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**Weekly update from the  
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"When we walk with the Lord,  
in the light of his word,  
What a glory he sheds on our way!  
While we do his good will,  
he abides with us still,  
And with all who will trust and obey. "

John Henry Sammis

### Prayer requests

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

- 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 Andrew Edwards (Minister at Oasis Christian Fellowship, Hove) - Andrew has an inoperable brain tumour; please keep him and his wife, Isobel, in your prayers.

- 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) - **update from David** - "I saw the oncologist this morning and tests show that I now have a normal level of PSA. I am still being offered chemotherapy to hit the cancer even harder but the news today is very encouraging. I still value prayers for the chemotherapy."
- Revd Sandra Platford (Minister at Aldershot Baptist Church) off work with viral Meningitis - please pray for Sandra, her family and the church.
- Revd Seyan Tills (Minister at Walmer Baptist Church) – **update** - please continue to pray for Seyan, his hernia operation went well and the nurse is happy with his progress. His Cellulitis is returning again (on its normal 6 week cycle), but the antibiotics he has to keep out any infection from the recent op will also work on the Cellulitis. Seyan had his cystoscopy on Wednesday; and is now waiting for further follow-up tests (blood tests, an ultrasound scan and a repeat cystoscopy in a month). Please continue to pray for Seyan's ongoing Parkinsons', and remember the fellowship at Walmer as they support him.

(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))

*(Please note, the prayer list is in alphabetical order, and any new requests are added to the top of the list for the first week of inclusion)*

## SEBA Notices

**Book now for the Ministers and Leaders Conference 2018:**

*20-22 February 2018 - Ashburnham Place*

The closing date for bookings is **Monday 20th November**, so if you have been

meaning to get your booking in, now is the time to do it! Information about the Conference and the booking form can be found on the SEBA website or you can email [liz.admin@seba-baptist.org.uk](mailto:liz.admin@seba-baptist.org.uk). We have 2 excellent speakers, Bishop of Dover, Rt Revd Trevor Willmott and Revd Rupert Lazar. Any queries please contact Liz Adshead on the email address given or phone on 01444 233926. You can download a copy of the booking form details by clicking [here](#).

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#### **GDPR:**

You may have been reading, or hearing, about GDPR; the new General Data Protection Regulations, by which “the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission intend to strengthen and unify data protection for all individuals within the European Union (EU)”. The GDPR will apply in the UK from 25 May 2018 (our government has confirmed that the UK’s decision to leave the EU will not affect the commencement of the GDPR).

Currently the Baptist Union are working (in conjunction with Anthony Collins Solicitors) to update all their Data Protection paperwork, including their Guidelines leaflet (L13: Data Protection), in-line with the new requirements.

We will let you know when the new guidelines are completed.

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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

**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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### **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. The speaker will be Anne Le Tissier. Booking forms are  
available, please email Laura on [lpaton41@gmail.com](mailto: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](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 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

**SEBA/BU Pensions Roadshow: 21 October 2017 - 2.30pm-4.30pm Crawley**  
*Baptist Church (Crabtree Road, West Green, CRAWLEY, RH11 7HJ)*

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

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**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).

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

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**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>

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**Reformation - Flower Festival:**

*Friday 27, Saturday 28 & Sunday 29 October 2017*

*Walmer Baptist Church (Kelvedon Road, WALMER, CT14 7HX)*

Morning Coffee - Soup & Roll Lunches - Afternoon Teas - Homemade Cakes & Pastries

The weekend includes:

'Elizabeth Carter - a woman of wit & wisdom' \* - Friday 27 October 3.30-4.30pm - Tickets £6 \* advanced tickets sales ONLY: [church@walmerbaptistchurch.co.uk](mailto:church@walmerbaptistchurch.co.uk) & Festival Worship Sunday 29 October, 10.30am Guest speaker: Revd Stephen Young

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

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**As One Voice: Worship Conference:**

*Saturday 4th November, 8:45am - 9pm*

*Cheriton Baptist Church (Quested Road, FOLKESTONE, CT19 4BY)*

Gathering worshippers from across Kent to connect, grow and engage with heaven's heart for worship in our region and beyond.

The day will include worship and teaching, looking at a range of topics including cultivating a lifestyle of worship, corporate worship, unity among worshippers and how worship can transform a region and a nation.

Go to [www.bit.ly/AOV17](http://www.bit.ly/AOV17) to book your tickets. Tickets: £25, or £30 with lunch. Click here [for a poster](#)

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**Induction - Revd Allie Moore (Sompting Community Church):**

*Saturday 4 November 2017 at 3pm*

*at Sompting Village Primary School (White Styles Road, SOMPTING, BN15 0BU)*

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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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**The Turning mission to East Sussex - Church Leaders' Preparation:**

*Thursday 23rd November 10:30am-1:30pm*

*Ashburnham Place*

Next year's mission will involve Christians across the county from different branches of the Christian Church sharing the gospel in their communities. The launch date is

3rd June 2018. This event in November is to help Church leaders prepare their church for the task of follow up and discipleship of new contacts made during the mission and to outline the plans for next year in detail. To book for this event please click on the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/turning-church-leaders-preparation-tickets-38584858350>

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### **The Hiding Place:**

*Thursday 23 November 2017 at 7.30pm*

*Kings Church hall (WEST KINGSDOWN, TN15 6JL)*

Oddments, a Christian Theatre company is bringing a performance of The Hiding Place.

It is the story of God's love and hope in an environment of darkness and brutality, the story of the Ten Boom's, a devoted Christian family who felt they couldn't just watch the devastating circumstances of the Jews under the Nazis so they acted and set out on an incredible rescue mission. This led to Corrie and her sister being imprisoned in the Second World War.

The production focuses on God's influence on Corrie's life and how God gave her the strength and means to do his work in terrible circumstances.

*"What a powerful performance showing how God's love can overcome hatred and evil - it's an inspiration to us all"*

Tickets cost £8.50 and can be bought online [www.oddments-theatre.co.uk](http://www.oddments-theatre.co.uk) or ring Barbara on 01474 332923

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### **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)*

Tickets £6 if purchased in advance from [www.trybooking.co.uk/1790](http://www.trybooking.co.uk/1790)

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

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### **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](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 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

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)

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

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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



## **Advice, Resources & Information**

Baptist Union news:

**Baptist Union Prayer Diary for week beginning beginning 22 October:** The Baptist Union of Scotland Assembly is being held in Motherwell on 26-27 October this year. Please pray for the 'messengers' who will attend the Assembly, that it might be a time of fruitful sharing, encouragement and challenge.

[www.baptistassemblyinscotland.org](http://www.baptistassemblyinscotland.org)

Last Friday **Movement Day** began, a call to Christians to strive for greater unity and co-ordination in order to transform the places where we live. Here's our report:

<http://ow.ly/3vpl30fPZdW>

In November 2007, Baptist Union Council passed an historic resolution apologising for our part in the transatlantic slave trade. Justice Enabler Wale Hudson-Roberts reflects on all that has happened in the intervening ten years

<http://ow.ly/RoUU30fD91w>

**'Aim lower, think smaller, give up, Go have a cup of coffee'** Reflections from the Children and Young Families Round Table

<http://www.baptist.org.uk/Publisher/Article.aspx?id=507438>

A great milestone for charity Hope into Action - the charity helps churches house the homeless, and this week it's opening its 50th home in just 7 years. Many lives have been transformed in that time. It all began when founder Ed Walker used an inheritance to open a home in partnership with his church, Bretton Baptist, in Peterborough. Amazing work... <http://ow.ly/59Zi30fLI5S>

'I was in prison and you visited me' A reflection from a Baptist minister involved in prison ministry <http://ow.ly/YHbp30fLFRg>

Eighteenth-century Baptists made mistakes, but their story shows how God can work through ordinary people who exhibited an extraordinary commitment to God, writes Peter Morden - another from our latest Together Magazine:

<http://ow.ly/E1XH30fD41F>

# Jobs

## **An exciting job / mission opportunity with Fleet & Crookham Churches Together in Schools (FACCTS)**

FACCTS is the witnessing arm of local churches seeking to share Jesus Christ in schools in Fleet and Church Crookham, N.E. Hampshire. It serves the school community through employed schools workers who are supported by a team of volunteers, providing assemblies, CUs, prayer spaces, lunch clubs, "Open the Book" and many other activities.

We are seeking a part-time worker, employed for 10 hours per week (at least initially), to join our existing team.

We are praying that the successful applicant will feel God's call for this opportunity, have appropriate experience and a real heart for Christian schools work. They should also possess good team and communication skills and be able to develop further the relationships that exist between FACCTS and the local churches. It is anticipated that the successful applicant will either be a member of one of the churches in the local / immediately surrounding area or aim to become such a member following appointment.

The closing date for applications is 4 November and interviews will be held on 18 November. We are hoping that it may be possible for the successful applicant to commence employment before Christmas to enable a short period of overlap before the existing worker leaves early in January.

An information pack containing further details and an application form is available from Sue Fisher ([suefisher@ntlworld.com](mailto:suefisher@ntlworld.com)). If you wish to discuss any aspects of this opportunity please contact Paul Brice (07713 348291).



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