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**Weekly update from the
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"I call on the Lord in my distress,
and he answers me."

Psalm 120:1

Revd Andrew Edwards

Andrew (Minister of Oasis Christian Fellowship, Hanngleton, Hove) received his call to Glory on Monday 11th December. Andrew had been suffering with an inoperable brain tumour.

The funeral has not yet been arranged; but we will publish the details when they are available. Please pray for his widow, Isobel.

Please pray for Gill Davison, wife of SEBA Regional Minister and Team Leader, Stuart - Gill's mother passed away on Monday afternoon, after a brief spell in hospital.

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) - Pray for Ray as he deals with the side-effects of the chemotherapy (for cancer in the bowel, abdomen and chest).
- David Burr (SEBA Treasurer) - please keep David and his wife, Paula, in your prayers. The hospital called his family to his bedside, in the early hours of Thursday morning.
- 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 esophagael 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, upcoming hospital tests; 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, that he continues to be pain free and 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

Please note - next week's emailing will be sent out on Thursday instead

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) - Training:

Keep checking back in the New Year for details on this.

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

SEBA Ministers and Leaders Conference 2018:

Booking for the Conference officially closed on 20th November! However there are one or two Budget Rooms still available and it is still possible to book in as a Day Visitor. If you haven't yet done so, and would like to book, please contact Liz Adshead for more details. Phone 01444 233926 email 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
- Saturday 24 February 2018 /// Canterbury 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

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](#)

Induction - Timothy Judson:

Saturday 3 February 2018, 2pm

Guildford Baptist Church (Millmead, GUILDFORD, GU2 4BE)

Guildford Baptist Church are delighted to announce the appointment of Timothy Judson as their new Assistant Pastor and his ordination and induction service will be

held at Millmead on Saturday 3rd February 2018, and followed by a tea.

Tim has been studying at Bristol Baptist College and is working to complete his PhD.

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](#)

SEBA Day of Prayer 2018:

Sunday 18 March 2018 - More details to follow

SEBA Disabilities Awareness Day:

Saturday 21 April 2018 - venue to be confirmed

more information to follow

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 17th

December: International Migrants' Day is on 18 December, highlighting the human rights of migrants. Please pray for all those who are fleeing a world they know and love and seeking refuge in another place. Pray for those who are working to support refugees and for those seeking to influence the political situations which both cause and offer resolution to this situation.

www.baptist.org.uk/Groups/264783/Stories.aspx

There is hope for a world without nuclear weapons. Take action

<http://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/nuclearbansigned/>

If you're thinking of studying theology, exploring mission and ministry then Bristol Baptist College could be for you. <http://bit.ly/2ALJifK>

What are the barriers you need to dismantle, to allow the love of God to penetrate the dark recesses of your heart? Maybe you're not prepared to be used because you don't believe He can work through you? Do read the Advent reflections from Seventy-two <http://seventy-two.network/2017/12/practising-righteousness/>

The Barna Group, a leading research organisation focused on the intersection of faith and culture, is looking for British Baptist ministers to either join its church leader panel, or simply take part in its most recent survey, which will take around five minutes. To join Barna Group's Church Leader Panel, click here.

<https://barnasurveys.com/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=151241777655>

To participate in a survey today, click here.

<https://barnasurveys.com/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=151241725133>

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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