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Weekly update from the Association Administrator, Steph Tidy 01444-233431

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"The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth."

Psalm 145:18

Revd Ken King

Revd Kenneth King, died Tuesday 5th December, aged 94.

His funeral service will be held at West Worthing Baptist Church (45 South Street, Tarring, WORTHING, BN14 7LU) on Friday December 15th at 2.00 pm.

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) - **update** - David is in hospital, having suffered several falls. Please pray for him, for all he is going through; and pray for Paula, his wife, as she liaises with the health professionals
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to put together a care package to allow him to be comfortable and supported once he comes home from hospital.

- 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) - please pray for Andy, his wife, Jan and son, Phil as Andy deals with the side effects of his chemotherapy (for esophageal cancer) and for Andy to have the wisdom when considering possible future treatment.
- Revd David Parsons (Retired Minister) - please pray for David as he continues his treatment.
- Revd Sandra Platford (Minister at Aldershot Baptist Church) - pray for Sandra as she waits on the possible operations on her arms and left shoulder.
- 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

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) - Training:

As you should all be aware by now, there are new regulations coming in, next May, which all Church record holders will need to be aware of.

The guidelines that the Baptist Union have put out are very helpful

(<https://www.baptist.org.uk/Publisher/File.aspx?ID=111329&view=browser>) but a number of churches have asked if we could provide a training/information date on the subject.

We are working on getting this arranged - and will keep you posted once any further details are available.

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 today (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](#).

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

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](#)

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Sunday 18 March 2018 - More details to follow

SEBA Disabilities Awareness Day:

Saturday 21 April 2018 - venue to be confirmed

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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 10th December: As

the nations mark Human Rights Day we pray that governments worldwide will ensure their people have adequate health care, proper provision of food, clothing, housing and social welfare. We pray that all will be provided with the security of a basic income, the opportunity of a free education, and the guarantee of mutual respect of faith, freedom of speech and equal access to justice and the law.

Prayer from the Joint Liturgical Group: www.jlg.org.uk

Check out Songs of Praise this coming Sunday (10 December)! The moving story of Andrew Gardiner, a Baptist minister battling cancer and how God is working through him, will be featured on the programme. We caught up with Andrew here:

<http://ow.ly/TR9s30gZmQT>

For those who are providing food related support over Christmas and haven't yet seen this, Aldi will be offering surplus food from all their stores. Details on how to apply are on this link from the Independent

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/aldi-food-christmas-eve-give-away-less-fortunate-food-banks-tesco-sainsbury-lidl-a8088511.html>

The 2018 Whitley Lecture will be reflecting deeply on how we should respond to the shocking Old Testament stories of violence. Dates are being added regularly and Helen Paynter can bring the lecture to your community.

https://www.baptist.org.uk/Groups/292194/Preparing_for_the.aspx

Do you know we have an online shop? It has just had a makeover so please take a look at the cards, resources and publications we have on offer

<https://www.baptist.org.uk/shop/>

'Practising for Christmas' are advent reflections being sent out via Seventy-two. This is the third year they've offered them with growing numbers of readers each year.

The reflections will be available from the 1-25th December from here:

<http://seventy-two.network/practising-for-christmas/>

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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