to be more missional or set up a fresh expression? then the mission shaped ministry course is for you <http://ow.ly/TB7l30dz5qN>

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

Scripture Union has launched a new campaign to help reach young people and children not in our churches. It has new resources and potential funding for initiatives. Read more here <http://ow.ly/KPpK30dTH0f>

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

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

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 (07725 039943)) or the chair of the SCBA trustees, Mike Mortimer, (moderatorscba@gmail.com (01235 819012)).

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



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