

**Weekly update from the
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"When I am afraid I put my trust in you.
In God, whose word I praise—
in God I trust and am not afraid."

Psalm 56:3-4

Prayer requests

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

- Revd Andrew Edwards (Minister at Oasis Christian Fellowship, Hove) - Andrew has an inoperable brain tumour; please keep him and his wife, Isobel, in your prayers.
 - Ray Avenell (Treasurer at Strood Gospel Mission Church) - Ray is receiving on-going treatment for cancer in the bowel, abdomen and chest. Pray for Ray as he deals with the side-effects of the chemotherapy, and working through his illness.
 - Revd Sandra Platford (Minister at Aldershot Baptist Church) is off work at the moment, with Shingles - please pray for Sandra, her family and the church.
 - Revd Seyan Tills (Minister at Walmer Baptist Church) – **latest update** – TPlease continue to pray for Seyan, with all his ongoing health issues
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(Parkinson's, recurring cellulitis, recent urological issues and upcoming hernia operation – scheduled for 12 October). Seyan saw the Neurology Specialist (at King's College Hospital) this week, and has been told he will need to spend a night & day at King's (prior to Christmas) to undergo tests and then see Neurology Specialist again, along with any additional consults they find necessary. He has also had his Social Services Home Assessment this week. Remember the fellowship at Walmer as they support him.

- Revd Andy Gilbert (Minister at Findon Valley Free (Baptist) Church, Worthing) who is undergoing a 6 month course of Chemotherapy for esophagael cancer (remembering to also pray for his wife, Jan 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).

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

SEBA Notices

Still time to come to the SEBA Worship Training Day:

Saturday 14th October at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Gravesend 10/10.30am-4.15pm

Although we have passed the final booking date, there are still some spaces so you are not too late if you or a member of the team responsible for all aspects of worship would like to book.

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 01444-233926

North Downs Network:

Please check your inboxes - all Ministers & Church Secretaries/Administrators have been sent nomination forms for the appointment of a new Network Executive member, as Revd John Layzell (who retired as Minister of Farnborough Baptist Church last weekend) is standing down from the role.

Please give this nomination your prayerful consideration.

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 You can download a copy of the booking form details by clicking [here](#). Forms may be emailed or posted back.

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

click here to [download a poster](#)

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

@ Maidstone Baptist Church

click here to [download a poster](#)

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) 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.

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

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 / 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. The speaker will be Anne Le Tissier. Booking forms are available, please email Laura on lpaton41@gmail.com 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 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
- Saturday 3 February 2018 /// West Worthing Baptist Church - 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 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
- Saturday 3 February 2018 /// West Worthing Baptist Church - 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](#).

Events

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

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

see SEBA Notices above

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

Quiz Night (raising funds for Canterbury Christian School Workers):

Saturday 14 October 2017 7.30pm

Herne Bay Baptist Church (The Friendship Centre, 105 High Street, HERNE BAY, CT6 5LA)

Make up a table, maximum of 8 people (or come on your own). £5 per head, pay on the night. Please bring your own drink and nibbles.

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

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

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

An evening with Steve Price (magic, comedy & sleight of hand expert):

Saturday 21 October 2017 6.30pm (doors open at 6pm)

Herne Bay Baptist Church (The Friendship Centre, 105 High Street, HERNE BAY, CT6 5LA)

Please contact Eve on 01227 368579 or 07887 366049 for more information and tickets at £10 (including Fish and Chip Supper).

Click here to [download a poster](#)

SEBA Joint Network Celebration (Gatwick & North Downs Networks): 22 October 2017 - see SEBA Notices above

Puppet & Creative Arts Festival (One Way UK):

Friday 27 & Saturday 28 October 2017

Rugby College (Technology Drive, RUGBY, CV21 1AR)

Full details on the event can be found on their website

here <http://www.onewayuk.com/event.php?id=33736>

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

SEBA Joint Network Celebration (East, North, South & West Kent Networks): 5 November 2017 - see SEBA Notices above

An Evening with Noel and Tricia Richards:

Saturday 25 November 2017, Doors open at 7.30pm for 8.00pm

The Civic Centre, Uckfield (Civic Approach, Uckfield, TN22 1AE)

Noel and Tricia Richards, the writers of "All Heaven Declares", "By Your side", "You laid aside Your Majesty" and many more are giving a concert in Uckfield. A concert featuring songs and conversation about love, life, friendship and faith.

Tickets £6 if purchased in advance from www.trybooking.co.uk/1790

Tickets on the door £8 - The event is organised by Christians in Uckfield.

Away in a Manger for adults:

Saturday 2 December 2017 10am-4pm

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

Open to all. 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

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)

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

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

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

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

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](#)

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

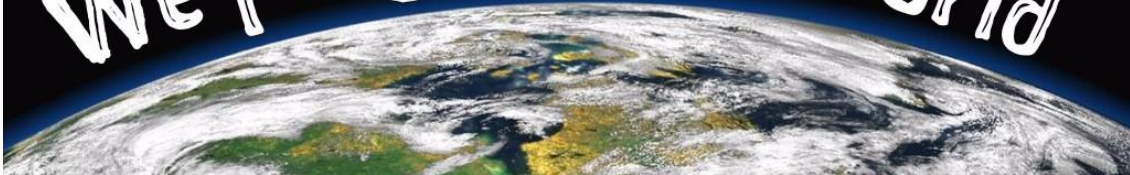


**For supplies to reach the desperate people
of Puerto Rico following Hurricane Maria**

**Those affected by the stampede in Mumbai
which has killed and injured many people**

**For the UN discussions urging the end of military action in Myanmar
which is causing the fastest developing humanitarian crisis in the world**

We pray for our world



Advice, Resources & Information

Baptist Union news:

Baptist Union Prayer Diary for week beginning beginning 8 October: This week is Prisons Week. Pray for prisoners and their families, for prison staff and those who work in the criminal justice system, and for victims of crime and all those wounded by the actions of others. Pray for our own chaplains working in prisons across SEBA: Phil Cain (HMP Standford Hill - Kent); Revd Chris Hayward (HMP Maidstone - Kent); Revd Simon Hughes (HMP Bronzefield - Surrey); Revd Andy Kerr (HMP Ford & HMP Lewes - Sussex); Revd Stephen Roe (Medway (Youth) Secure Training Centre - Kent); Revd Mike Standbrook (HMP Send - Surrey)

www.prisonsworld.org

A new Baptist publication seeks to explore what it means to be church in an experimental church plant <http://ow.ly/m4Dw30fbC1A>

As current President of our Union, Dianne Tidball is providing reflection material for groups and individuals to use

<http://www.baptist.org.uk/Groups/290637/Reflections.aspx>

Fantastic to see Hope into Action shortlisted for a Guardian Public Service award. The charity provides homes for the most vulnerable in society in partnership with local churches. It was founded by Ed Walker of Bretton Baptist Church, and has just opened its 49th home. Congratulations to all involved!

https://www.theguardian.com/society/2017/sep/25/guardian-public-service-awards-2017-shortlist-categories?CMP=share_btn_fb

Have you ever been connected with the People's Church in Partington, Manchester? It's celebrating its 50th year in 2018, and is looking to contact anyone from its past. Contact current pastor Jonathan Boyers, pictured here with wife Caroline and founding pastor Gordon Kayes and wife Dorothy <http://ow.ly/KAhS30ft2c>

Serious about Messy Church? You'll find what you're looking for at the first-ever Messy Church conference at CRE <http://creonline.co.uk/messy-church-conference/>

Do you have a portable Baptistry:

New Hope Baptist Church, Eastbourne are looking to rent a portable baptistry; they do like to make use of being a seaside town and hold their baptisms in the sea, but as it will be more than a little bracing at the end of October (when the baptism is planned for) they need to find someone with a portable baptistry that they can borrow.

If you are able to help, please contact Revd Freddie Brookes, direct on revfreddie@btinternet.com or 01323-760816

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 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 / 01903 873790). Applications by Friday 13th October, interviews on Saturday 28th October, aiming to commence employment as soon as possible thereafter.

Hospice in the Weald - Chaplain:

Full time 37.5 hours (part time considered)

Salary: £32,695 (FTE)

End of life is an incredibly challenging time for patients and relatives, physically, emotionally and spiritually. It takes a special type of person to lead a spiritual care team to provide the necessary support at this time. Are you that person?

Hospice in the Weald is looking to appoint a chaplain to lead on spiritual care across the organisation for patients, relatives, carers and staff. The successful candidate will need to be ordained or licensed by a recognised community and connected to a faith or secular community with spiritual supervision, as well as having experience of ministry in a healthcare setting.

Hospice in the Weald strives to ensure that the community we serve has access to compassionate, individualised, holistic and supportive care for all patients with a terminal illness, their families and carers in West Kent and Northern East Sussex. Our Hospice in Pembury is in a beautiful rural setting, close to historic Royal Tunbridge Wells in Kent and just 30 miles south of London.

As well as working in a truly rewarding working environment our benefits include training opportunities, subsidised restaurant, child care vouchers, generous pension and annual leave entitlement, including the opportunity to buy and sell holiday, free parking and a cycle to work scheme.

For further information or to arrange an informal visit, please contact Urtzi Cristobal, Head of Counselling and Support Services on 01892 820 554 or Urtzi.cristobal@hospiceintheweald.org.uk

Please apply via our website www.hospiceintheweald.org.uk

Closing date: 6th October

Interview date: 16th October



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