

**Weekly update from the
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"Heaven and earth will pass away but my words
will never pass away."

Mark 13: 31

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) - 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).
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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) – **update** - the new treatment for Seyan's Cellulitis (topical creams rather than antibiotics) are seeming to work, as his legs are no longer swollen or hot. The infection on his foot is possibly causing a few new issues, but he is due to see the podiatrist again soon. At his recent diabetic check-up he has been prescribed some new medication, and as his blood pressure has been raised (for his last few checks) he is due back to the GP to sort this out. The urology tests he had before Christmas have all come back ok, and he is waiting for his next appointment to discuss the possibility of deep brain stimulation for his Parkinson's. Please continue to keep Seyan and the church at Walmer in your prayers.

"I am writing to thank everyone for their prayers over recent months. Colin Norton my Dad-in-Law received his homecall on the 10th December and we laid his remains to rest on 2nd January with a thanksgiving service here at TRBC. We are so grateful for the support of the praying family of SEBA and rejoice that Colin is safe at home now. Gill his wife and all the family will miss him terribly, I came to Jesus at Colin's Baptism in 1987 at Redhill Baptist Church under the preaching of Rev Richard Soar.

Thanks again."

Revd Brian White (Minister of Trafalgar Road Baptist Church)

(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!

Don't forget to make sure you contribute to the Association Review, by filling in our short survey. We are taking a fresh look at how the Association is run and want everyone's input.

It really is just a short survey - 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 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.

Completing BU Annual Returns:

For anyone completing the Baptist Union Annual Returns forms, if you need details of the figures you sent back last year (as the Baptist Union no longer produce their handbook with the details) we have put together an Excel file, listing the statistics all SEBA churches submitted last year (if you submitted nothing, the BU will have used the figures from the last time you submitted them). To download a copy, please click on this link <http://docs-eu.livesiteadmin.com/1d1909c2-379f-4c73-943d-9de6d740f152/seba-church-statistics-2016.xlsx>

SEBA Notices

SEBA Disability Awareness Day:

SEBA are holding a Disability Awareness Day on Saturday 21 April 2018 at Reigate Baptist Church in Surrey. The day will include key note speakers and seminars on

accessibility in the widest sense. This will be invaluable for churches who wish to be as inclusive as possible to everyone in their local community. Please mark this date in your Church Diary and further information, publicity and booking particulars will follow soon.

SEBA Communications Workshop:

Saturday 28 April 2018 10am-3pm

Horley Baptist Church (289 Court Lodge Road, HORLEY, RH16 8RG) - cost £5 per person (pay on the day)

Mike Lowe, Communications Enabler for Baptists Together will be running the workshop to help you to equip your church to communicate in the digital age.

The workshop will include:

- Linking your vision with your mission
- Church social media and websites
- Safely and effectively use digital communication
- Print based communication, building a relationship with the local press and what to do in a crises
- Take home resources

Click [here to download a poster](#) for more information.

To book your place, please email Paul's PA, Pam pam.admin@seba-baptist.org.uk

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 for details on this - we are still trying to set up a

seminar/information day on this.

In the interim, or perhaps more conveniently for some, Church software company, 'iknow', are putting on free webinars (*a seminar conducted over the internet*) for anyone to sign up to, with details of how the GDPR will affect churches. They are running:

- Wednesday 17th January 2018 at 7pm
- Tuesday 23rd January 2018 at 12:30pm
- Friday 26th January 2018 at 9:30am
- Tuesday 30th January 2018 at 11.00am
- Tuesday 13th February 2018 at 3pm
- Thursday 22nd February at 9.00am

If you are interested, you will need to sign up beforehand. Just click on this link <http://www.iknowchurch.co.uk/about/gdpr/gdpr-webinars/> and fill in the form.

Please note: this is not an endorsement of iknow, as SEBA have no specific knowledge of their services.

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

Core Leaders training:

Saturdays 9 & 30 June 2018, 9-30am-12.30pm at Tunbridge Wells Baptist Church (Upper Grosvenor Road, TUNBRIDGE WELLS, TN1 2EP)

Our Core Leaders Training is open to any Baptist Pastor / Deacon / Elder / Church Leader.

The course covers 6 subjects (Spirituality - Trusteeship - Spiritual Life of the Core Team - Working Together - Decision Making - Mission/Pastoral Care). The course is over 2 sessions on separate dates, to complete the course you will need to attend

both sessions.

Click [here](#) for a poster.

Please book your places by emailing Pam Kerley at pam.admin@seba-baptist.org.uk giving your contact name & phone/email, name of your church and names of those attending.

Full £15 payment either before or on the first day (9th June).

(Cheques payable to "South Eastern Baptist Association" please)

Phone bookings and queries to Paul Kerley on 01580-766020 or Pam's email address as above.

Please book before 19th May 2018 (spaces limited)

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

Level 3 Excellence in Safeguarding (covering Children & Adults at Risk): [Level 3 is for Ministers, Trustees & the Designated person for Safeguarding and all who lead groups with Adults at risk, Children & or young people]

- Saturday 20 January 2018 /// Rainham Christian Fellowship, Gillingham - 1.30pm - cost £10 per space

- Saturday 3 February 2018 /// West Worthing Baptist Church - 1.30pm - cost £10 per space
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- Saturday 3 November 2018 /// Milford Baptist Church - 1.30pm- cost £10 per space

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:

A **revised** version of Godalming Baptist Church's Life Issues programme for 2018 is now available. Click here to [download a copy](#) (dates had to be changed due to clashes with the Royal Wedding)

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 - Reigate Baptist Church

more information to follow

SEBA Communications Workshop:

Saturday 28 April 2018 - Horley Baptist Church - details in SEBA Notices, above.

SEBWM Lord Give Me A Song encouragement day: 12 May 2018 - see SEBA Notices above

SEBA Core Leaders training:

Saturdays 9 & 30 June 2018 - Tunbridge Wells Baptist Church - details in SEBA Notices, above.

Advice, Resources & Information

Baptist Union news:

Baptist Union Prayer Diary for week beginning beginning 14 January: The Yorkshire Baptist Association is called to grow healthy churches that are dependent upon God, intentional about discipleship, active in mission and committed to the transformation of society and the world. Please pray for the staff team as they seek to support and encourage the 100 churches in their area. www.yba.org.uk

Baptist Assembly bookings open on 22 January. Between now and then, please look at the programme and download a poster to show in church
www.baptistassembly.org.uk

Our first monthly update of the year is now available. Featuring news on the 2018 Assembly, Joint Public Issues Team conference 'Brave New World', Spring 2018 Baptists Together magazine and much more
<https://www.baptist.org.uk/Publisher/Article.aspx?ID=512871>

Darkest Hour is inspired by the true story of Winston Churchill's first weeks in office during the early days of WW2. The film considers leadership, what it means to lead in community, risk taking, human frailty and our approach to confronting evil. 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. To order completely free printed copies please visit our online shop
https://www.baptist.org.uk/Shop/Products/499101/Darkest_Hour.aspx

Now more than 100 active nurses, and a new award for Parish Nursing UK.
Congratulations Helen and the team! <http://ow.ly/dXVa30hByHE>

The Esther Collective, a leadership and discipleship initiative for women aged 18-30s is launching in #Bristol in February 2018! More here: <http://ow.ly/RnkW30hmPfs>

Baptists Together & Transform:

The Spring 2018 edition of Baptists Together magazine will be winging its way to all Church Secretaries, this week. Also, the latest issue of Transform is now available to download on the Baptist Union website - click on this link www.baptist.org.uk/transform48

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

Administration Support Vacancy – Southern Counties Baptist Association:

SCBA is seeking part-time administrative support, mainly based in its office in Baptist House, Didcot. This person will provide support for the Regional Ministry Team Leader with respect to all the processes for ministerial and leadership training and development, including the ministerial settlement process, and for the Association Moderator, in developing and maintaining Association documentation. They will work alongside the Association Administration Manager, providing support as

needed.

The post will be for ten hours per week, at a rate of £12.50 per hour. More details are available on the SCBA website <http://www.scba.org.uk/opportunities-to-serve.html>

Closing date for applications is 28 January 2018

Those shortlisted will be informed by 30 January 2018

Interviews will be on the afternoon of 7 February 2018 (venue tbc) - *travel expenses will be paid.*

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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