

**Weekly update from the
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"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:20

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) - 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.
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- Revd Andy Gilbert (Minister at Findon Valley Free (Baptist) Church, Worthing) - **update** - Andy is nearing the end of his chemo for his esophagael cancer. The good news is scans show significant reduction in cancer The cumulative side effects now mean he is on sick leave until his chemo ends & side effects reduce.
Pray for wisdom on when to end chemo treatment.
Remember to also pray for his wife, Jan and son, Phil.
- Revd David Parsons (Retired Minister) - **update** - David reports that his chemo is going very well, and he's full of energy with minimal side effects, please pray for David as he continues his treatment.
- Revd Sandra Platford (Minister at Aldershot Baptist Church) - **update** - *"I'm now back to work full time. Thank you to all those who prayed, visited or helped out with Preaching and Leading in my absence. It is so good to feel better and be back in the schools just in time for Advent Assemblies. However, I do intend to be kind to myself. I'm still waiting on possibly 2 or 3 ops in the New Year on my left shoulder and left and right arms continued prayers for that would be appreciated but Praise God for his faithfulness."*
- 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

ADVANCE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

SEBA Day of Prayer - Sunday 18 March 2018: more information will be in out due course, but please put this date in your diary - perhaps you could even consider a 'pulpit swap' on this Sunday.

Disabilities Awareness Day - Saturday 21 April 2018: more info to follow.

Home Mission giving:

Please ensure that you send on all Home Mission gifts for 2017, before Christmas - and send any cheque donations to Brian Hasler, Dove Cottage, Ide Hill, SEVENOAKS, TN14 6JN

For those who missed the BU Pensions Roadshows:

Through the autumn the BU have been running Pension Roadshows for churches that are members of the Baptist Pension Scheme Defined Benefits (DB) Scheme. If you haven't been able to attend they are running a Webinar on 8th December at 1pm. Save this link to join <http://ow.ly/B8lk30gBbKf>

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 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
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For more info or to book please click [here](#) to contact Maeve

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

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 **new** flyer (complete with speaker details), click [here](#)

To download a poster, click [here](#)

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 3rd December: The Baptist Union Trustee Board provides strategic direction for our Union, ensures appropriate policies are in place and operated effectively, oversees the Union's structure and ensures compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements. Please pray for the twelve members of the Board, meeting on 5 December, as they seek to fulfil their responsibilities. www.baptist.org.uk/trusteeboard

Advent is upon us and JPIT have produced a series of reflections. This week they're thinking about what 'keeping alert' for the coming of Christ might look like.

[#PrepareYetheWay](#) You can find them here here

<http://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/resources/worship-prayer/prepare-ye-the-way/>

Do read the November report from our Baptist Steering Group. It includes news on Marks of Ministry, Ministry Information Xchange and inspirational stories from 'Breathe Communities', Penzance, Honiton Family Church, Lyme Regis and Matt Noble www.baptist.org.uk/bsgnov17

'Obedience. Despite the cost. Philip went where the Lord sent him' Evangelist and our former President Chris Duffett on why he's written a novel about the New Testament figure Philip <http://ow.ly/VkLK30gM2x7>

Martin Luther King opposed the violence of poverty, racism and war not because he was a good liberal, but because he was a good theologian. Nick Megoran member of the Baptist World Alliance's Commission on Peace and Reconciliation reflects https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/508312/MLK_Radical_Christian.aspx

Check the BU's social media as they're highlighting numerous Advent and Christmas resources <https://www.facebook.com/baptistuniongb/>

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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