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**Weekly update from the  
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*All at SEBA wish you  
a Happy Christmas  
& a Peaceful New Year*

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways; then I will hear from heaven and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. "

2 Chronicles 7: 14

**David Burr - SEBA Treasurer**

We are sad to announce that David passed away, during the night, last Thursday/Friday. Please pray for his widow, Paula, and for the rest of the family. We will publish the funeral details in due course, but are expecting to be sometime during the second week in January.

## Revd Andrew Edwards

Andrew's funeral will be held at Oasis Christian Fellowship (Hangleton Way, HOVE, BN3 8EQ) on Wednesday 3 January 2018, 11.30am. The service will be taken by Revd Lynda Hulcoop & Revd Philip Cook.

Please continue to remember Isobel, Andrew's widow, in your prayers.

## Colin - Revd Brian White's father-in-law

Brian's father-in law passed away last Sunday - thank you all for your prayers for the family, please continue to pray for his widow, Gill, and Brian's wife and Colin's daughter, Sarah.

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## 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).
- 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) – update - Seyan was sent to hospital, on Monday, for tests (and a possible overnight stay) as his recurrent Cellulitis flare-up wasn't responding to antibiotics. The new consultant he saw, has changed Seyan's medication, stopped all antibiotics and feels sure that they can clear it up for good. Whilst there are other ongoing health issues, this is extremely good news. Please continue to pray for Seyan and the church at Walmer. Below, is a little verse that Seyan sent, to share with you:

*As with gladness patients cheer  
When a diagnosis is clear.  
For the months of suffering,  
Tablets tried relief to bring,  
For the High Church Minister,  
Seyan by name, from Walmer.*

*Pastor, people sorely vexed  
Waited for each answer next.  
So the reason for the pain  
Is the cure that has inflamed.  
Residue of penicillin  
Has decayed and fungus formed.*

*So the fungus diagnosed  
To new cream must be exposed.  
When the fungus is at bay  
inflammation will go away.  
The six week cycle will be gone.  
'Rest and elevate' no longer sung*

*Though it won't be by Christmas Day*

*Soon the redness will be at bay.  
So rejoicing may begin,  
Prescribed the Canister Cream tin.  
May it be that from today  
All is answered that others pray.*

*Health and healing - a precious gift -  
With good measure spirits lift.  
Thanks are offered humbly  
To the SEBA family:  
Walmer and its Minister  
Grateful for your answered prayer.*

(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**

*Please note - the SEBA Office is closed over the Christmas period, and will open again on Tuesday 2 January; the next weekly emailing will be out on Friday 5 January 2018*

### **Maeve Whitchurch - SEBA's Youth Officer & Safeguarding Officer:**

Please note Maeve is off sick, so telephone calls and emails will go unanswered until she is well enough to return to work (hopefully after Christmas).

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### **SEBA Contact for all things financial:**

With David's passing, the Treasury workload has been taken over, in the interim, by

Brian Hasler - you can contact Brian either on his on email address

[brian.hasler@btinternet.com](mailto:brian.hasler@btinternet.com) or via the SEBA Treasurer's address [treasurer@seba-baptist.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@seba-baptist.org.uk) or you can call him on 01732-750307

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### **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

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### **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) - Training:**

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

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### **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](mailto:liz.admin@seba-baptist.org.uk). Click [here to download a booking form](#).

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### **Small Groups Training:**

*"They devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer." Acts 2.42*

*"Aquila and Priscilla greet you warmly in the Lord and so does the church that meets at their house." -1 Cor. 16: 19*

Small groups have been a feature of the church since the very beginning, but they have always been more than a Bible study or an excuse for another sermon. We are going to look at what they should contain and how to keep them fresh – without finishing off the leaders!

Stuart Davison, Regional Minister & Team Leader for the South East Baptist Association will be leading a training session on this theme on Saturday 24th February 2018, 10am-1pm at Folkestone Baptist Church, Hill Road, Folkestone, CT19 6LY. Coffee & donuts from 9.30am, for a prompt 10am start.

All are welcome but you do need to register in advance with Chris Ruddle. Please send an email to [folkestonebaptists@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:folkestonebaptists@yahoo.co.uk) stating the name, phone number and email address of any who are coming. This training session costs £5 and you pay on the day.

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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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#### **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](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 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
- Saturday 24 March 2018 /// Seaford 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](#)

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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)*

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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**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.

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

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

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### **SEBA Day of Prayer 2018:**

*Sunday 18 March 2018 - More details to follow*

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### **SEBA Disabilities Awareness Day:**

*Saturday 21 April 2018 - venue to be confirmed*

more information to follow

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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 24th December:** In this Christmas week, we give thanks for the love of God shown through the birth of our Lord Jesus. Pray that we may show God's light and peace to those we meet this Christmastime.

**Baptist Union Prayer Diary for week beginning beginning 31st December:** As we come to the end of 2017, take time to reflect on the past year. Pray that we may see where God has blessed us and challenged us, and ask for God's guiding presence for the year ahead.

**A message from our General Secretary Lynn Green** *'Baptists Together are seeking a new Moderator for the BUGB Trustee Board from September 2018. Our current Moderator, Rich Webb will have completed his term of service and we are*

*looking for an experienced leader to continue to develop this role. This is a key role in the life of our Union so please can you join me in praying that we will be able to identify the right person to serve in this role at this time. We are also wanting to identify new Trustees for the BUGB Board, and those who will enrich our Council as Co-optees. Information about all these roles can be found at [www.baptist.org.uk/jobs](http://www.baptist.org.uk/jobs) . Please prayerfully consider who you might be able to encourage to apply. Expressions of interest are invited before Friday 12 January 2018.'*

For those that missed the Pension Roadshows in the autumn you can view the webinar we held recently. This is to inform churches about what is happening to address the current deficit and the potential impact it may have on individual churches [www.baptist.org.uk/pensions](http://www.baptist.org.uk/pensions)

Recently, Baptists Together Mission Forum, led by Roy Searle and Simon Goddard gathered to reflect and invest in new mission initiatives for 2018. Read the report here <https://www.baptist.org.uk/Publisher/Article.aspx?ID=512075>

Revd Susan Myatt is recording reflections in British Sign Language to provide churches support in offering worship to those who are profoundly deaf. Here are her Advent reflections. From the link you can download the video and see a script for what she signs. If this is something you can use please provide feedback on what people thought [https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/512189/Advent\\_reflections\\_in.aspx](https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/512189/Advent_reflections_in.aspx)

Darkest Hour is inspired by the true story of Winston Churchill's first weeks in office during the early days of WW2. Damaris Media and Baptists Together have released a free Companion Booklet who want to engage more deeply with this story [www.baptist.org.uk/darkesthour](http://www.baptist.org.uk/darkesthour)

Alison Mackay, Regional Minister for HEBA offers this powerful Advent reflection as she battles cancer <http://www.baptist-heartofengland.org/seasonal-thoughts-rm/>

## 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](mailto: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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