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**Weekly update from the
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"Love the Lord God with all your heart and with
all your soul and with all your mind and with all
your strength."

Mark 12:30

David Burr - SEBA Treasurer - Thanksgiving Service

The Thanksgiving Service for David Burr will be held at Victoria Baptist Church (Eldon Road, EASTBOURNE, BN21 1UE) on Thursday 11 January 2018, at 1pm (following a committal attended by his family).

All are welcome.

Click [here for directions to the church](#)

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).
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- 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) - **update** - Sandra has been given a date for her first operation, Tuesday 30 January 2018 (a real answer to prayer, as she was told it wouldn't be until March). Please pray that with all the recent news of the NHS postponing operations, it still goes ahead ok; pray for the surgeons who will be operating on her; and pray for a swift recover for Sandra.
- Revd Seyan Tills (Minister at Walmer Baptist Church) – continue to pray for Seyan and the church at Walmer as they deal with day to day life, with his multiple health conditions.

(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)

A Fresh Look at Associating!

You should all have received an email (sent Wednesday) from Stuart, asking you to complete our Association Review survey. We are taking a fresh look at how the Association is run and want everyone's input.

It's a short survey - just 5 questions - and we'd really like to hear from as many of you as possible.

This is your Association, and we want to make sure we are serving you in the best way possible.

Please feel free to share the survey with your church members too.

Click on this link - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/366TQS7> - to go to the survey (or copy and paste it into your internet search bar) - the survey will close on 31 January 2018.

Please note the survey site is closed for maintenance from 1am Saturday 6 January for approximately 12 hours - you'll be able to access it again from 1pm on Saturday.

SEBA Notices

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

Please note Maeve is still off sick, so telephone calls and emails will go unanswered until she is well enough to return to work. If you have any urgent questions, please contact Steph, the SEBA Administrator (admin@seba-baptist.org.uk)

Donations and Payments to SEBA:

The banks are now cracking down on all 'payee' details and we are no longer able to accept cheques made payable to 'SEBA'.

Please check the details below before sending us a payment - thank you.

Payments for Home Mission

Payments can be made online to:

Bank: HSBC plc

Sort Code: 40-19-35

Account Number: 91264028

Account Name: Baptist Union of Great Britain re South Eastern Baptist Association
(Home Mission)

You must include your Church Reference Number, which is printed next to your church name in the SEBA Directory.

Or you can send a cheque, made payable to 'Baptist Union re SEBA (Home Mission)' - again, with your Church Reference number printed on the back please. The cheques can be sent to: Mr Brian Hasler, Dove Cottage, Ide Hill, SEVENOAKS, TN14 6JN

Payments to SEBA

Payments can be made online to:

Bank: Reliance Bank

Sort Code: 60-01-73

Account Number: 00218212

Account Name: South Eastern Baptist Association

Or you can send a cheque, made payable to 'South Eastern Baptist Association' - please send a covering note, explaining what the payment is for (ie Safeguarding training, Annual Subscriptions, donation, etc). These cheques can also be sent to: Mr Brian Hasler, Dove Cottage, Ide Hill, SEVENOAKS, TN14 6JN

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 or you can call him on 01732-750307

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) - Training:

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

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](#).

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 stating the name, phone number and email address of any who are coming. This training session costs £5 and you pay on the day.

Ministers study trip to Israel:

There are still a few places available on the Ministers' Study Trip, provisionally booked for 4-11 October - final quotes are looking at around £1,100 for the trip. 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
- Saturday 24 March 2018 /// Seaford Baptist Church - 9.30am - cost £10 per space
- Saturday 3 November 2018 /// Milford 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

SEBA Small Groups training:

Saturday 24th February 2018, 10am-1pm

Folkestone Baptist Church (Hill Road, Folkestone, CT19 6LY). Coffee & donuts from 9.30am, for a prompt 10am start. - see SEBA Notices above for more details.

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 6 January: The New Year starts off for many with resolutions and promises. We pray for ourselves, to take new steps on our journey with Christ during 2018. Teach us to receive the future you have planned for us; give us a new vision of you, that we may feel your compassion, your anger and your love. May your Gospel flood our lives, infuse our churches with life, flood our world with hope.

A New Book published:

Revd Dr John Dyer, one of our retired Baptist Minister & former BMS Missionary, has just had a new book published, entitled '*Finding God in Brazil*'. It is full of amazing and inspiring stories from his time with BMS World Mission in Brazil, between 1978-2012. The stories are personal and shared, and each story has a message as to how God can be found in unexpected ways in our lives today.

To find out more (including purchasing a copy) click on this

link https://www.amazon.co.uk/Finding-Brazil-John-Barry-Dyer/dp/1979439818/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1515064669&sr=1-1&keywords=Finding+God+in+Brazil

Jobs

Ashford Baptist Church - Youth Pastor:

Ashford Baptist Church is looking to appoint a full-time Youth Pastor to take our thriving and longstanding youthwork on to the next level of its growth and development. This is a leadership role, overseeing an enthusiastic and capable team of volunteers, and providing vision and direction.

Salary range is £21,000 to £24,000 plus pension contributions on a 4 year contract. Further details are on the church website www.ashfordbaptist.org.uk.

Closing date for applications is 31st January 2018.

Milford Baptist Church - Children's & Youth Leader:

Is this you:

Are you passionate about Jesus?

Do you love sharing Jesus with children & youth?

Do you want to walk with them and disciple them as they grow?

Do you want to work for a church that:

Has a vision for growth?

Is a praying church?

Has a heart for the community?

If so, then Milford Baptist Church could be your new spiritual home.

The role is ideally full-time, but we are also open to those able to work only part-time. Salary £18k full-time (part-time pro-rata) plus assistance with accommodation if needed. One year contract in the first instance.

To find out more about us please to go our websites at www.milfordbaptistchurch.org where you can also download an application form and job description. If you would prefer to chat first, please phone our pastor, Revd Ian Forsyth, on 01483-419191

Closing date for applications is 31 January 2018

DAVSS (Domestic Abuse Volunteer Support Services) Operations Manager – West Kent:

DAVSS is a community-based charity using an innovative volunteering model to provide vital support services to anyone (women and men) experiencing domestic abuse across West Kent.

We are seeking to appoint an Operations Manager who will inspire lead, manage and motivate a highly committed and energetic team of professional managers, staff and volunteers who deliver high quality client-centred domestic abuse services and awareness raising programmes across West Kent. This is an outstanding opportunity for a skilled manager to build on DAVSS excellent reputation and further develop our services.

You will share our commitment and passion for providing high quality domestic abuse support services, understand governance and compliance requirements, and be a proven Manager with experience working collaboratively internally and externally.

To learn more about DAVSS and the Operations Manager opportunity, please visit

our website www.davss.org.uk

If you wish to have an informal discussion about this important role, please contact our Chair of Trustees: Kristen Paterson on 07971 090 224 or email: office@davss.co.uk

Closing Date: 28 January 2018

Interviews: 6 February 2018

Sector: Vulnerable Adults, Domestic Abuse

Hours: Full time 35 hours (or by negotiation)

Contract: Permanent

Salary: circa £40,000 per annum

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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