

**Weekly update from the
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"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.
What can mere mortals do to me?"

Hebrews 13:6

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.
 - David Burr (SEBA Treasurer) - David had his first course of the new chemo this week. Please continue to pray for David, that this latest treatment will work, for his upcoming operation on his hand, and for relief from pain from the damage the cancer has done.
 - 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
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esophagael cancer (remembering to also pray for his wife, Jan and son, Phil).

- Revd David Parsons (Retired Minister) - please pray for David as he continues his chemotherapy. They are pleased at how he is responding to the treatment, but it is a very intensive course and taking its toll and restricting a number of David's activities during this time.
- Revd Sandra Platford (Minister at Aldershot Baptist Church) - please continue to pray for Sandra's slow-phased return to work.
- Revd Seyan Tills (Minister at Walmer Baptist Church) – Please pray for Seyan, for all his ongoing health issues, and for the church at Walmer as they support him.
- Colin, father-in-law of Revd Brian White (Minister at Trafalgar Road Baptist Church, Horsham) - please pray for Colin (who is in a nursing home), he is confused at times, but his faith is strong. The cancer has made him unable to use his legs and he is doubly incontinent - but he is pain free. Pray for strength and peace for the family and particularly his wife Gill.

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

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

Message from Revd Stuart Davison "Have you booked your place at the SEBA Ministers and Leaders Conference 2018?":

The deadline date for booking has now passed! However, it is still possible to book but en suite rooms are going fast. This promises to be a great 3 days with our Guest Speakers and a special guest on Wednesday night! Any queries please do call Liz on 01444 233926 or email her on liz.admin@seba-baptist.org.uk. Click [here to download a booking form](#).

General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR):

The Baptist Union have finished putting together the new guidelines for churches on the changes to record keeping that comes with the new regulations coming in May 2018.

It is imperative that every church reads these guidelines to understand the legal implications for not complying with the new regulations when they come into force next year.

Click [here](#) to view a copy of the new regulations.

Contacting the SEBA Treasurer:

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

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

South Eastern Baptist Women's Ministry:

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 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 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 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

Quiet days at Spurgeon's College:

The monthly Quiet Days at Spurgeon's College offer an opportunity for attendees to set aside time to connect with God.

- 15 December (led by Elaine Leck)

The dates for 2018 are:

2 February, 16 March, 20 April, 4 May, 15 June, 20 July, 5 October, 2 November and 14 December.

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>

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 or ring Barbara on 01474 332923

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

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

Click [here for a poster](#)

Encounter Events with Marc Dupont:

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

Sunday 26 November at 6pm – Encounter evening

Monday 27 November 7.30pm – Healing Meeting

Tuesday 28 November 10pm-3pm day conference for Leaders (£10 – sign up here

www.fleetbaptist.org.uk

& 7.30pm – Healing Meeting

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 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

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

Saturday 3 December 2017, 7pm

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

Click here to [download a poster](#). For more information, please contact the Canterbury Baptist Church office office@canterburybaptistchurch.org.uk (01227-456204)

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

Life Issues - 2018:

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

Seven Laws For Life:

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

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

Cost is £7 per person. To book a place for either event please contact either Sally Pollard pollard3@hotmail.co.uk - or Janet Fry janetfry1@gmail.com - or Chris, GBC's Administrator 01483-422105, Mon, Weds and Friday mornings.

Click here to [download a poster](#)

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

Holy Land Tour:

David Ronco (Hertford) is leading another of his popular introductory trips to the Holy Land in April 2019 (3rd – 11th). This nine day tour is ideal for first time visitors exploring key Biblical sites in Galilee, Nazareth, Jerusalem and Bethlehem. As well as walking where Jesus walked the trip also provides unique opportunities to meet local Christians and understand how the Lord is working today through his church in Israel/Palestine. For a review of his last trip and brochure for this next one visit www.baptistwinningisrael.org.uk or contact David on dcronco@gmail.com



Lord, as we pray for
our world help us

to remember
and work for peace



Advice, Resources & Information

Baptist Union news:

Baptist Union Prayer Diary for week beginning beginning 18 November: As Interfaith Week draws to a close, we give thanks for the creative diversity of our communities. In our listening, speaking and activities with people of other faiths, may we discover the joy and encouragement of similar approaches, understandings and practices and be ready, recognising great diversity, to accept that we may not agree, but we can be friends.

www.interfaithweek.org www.baptist.org.uk/interfaith

Today is the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King's visit to Newcastle University. One of the university's current lecturers argues that for Baptists in particular it is worth remembering because of the challenge it leaves us: to be the type of radical peacemaker our fellow-Baptist, Dr King, wanted the church to be.

<http://ow.ly/MXqH30gxesq>

In November 2007 we apologised for our part in the transatlantic slave trade. Many initiatives have resulted from it <http://ow.ly/XUXt30gragD>

BIC are often asked about the insurance implications of setting up a foodbank and they are keen to support churches <http://ow.ly/ITsv30gr7r6>

The Pope admitting to occasionally falling asleep when he prays led to the BBC calling Baptist minister Chris Band, author of a recent book on prayer, for a series of radio interviews https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/509631/Sleepy_Pope.aspx

This summer a group of young people from Bucks came to inner city Plymouth for a mission week. How did it go? <http://ow.ly/rVXt30gsDKM>

Can Christians ever support war? Baptist Nick Megoran doesn't think so, and has written a new book to explain why. Check out this interview to find out more

<http://ow.ly/x1Tk30gsBqp>

Different Expressions of Church Membership:

I've heard from Revd Andy Percey, formerly a SEBA Minister, now Minister at Manvers Street Baptist Church in Bath. The church are beginning to explore different expressions of membership in a number of ways. Andy wondered if any of the SEBA churches have any experience with this and would be willing for him to pick their brains on the process, etc and how it works for them in reality. Please contact Andy direct on andy_msbc@sky.com

Jobs

There are currently no vacancies that we are aware of.

If you would like to add a church-based, or Christian charity vacancy to the weekly emailing, please let me know admin@sebabaptist.org.uk

Please note, we cannot post vacancies for Church Minister positions, as these should go through Revd Stuart Davison, and the Settlement system.



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