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**Weekly update from the
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"(But) I, by your great love,
can come into your house;
in reverence I bow down toward
your holy temple.

Lead me LORD, in your righteousness
because of my enemies---make your way
straight before me."

Psalm 5: 7-8

“You must scale the mountains
if you would view the plain.”

The SEBA Executive intends seeking God in prayer on 21st September. We will meet together for prayer through the morning that day at Horley Baptist church and invite you to pray with us – in body if you able or by praying where you are.

We believe that God has much that He would do in these days and we want to be a part of it. We long for a new outpouring of His Spirit here in the South East.

For those wishing to join us in body - please feel free to come along to Horley Baptist Church between 10.30am-12.30pm

Prayer requests

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

- Revd Andy Gilbert (Minister at Findon Valley Free (Baptist) Church, Worthing): *"Having been diagnosed with esophageal cancer in July I have now started a 6 month course of Chemotherapy to treat both the lump and the cancerous tissue. I am getting used to the 3 week cycle of treatment and the side effects of medication and adjusting ministry accordingly – supported practically and in prayer by many, to whom I am immensely grateful. Please pray for my wife Jan as she supports me and son Phil."*
 - Revd David Parsons (Retired Minister) would value your prayers as he is receiving treatment for prostate cancer. Please pray for his recovery and a good response to the treatment (especially as he is suffering a bit with the side effects).
 - Revd Seyan Tills (Minister at Walmer Baptist Church) – **update** – The Revd Seyan Tills (Walmer) continues in poor health related to his Parkinson's Disease and recurring infection in his right leg. A variety of Medical Professionals are reviewing test results or implementing therapies and prescribing medication which, it is hoped, will improve his quality of the and his ability to Minister to his congregation and the wider
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community. The prayers of the Association are deeply valued at this time.

(if you would like your name added to the prayer list, please email me

(admin@seba-baptist.org.uk)

SEBA Notices

Ministers and Leaders Conference 2018:

This year to be good stewards, we have decided to email our Minister's Conference details rather than post them. These have been sent out to all Ministers, Assistant Ministers, Sector Ministers and Retired Ministers. If you fall into this category but fail to receive the booking form and publicity then please contact Liz Adshead on 01444 233926 or email liz.admin@seba-baptist.org.uk or you can download them by clicking [here](#). Forms may be emailed or posted back.

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 AGMs:

Notification of the SEBA AGMs has been sent out. Please ensure that you let Steph know who will be attending the AGM from your church (either by email admin@seba-baptist.org.uk or by phone 01444-233431 (and ensure that they bring the completed voting slip with them).

A copy of Annual Report & Abridged Accounts are available on the SEBA website, to download a copy, click [here](#).

SEBA Joint Network Celebrations:

Dates for your diary

8 October 2017 - East, Mid & West Sussex Networks

@ One Church Brighton (Florence Road venue)

click here to [download a poster](#)

22 October 2017 - Gatwick & North Downs Networks

@ Guildford Baptist Church

5 November 2017 - East, North, South & West Kent Networks

@ Maidstone Baptist Church

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.

National New Housing Hub:

The UK government is encouraging house building across the country and most of us will have a new housing development near to us. This new network, which Penny is setting up with Ali Boulton of SCBA, aims to offer support and resources for those who are seeking to reach out to new housing areas. The hub is working in partnership with Baptists Together, Fresh Expressions and Churches together in England and planning a day conference April 2018

If you would like to read (and possibly subscribe to the newsletter) click on this link – <http://mailchi.mp/69645f49f758/national-new-housing-hub>. You can also contact Jade jadevictoriazerkis@gmail.com to be included in the database, or contact Penny penny@seba-baptist.org.uk for more information.

South Eastern Baptist Women's Ministry:

Future Events:

Living Water - 'A Day of Fellowship' hosted by South Kent Baptist ministry - Saturday 21st October 2017 at Folkestone Baptist Church, Hill Road, CT19 6LY. 10:00 am coffee with 10:30 am start-2:30 pm . Everyone welcome- please bring a packed lunch. Contact Corinne at cch65@hotmail.com for more information. Click [here](#) to download a poster

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.

Lord Give Me A Song - Encouragement Day on 12th May 2018. Hosted by Godalming Baptist Church- 15 Queen Street, Godalming, GU7 1BA. Contact Patsy at padunning4@gmail.com for more information.

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](#).

Food Safety in Catering (Level 2 Award accredited by RSPH):

- Saturday 7th October 2017 - Shoreham-by-Sea Baptist Church (Western Road, SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, BN43 5WD) // 9.30am // £33 per candidate - closing date for bookings: Monday 25 September 2017

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

Events

Induction - Revd Martin Shorey:

Saturday 16th September 2017 at 2.30pm

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

Stand Up Comedy Evening with Paul Kerensa:

Saturday 16 September 2017 @ 7pm

West Malling Baptist Church (Swan Street, WEST MALLING, ME19 6LW)

Tickets £8. To download a poster, click [here](#)

For further information and to book tickets, contact Stephen Baker 07972-021088

Wardrobes & Rings (Theatre):

Saturday 16 September 2017 7pm

Burrswood (Groombridge, TUNBRIDGE WELLS, TN2 9PY)

Tickets £12. Click [here](#) to download a poster

If you want to know more, or to book a place, please contact the Reservation Team on 01892-865988 or email reservations@burrswood.org.uk

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).

Human Trafficking (Life Issue event):

Thursday 5th October 7.00-9.00pm (Coffee from 6.45pm)

Godalming Baptist Church (Queen Street, GODALMING, GU7 1BA)

GBC have a Life Issue event 'Human Trafficking' led by Suzette Jones from the Diocese. This is a huge problem in our society today with many people coming to England with promises of a better life but the reality is tragic for those involved.

The cost is £5 per person, and after admin costs a donation will go towards the Bishop of Guildford's Fund (A charity which helps to support the most disadvantaged in Surrey and NE Hampshire through church and community projects).

Click here to [download a flyer](#).

Please contact either Sally Pollard pollard3@hotmail.co.uk or Janet fry janetfry1@gmail.com or tel Church Office 01483-422105 Mon, Weds or Friday mornings by Friday 21st September to book a place.

Movement Day UK:

Saturday 7-Sunday 8 October 2017

Methodist Central Hall, Westminster, LONDON

Bookings can be made here: <http://movementday.uk> - to download a poster, click [here](#).

Induction - Revd Graham Culver:

Farnham Baptist Church (The Hart, FARNHAM, GU9 7HA)

The Welcome and Induction Service for Revd Graham Culver will be held at FBC on Saturday 7th October 2017 at 2:30pm.

Puppet Training day from One Way UK:

Saturday 7 October 2017

St Peter & St Paul's - Bromley Parish Church (Church Road, BROMLEY, BR2 0EG)

To find out more about this training day, please go to their website <http://www.onewayuk.com/event.php?id=87654554>

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)

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:

Saturday 7 October 2017 2-4pm

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

RSVP by 30 September 2017, to Jenny Foster

jennyf@tlmew.org.uk 01733-516092

Away in a Manger for adults:

Saturday 2 December 2017 10am-4pm

Ladywell Retreat & Spirituality Centre (Ashted Lane, GODALMING, GU7 1ST)

Open to all 'Away In A Manger For Adults' led by Pam Thorogood at Ladywell Retreat and Spirituality centre. An opportunity to step aside at the beginning of advent for quiet reflection amidst the busy preparations for Christmas.

Click here to [download a poster](#).

Please contact either Sally Pollard pollard3@hotmail.co.uk or Janet fry janetfry1@gmail.com or tel Church Office 01483-422105 Mon, Weds or Friday mornings by Friday 10th November to book a place.

Jonathan Viera's 'One Man Show':

Saturday 2nd December at 7.30 pm

Findon Valley Free Church (1-11 Limetree Avenue, WORTHING, BN14 0DJ)

Tickets £10 each

FVFC warmly invite you to join them for this concert at the Church.

Please phone the office 01903 873790 to reserve your tickets

Free on street parking available.

Two Acorn training day events:

Saturday 2 December 2017

Crawley United Reformed Church

Reconciliation: Mending Broken Relationships (10am-4pm)

Click here for a [poster](#) - click here for a [booking form](#)

Effective Listening Practice (10am-4.30pm)

Click here for a [poster](#) - click here for a [booking form](#)

For more details, please go to www.acornchristian.org

Wintershall: The Nativity

Wednesday 13 December-Sunday 17 December 2017

(Wintershall Estate, Holly Barn, Wintershall, BRAMLEY, GU5 0LR)

Tickets: £18 Adults/£9 Child/£50 Family (2 adults + 2 children)

Stand with shepherds in the field and see Mary arrive on a donkey. Sit in the barn where the baby Jesus lies in his

manger. A timeless, memorable experience for young and old as we bring the story of Christmas to life for you.

Click here to [download a flyer](#) with all the details.

To book tickets go to www.wintershall-estate.com or call 01793-418299

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

Tuesday 6 March 2018 9.15am-4.30pm

Emmanuel Centre, Marsham Street, Westminster, SW1P 3DW

Check out more information on the Boost

website <https://www.separtnership.org.uk/boost>

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

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

Advice, Resources & Information

Baptist Union news:

Baptist Union Prayer Diary for week beginning beginning 17th September:

Please pray for the European Baptist Federation. Representatives of the 52 Baptist Unions and Conventions of the EBF are meeting later this week for their annual Council meeting, this year held in Yerevan, Armenia. Please pray for the incoming President of the EBF, Jenni Entrican, and the General Secretary, Tony Peck, as they seek to promote fellowship and encourage Baptists around Europe and the Middle East.

www.ebf.org

What's your church doing this Halloween? Scripture Union is providing everything you need to run a Light Party www.lightparty.org.uk

As part of his sabbatical, Baptist minister Anthony Crawford took part in Mission to Wales, a joint initiative between New Wine Cymru and The Turning team from Reading. This is his diary of those 10 days <http://ow.ly/1ZDe30eURwI>

Spurgeons are launching Every Child Week - a national week of hope. Please join them through these resources <http://ow.ly/OZgn30eAXiD>

Tiny Treasures is an innovative Bible story based box of delights designed to be played with babies to preschoolers www.tinytreasurebox.co.uk

A free discipleship video every day?

That's the aim of innovative ministry thefuelcast.com - the brainchild of filmmaker and accredited Baptist minister Andy Thomas. Several Baptist contributors. Read more about it here: <http://ow.ly/wGuR30eQwDE>

Transform:

The latest edition of Transform is now available to download from the Baptists Together website; click here to [download a copy](#).

'One hour CAN change the world?' - Prayer initiative:

The concept is simple, it's about mobilising as many people as possible across the world wherever they are to pray at exactly the same time for one hour. It's about joining in unity to see change. The full vision is on the website....<https://www.onehourcanchangetheworld.co.uk/>

There is a pack to make it easier for churches to get the word about the upcoming prayer hour, out to their people. This Dropbox link has both PowerPoint and videos <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/7fhk3evnc80pfjg/AABw5REY9yD7afDIu-eu90mQa?dl=0>

Advice please:

We have received the following advice requests from Southwick Christian Community Church:

We, at Southwick Christian Community Church are requiring to provide some further accomodation within our church boundary for visiting groups. It is proposed to build a mobile timber log cabin having two bedrooms, living room,kitchen, and toilet shower room. Has any other church within SEBA done anything similar, and can give advise

on local planning permission requirements?

Also, has any fellowship set up their own PAT testing of electrical appliances, and would be willing to extend their services to other church fellowships for a more reasonable fee than a professional electrician. We are looking at the possibility of training someone in being able to use a PAT testing machine for our own use and to provide the service to others, unless there is a church fellowship already doing so.

If you can help with either of these requests, please click here to [email Brian Box](#), their Church Secretary

A Vision for Uganda:

A member of one of our SEBA Churches, Richard Smart, is in the process of setting up a Fishing Project in Uganda to bring to an end financial dependency and enable Ugandans to run their own Fishing Business. He would love to talk to the churches or to individuals about this and you can find more detail about the Project and his contact details by [clicking here](#).

Jobs

Part-time Youth Worker - Findon Valley Free (Baptist) Church:

Findon Valley Free Church (Baptist), Worthing, wish to appoint a half time (20 hours per average week) youth worker to develop and lead our youth ministry to young people from Years 7 to 13. Salary £12,000 p.a.

The role will suit someone who relishes the challenge of starting something that is different from the norm and developing a team from within the church and community (including the young people themselves) to support them in their work.

Unlike many youthwork roles, which focus on events and traditional youth groups, this role will focus on mentoring and discipleship through 1:1 relationships and small group ministry. The aim of the role is to develop individual spiritual vitality rather than increase the number of young people attending church services. Your role will be

instrumental in our vision of bringing young people into a personal relationship with Jesus, enabling them to grow spiritually and developing their confidence in their own faith, so they are able to share their faith with their peers. You will help them develop their sense of being an integral part of their own community and the community of the wider church.

Applicants must be able to demonstrate experience of and commitment to youth work in both community and church contexts; they must have experience of communicating well with and organising volunteers; and, they must be able to demonstrate solid Biblical understanding.

There is an occupational requirement for the post holder to be a practicing Christian with sympathy towards the ethos of the church. DBS required.

For an application pack please contact Rev Andy Gilbert (minister@fvfc.org.uk / 01903 873790). Applications by Friday 13th October, interviews on Saturday 28th October, aiming to commence employment as soon as possible thereafter.

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, (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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