

**Weekly update from the  
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"Trust in him at all times, you people;  
pour out your hearts to him,  
for God is our refuge."

Psalm 62:8

### Prayer requests

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

- David Burr (SEBA Treasurer) - please join the SEBA Team in praying for David who is very seriously ill.
  - 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 esophageal cancer (remembering to also pray for his wife, Jan and son, Phil).
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- Revd David Parsons (Retired Minister) - please pray for David as he continues his chemotherapy.
- Revd Sandra Platford (Minister at Aldershot Baptist Church) - **update** - Sandra sends her thanks to everyone for their prayers, visits, flowers and cards that she received during her sickness; they were all very much appreciated. She is beginning a slow phased return of 8hrs per week for the next 2 weeks and then the doctor will review the situation again. Continued prayers for this phased return are appreciated.
- Revd Seyan Tills (Minister at Walmer Baptist Church) – please pray for Seyan with all his ongoing health issues; his Parkinson' and recurrent Cellulitist; recovery from his hernia op and ongoing tests into his urology issues. Please 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

### **Contacting the SEBA Treasurer:**

In view of David's illness, please contact either Steph Tidy ([admin@seba-baptist.org.uk](mailto:admin@seba-baptist.org.uk)) or Brian Hasler ([brian.hasler@btinternet.com](mailto:brian.hasler@btinternet.com)) if you have any queries. Thank you.

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### **Ministers study trip to Israel:**

Stuart is looking at the possibility of a further trip to Israel next autumn. The cost will be around £1000 for nine days.

Ministers will have the opportunity to spend time with Arabic Baptist ministers and speak in their churches. Time will also be spent at Nazareth Bible College. All the main sites in Galilee and Jerusalem will be visited.

If you are interested, please let Stuart know [stuart@seba-baptist.org.uk](mailto:stuart@seba-baptist.org.uk)

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**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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**SEBA Joint Network Celebration:**

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

@ Maidstone Baptist Church

click here to [download a poster](#)

please make sure you have emailed Steph ([admin@seba-baptist.org.uk](mailto:admin@seba-baptist.org.uk))

to let her know if you are representing your church for voting.

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**South Eastern Baptist Women's Ministry:**

Their latest newsletter is available, click [here to download it now](#).

Future Events:

**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

### **As One Voice: Worship Conference:**

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

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

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](#). To view a promo video, click here to [see it on CBC's facebook page](#)

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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*

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 (based on the Corrie Ten Boom book of the same name). [ents-theatre.co.uk](http://ents-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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### **Encounter Events with Marc Dupont:**

*Sunday 26-Tuesday 28 November 2017*

*Fleet Baptist Church (115 Clarence Road, FLEET, GU51 3RS)*

Fleet Baptist Church would like to invite you to a series of meetings when Marc Dupont (Mantle Praise Ministries) is visiting.

On Sunday, 26th November Marc will be speaking at an Encounter evening at 6pm.

On the Monday and Tuesday evenings, 27th & 28th November, he will be leading open 'Healing Meetings' at the Clarence Road building at 7.30pm. During the day on

Tuesday 28th November from 10am-3pm at the Clarence Road building, Marc

Dupont will be leading a day conference investing in Leaders and if you are

interested in coming to this, the cost is just £10 and you can sign up via their website

[www.fleetbaptist.org.uk](http://www.fleetbaptist.org.uk)

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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

[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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**As In Heaven - advent celebration** (with Revd Dianne Tidball):

*Saturday 3 December 2017, 7pm*

*Canterbury Baptist Church (St George's Place, CANTERBURY, CT1 1UT)*

Join the East Kent network for a celebration of what God is doing amongst Baptists locally and across the nation. With musical worship and key note address. Mince pies and mulled wine served afterwards.

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

For more information, please contact the Canterbury Baptist Church office using the following: (01227) 456204 [office@canterburybaptistchurch.org.uk](mailto:office@canterburybaptistchurch.org.uk)

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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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**Life Issues - 2018:**

Godalming Baptist Church's Life Issues programme for 2018 is now available. Click here to [download a copy](#)

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**Seven Laws For Life:**

*Saturday 20 January 2018, 10am-1pm (coffee from 9.30 am)*

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

Godalming Baptist Church are very fortunate to have Lynette and Mick Brooks from CWR-Waverley Abbey leading the event. This event is open to all - both men and

women - and is a great way to start the new year together.

Lynette and Mick will focus on;

- Discovering different ways to cultivate our prayer life
- How to keep our Faith alive through difficult times
- Helping Others
- Overcoming Doubt and Fear

Cost is £7 per person. To book a place for either event 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 Chris, GBC's Administrator 01483-422105, Mon, Weds and Friday mornings.

Click here to [download a poster](#)

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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

FOR LOVE  
FOR JOY  
FOR PEACE  
FOR PATIENCE  
FOR KINDNESS  
FOR GOODNESS  
FOR FAITHFULNESS  
FOR HUMILITY  
FOR SELF CONTROL



## Advice, Resources & Information

Baptist Union news:

**Baptist Union Prayer Diary for week beginning beginning 5 November:** Each year, on the first Monday in November, Baptist women all over the world join together in prayer, celebration and reflection. This year the theme is 'Community Transformation', encouraging women to arise, shine, be transformed and to transform. [www.baptist.org.uk/bwwdp](http://www.baptist.org.uk/bwwdp)

What of the Children of Calais? I tell you that tonight these children sleep in woods, on slag heaps, in industrial zones. Tonight they may be pepper-sprayed again, have their sleeping bags removed by police and most likely their shoes too. It is not too late to be part of doing the right thing. Juliet Kilpin calls us to action

[https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/508789/What\\_of\\_the.aspx](https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/508789/What_of_the.aspx)

October's report from Baptist Steering Group, includes church stories from Durham

Road, Portrack and Whitley Bay

<https://www.baptist.org.uk/Publisher/Article.aspx?ID=508553>

The primary school is a place where community really meets – and where Christians can serve with integrity

[https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/507006/Working\\_with\\_our.aspx](https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/507006/Working_with_our.aspx)

Baptist Union Council will be meeting next week. Please join us in prayer. Full agenda and details available here

[https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/482097/BU\\_Council\\_prayer.aspx](https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/482097/BU_Council_prayer.aspx)

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### **Mary's Meals - advent resources:**

Celebrate the joy and hope of Advent by joining Mary's Meals to provide the world's poorest children with a meal in school. Mary's Meals is working hard with supporters from all over the world, and volunteers from the poorest communities, to provide life-changing meals for more than 1.2million children in 14 countries. Each nutritious meal is a message of love and hope for every one of those children, every school day.

You'll find plenty of ideas in Mary's Meals Advent resources, which can be requested free of charge by emailing [churches@marysmeals.org](mailto:churches@marysmeals.org) or calling 0141 336 7094. Our Advent resources include an all-age Nativity talk and craft ideas which will work well in Sunday School or Messy Church. Go to their website for more information <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/big-family-christmas/advent-resources>

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### **The Grove:**

The Grove is a unique meeting venue in the heart of the East Sussex countryside. They can cater for small leaders meeting to away-days for your church.

*"We were delighted with the opportunity to visit The Grove Cafe for our away-day this year. The welcome was warm, the food excellent and the space ideal for our group"*

*St. Leonard's Baptist and Robertsbridge Community Church*

For more information, click here to [download their flyer](#) or email Andrew & Emma on [info@thegroveblackboys.co.uk](mailto:info@thegroveblackboys.co.uk) or phone 01825-890415

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### **York Courses online:**

York Courses have a new website, and their 2 latest courses are available to download in digital format.

Please check out the website [www.yorkcourses.co.uk](http://www.yorkcourses.co.uk) for their latest advent and lent courses.

## **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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