

**Weekly update from the  
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"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably  
more than all we ask or imagine,  
according to his power that is at work within us,  
to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus  
throughout all generations,  
for ever and ever!

Amen"

Ephesians 3: 20-21

### 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 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](mailto:admin@seba-baptist.org.uk)))

### Called to Glory:

We have to inform you of the death of retired Baptist Minister, Revd Dennis Floodgate, member of Brighton Road Baptist Church, Horsham. Dennis passed away last Friday afternoon (15th). Dennis had held a number of ministry posts since he became an accredited Baptist Minister, back in 1959, ministering at Biggleswade, Copnor, South Harrow & Arlington Baptist Churches - along with our own Merstham Baptist Church from, 1970-83. He leaves behind his widow, Mo - please remember her in your prayers.

## SEBA Holiday notice:

Revd Stuart Davison will be on holiday from Friday 29 September until Saturday 7 October.

# SEBA Notices

## **SEBA Worship Training Day:**

*Saturday 14 October 2017 at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Gravesend*

Good news!! There are still some places left for the above day. This is ideal for those involved in all aspects of leading, playing/singing and in the technical side of the worship life of the Church. Hands on training for those using Worship Programmes such as Easy Worship, and practical help for those churches with few or no musicians. Also practical training on a PA system which includes miking up and managing individual musicians, singers etc. Guidance on leading services including all age and seeker services as well as seminars on musicianship, improvisation, using the voice, percussion, guitars, keys and all other instruments!

To all Ministers and Church Secretaries – please be sure your Worship Team and/or those who have responsibility for Leading Services know all about this day and are encouraged to attend. It will benefit the whole Church! Information can be downloaded here - 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) 01444-233926

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## **Ministers and Leaders Conference 2018:**

*20-22 February 2018 - Ashburnham Place*

Booking forms have been emailed out to the Ministers, if you have any questions please contact Liz Adshead on 01444 233926 or email [liz.admin@seba-baptist.org.uk](mailto:liz.admin@seba-baptist.org.uk) You can download a copy of the booking form details by clicking [here](#). Forms may be emailed or posted back.

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## **SEBA's Church Project of the Year:**

The closing date for application is **Saturday 30 September 2017**.

Please ensure you complete [this form](#) before the deadline, 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](mailto:brian.hasler@btinternet.com).

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**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](mailto: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](#).

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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)

click here to [download a poster](#)

22 October 2017 - Gatwick & North Downs Networks

@ Guildford Baptist Church

click here to [download a poster](#)

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

@ Maidstone Baptist Church

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**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 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 (by 12 October please, as paperwork needs to be printed for every attendee).** 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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#### **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](mailto:cch65@hotmail.com) for more information. Click [here](#) to download a poster

#### **Special and Precious - Quiet Reflective Day with Corinne Herrick:**

*Saturday 28th October 2017, 11am-4pm.*

*Sittingbourne Baptist Church (High Street, SITTINGBOURNE, ME10 4AQ)*

Join us for a day of fellowship as we listen to God's teaching for us.

Cost £5 to include crafts.

Please contact Dianne Cole, 01795 475788 / [diannemcole@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:diannemcole@yahoo.co.uk) / 07772085045 to book your place & for more details.

Bring a packed lunch, drinks will be provided.

**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](mailto: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 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]*

- 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
- Saturday 18 November 2017 /// Ewhurst Baptist Church – 1.30pm - cost £10 per space \*\*\*
- 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](#).

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#### **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.

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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 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*

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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**Human Trafficking (Life Issue event):**

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

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

The cost is £5 per person. Click here to [download a flyer](#).

Please contact either Sally Pollard [pollard3@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pollard3@hotmail.co.uk) or Janet fry [janetfry1@gmail.com](mailto:janetfry1@gmail.com) or tel Church Office 01483-422105 Mon, Weds or Friday mornings by **Friday 22nd September** to book a place.

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**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](#).

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**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.

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**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>

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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

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**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](mailto:martyn@pipnjims.co.uk) or visit [JustonePriestfield.com](http://JustonePriestfield.com)

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**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](mailto:jennyf@tlmew.org.uk) 01733-516092

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**SEBA Joint Network Celebration (East, Mid & West Sussex): 8 October 2017 -**

see SEBA Notices above

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**SEBA Worship Training Day: 14 October 2017 -** see SEBA Notices above

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**SEBA/BU Pensions Roadshow: 21 October 2017 -** see SEBA Notices above

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**SEBWM Living Water fellowship day: 21 October 2017 -** see SEBA Notices above

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**SEBA Joint Network Celebration (Gatwick & North Downs Networks): 22**

**October 2017 -** see SEBA Notices above

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**SEBWM Special & Precious reflection day: 28 October 2017 -** see SEBA Notices above

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**SEBA Joint Network Celebration (East, North, South & West Kent Networks): 5**

**November 2017 -** see SEBA Notices above

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**Away in a Manger for adults:**

*Saturday 2 December 2017 10am-4pm*

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

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

Please contact either Sally Pollard [pollard3@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pollard3@hotmail.co.uk) or Janet fry

[jane1fry1@gmail.com](mailto:jane1fry1@gmail.com) or tel Church Office 01483-422105 Mon, Weds or Friday mornings by Friday 10th November to book a place.

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**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.

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**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](http://www.acornchristian.org)

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**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](http://www.wintershall-estate.com) or call 01793-418299

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**SEBA Ministers' & Leaders' Conference 2018: 20-22 February 2018** - see SEBA Notices above

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**SEBWM (Women's Ministry) Conference 2018: 23-25 February 2018** - see SEBA Notices above

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**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](#)

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**SEBWM Lord Give Me A Song encouragement day: 12 May 2018** - see SEBA Notices above



## WE PRAY FOR OUR WORLD

*Treatment and support for those injured and affected by the explosion at Parsons Green underground*

*For peaceful and effective diplomacy following the latest North Korean missile launch*

*For provisions, energy and perseverance for those rebuilding their lives after Hurricane Irma and the Mexican earthquake*

**LORD, MAY THESE PEOPLE FEEL CONNECTED TO YOU  
THROUGH THESE PRAYERS**

*Amen*

## Advice, Resources & Information

Baptist Union news:

**Baptist Union Prayer Diary for week beginning beginning 24th September:**

Peacemaking Sunday is marked on the Sunday nearest to the UN international Day of Peace on 21 September. The Fellowship of Reconciliation has prepared resources to help reflect on and promote peace issues, including stories of hope from groups rebuilding their communities after violent conflict. Please pray for peace in our world, and for people in positions of power: that they may use their influence for the wellbeing of all. [www.for.org.uk/peacesunday](http://www.for.org.uk/peacesunday)

In November 2007, our Union passed an historic resolution to mark the anniversary of the passing of the **Slave Trade Act abolishing slavery**. The resolution apologised for our part in the transatlantic slave trade. We are marking the 10th year

since this resolution with a series of events, the Lest we Forget study resource and the Journeying to Justice

[book.http://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/505778/The\\_Apology\\_ten.aspx](http://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/505778/The_Apology_ten.aspx)

**Home Mission** is the way we create great partnerships in the Gospel

<https://vimeo.com/230773519>

**Exploring the impact of the digital world on teenagers & younger children:**

helpful piece from Katharine Hill of Care from the Family <http://ow.ly/JhQd30f5vrl>

**Are you involved in a local sports club or gym? Have you considered being a chaplain there?** That's the message from the charity Sports Chaplaincy UK. Last week saw a reception to mark the 25th anniversary of the charity, which was started by Baptist minister John Boyers. Chaplaincy has become prevalent in elite sports – now there is an opportunity (and need) for it at grassroots level. Read more here: <http://ow.ly/JT0630f5xbp>

**The Sixth Sam Sharpe Lecture** will be delivered by The Revd Karl Johnson - General Secretary Jamaica BU. Book now <http://www.baptist.org.uk/samsharpe>

#### **Transform:**

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

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#### **Heating installation:**

Have any churches either had a new heating installation, or revamped your old heating system? The Eden Church are looking for any information on satisfactory solutions and/or installers (for their old, Victorian, building - not the new building). If you have any information, please will you contact Ron Sutton direct ([ronvsutton@me.com](mailto:ronvsutton@me.com) 01732-862121)

## 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](mailto: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.



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