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

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“With man this is impossible,
but with God all things are possible”

Jesus, in Matthew 19:26

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) - pray for Andy as he eases himself back into ministry this month.
 - Revd David Parsons (Retired Minister) - please pray for David as he continues his treatment.
 - Revd Sandra Platford (Minister at Aldershot Baptist Church) - Sandra's operation was on Tuesday, please pray for a swift recovery.
 - Revd Seyan Tills (Minister at Walmer Baptist Church) – **update** - Please pray for Seyan and all his ongoing health issues; he has had to increase some of his medication again, which is disappointing. He has an
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appointment with the neuropsychologist at St Thomas' (London) on Monday 19 February - please pray that all goes well. Please continue to pray for the church at Walmer as they support Seyan.

(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

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; one of the speakers is Susan Myatt, who has been travelling to Baptist churches across the country, speaking on Deaf Awareness. 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.

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

GDPR information morning:

Becky Cummins, Data Protection Officer at Brighton and Hove City Mission, has offered to put on a training morning to guide you through the new rules regarding data that is held by small charities and aim to answer the questions you may have (please do bear in mind though, that she is not qualified to answer any complicated legal questions).

The training morning will be held at Gateway Baptist Church (Station Road, BURGESS HILL, RH15 9EQ) on Saturday 3 March 2018, 10.30am-1pm (10am for coffee). There will be a £5 charge, to cover costs.

All queries and to book please contact Liz Adshead on liz.admin@seba-baptist.org.uk or 01444 233926. Payment via BACS or by cheque.

To download a poster with more information (including how to pay), click [here](#)

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.

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

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 1 Excellence in Safeguarding

- (All Age service version [8 minutes])
A new Level 1 Excellence in Safeguarding film designed to be shown in all age services.
https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/513615/Level_1_Excellence.aspx
- (Church Meeting version [4 minutes])
A new Level 1 Excellence in Safeguarding film designed to be shown to your Church Meeting.
https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/514025/Level_1_Excellence.aspx
- (Materials for Children and Young People)
A new Level 1 Excellence in Safeguarding written material designed to be used with your children and young people.
https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/514026/Level_1_Excellence.aspx

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 24 February 2018 /// Canterbury Baptist Church - 9.30am - cost £10 per space
- Saturday 10 March 2018 /// Bookham Baptist Church – 9.30am - cost £10 per space.
- Saturday 24 March 2018 /// Seaford Baptist Church - 9.30am - cost £10 per space
- Saturday 19 May 2018 /// Battle Baptist Church - 9.30am - cost £10 per space
- Monday 4 June 2018 /// Cheriton Baptist Church – 6pm - cost £10 per space
- Saturday 15 September 2018 /// Farnham 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 24 February 2018 /// Canterbury Baptist Church - 1.30pm - cost £10 per space
- Saturday 10 March 2018 /// Bookham Baptist Church – 1.30pm - cost £10 per space
- Saturday 24 March 2018 /// Seaford Baptist Church - 1.30pm - cost £10 per space
- Saturday 15 September 2018 /// Farnham Baptist Church - 1.30pm- cost £10 per space
- 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)

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.

SEBA GDPR information morning:

Saturday 3 March 2018 - Gateway Baptist Church, Burgess Hill - details in SEBA Training, above

Grave Talk (Life Issues):

Saturday 3rd March 10.30am-12.00 noon

Godalming Baptist Church (Queen Street, GODALMING, GU7 1BA)

Led by Revd Margot Spencer and Penny Naylor with tea and cake!. An informal session talking about death, thinking about your funeral etc for people of all faith and doubt.

To book your place please contact Sally Pollard - 01483-428646

pollard3@hotmail.co.uk or Janet Fry janetfry1@gmail.com

Click [here to download a poster](#)

Induction service - Revd Gordon Penman

Saturday 3 March 2018 , 2.30pm

Beltinge Baptist Church (44 Reculver Road, HERNE BAY, CT6 6LQ)

Beltinge Baptist Church are delighted to announce the induction of Revd Gordon Penman as their minister on Saturday 3rd March at 2.30pm. If you would like to attend, please inform the Secretary, Gillian Fuller at gillianct53he@yahoo.co.uk for catering purposes.

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](#)

It Takes Two - Building a Lasting Marriage:

Tuesday 6 March 2018, 7.30-10pm

The Charis Centre, CRAWLEY, RH11 7EL

Tickets from £4-£7. To book 029 2081 0800 cff.org.uk/ittakestwo

For more information, click on each link to download: [a poster](#) / [a postcard flyer](#) / [a brochure](#).

'What do the people of God look like?' Women's Away-Day:

Wednesday 28 March 2018 (change of date) 10.00am-4.00pm

Waverley Abbey House

Led by Debbie Laycock. To book your place please contact Sally Pollard - 01483-428646 pollard3@hotmail.co.uk or Janet Fry janetfry1@gmail.com

Click [here](#) to download a **(new)** poster

SEBA Day of Prayer 2018:

Sunday 18 March 2018 - More details to follow

Bright Black Forum Presents: Beyond the Dream? - Marking the 50th Anniversary of the death of Martin Luther King Jr:

Tuesday 24 April 2018, 9.45am – 4.00pm

Highgate Baptist Church Centre (Conybere Street, Highgate, Birmingham, B12 0YL)

Cost: £20.00, includes lunch and refreshments.

Fifty years after the death of Revd Dr Martin Luther King, how do we regard his ministry, activism and its relevance for today? Bright Black is convening a one day conference to explore and provide a more holistic and comprehensive appraisal of MLK's work, assess whether his non-violent struggle actually bore fruit and, whether it is a relevant mode of social action in today's context of increasing racism. Please [Click Here](#) for details

The conference is being organised ecumenically by Revd Kumar Rajagopalan, Professor Anthony Reddie, Revd David Shosanya & Revd Dr Michael Jagessar, and together we warmly invite you to this conference.

Please [Click Here](#) to book.

For more details, please email Kumar Rajagopalan on siva_kumar.t21@btinternet.com
Bright Black Forum is a gathering organised by Revd Rajagopalan to encourage Black & Minority Ethnic ministers, primarily Baptist, to undertake studies at masters and doctoral level that they may seek to serve in theological teaching roles.

There are no ordinary people - Jeff Lucas (& the Searchlight Theatre Company):

Monday 26 March 2018, 7.15pm

Worthing Baptist Church (Christchurch Road, WORTHING, BN11 1JH)

Suitable for all

Tickets £10 till 28th Feb. Tickets £12 in March.

Online booking at searchlighttheatre.org

Wintershall events:

The Passion of Jesus - live in Trafalgar Square

Good Friday, 30 March 2018

Free performances 12 noon & 3.15pm

The event will be live streamed, check out www.wintershall-estate.com for more

information

Click [here to download the poster](#)

The Passion of Jesus - *live on Guildford High Street*

Easter Saturday, 31 March 2018

Free performances 12 noon & 2.30pm

Click [here to download the poster](#)

The Life of Christ - *Wintershall Estate*

19-23 June 2018, 10am-3.30pm

(Wintershall, BRAMLEY, GU5 0LR)

Book now at www.wintershall-estate.com or by calling 01793-418299

Click [here to download the poster](#)

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.

National New Housing Conference:

Saturday 28 April 2018, 10am-4pm

Finchampsted Baptist Church (FBC Centre, Gorse Ride North, Finchampstead, Berkshire, RG40 4ES)

All welcome

In these times of housing crisis in which building new homes has been defined as a government priority, many cities, towns and villages are experiencing growth through new housing. Our challenge as Christians is how we respond to these new communities with welcome and blessing. The New Housing Hub is a network that has been established to inspire, resource and connect pioneers, churches and individual Christians across the country and from all church traditions to respond to this challenge and engage with these new communities. This conference is an opportunity to gather together to learn from and with one another, to be resourced and to build relationships, particularly with those from similar contexts and

geographic areas, so that together we can make a difference and see God's kingdom come in new communities across our nation.

If you are interested in exploring what it would look like to engage with new housing near you, or if you are already committed to missionally engaging with new housing, don't miss out on this exciting conference! Come along (and bring a team!) It's a national conference open to all denominations and Christian traditions.

To book your place click on the link

https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/514643/Housing_Hub_Conference.aspx

If you would like any further information, please contact Revd Penny Marsh (who is leading the event) penny@seba-baptist.org.uk

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.

SEBA Pastors' Study Trip - Israel:

4-11 October 2018 - more details in SEBA Notices above

SEBA Make A Difference (MAD) Mission:

20-25 October 2018 - Headcorn

Do you want to do something worth while this year? Do you want to make a difference, share your faith, help with a mission, grow in your Christian life, learn new skills, return to your church a changed person? Then joining a 'MAD' team is for you.

For more information, check out the SEBA website - [click here](#).

Click [here for a booking form](#).

Holy Land Tour 2019:

3-11 April 2019

David Ronco (Hertford) is leading another of his popular introductory trips to the Holy Land next year from April 3rd – 11th. This nine day tour is ideal for first time visitors exploring key Biblical sites in Galilee, Nazareth, Jerusalem and Bethlehem. As well as walking where Jesus walked the trip also provides unique opportunities to meet local Christians and understand how the Lord is working today through his church in Israel/Palestine. For a review of his last trip and brochure for this next one visit www.baptisttwinningisrael.org.uk or contact David on dcronco@gmail.com

Advice, Resources & Information

Baptist Union news:

Baptist Union Prayer Diary for week beginning beginning 11 February: Please pray for the Heart of England Baptist Association as they endeavour to stimulate and assist the region's Baptist churches for their God-given task of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ; and nurture values of companionship, generosity, diversity, learning and innovation.

www.heart-of-england.org

Please join us for this year's Thy Kingdom Come 2018, 10th - 20th May 2018 and pledge to pray for people you know to find the love of Jesus Christ. Join the global wave of prayer #Pledge2Pray at www.ThyKingdomCome.global

"The Revd Dan Pratt, a Baptist minister in Southend-on-Sea and the EBA's Anti-Slavery Coordinator, opened the meeting with a rousing argument for why the church should be involved in fighting slavery, referencing the Good Samaritan and Jesus' mission to set the oppressed free."

Report from the recent modern slavery summit <http://ow.ly/rZqh30i7hqd>

Explore who you are, and who you are called to be.... it's great to have writer Lucy Mills introduce her second book: The quest for an undivided heart - finding meaning and motivation in Christ <http://ow.ly/U9FQ30i7kdU>

Mosaic Creative have recently produced several digital stories from the experiences

of people suffering with various mental health issues. These provide advice on how the church can be safe, welcoming and inclusive. This is Dean's story

<https://youtu.be/LOxwo5GMfMs>

And please don't forget:

Baptist Assembly bookings are open. We are delighted to be bringing the Assembly back to the KingsGate Centre for 2018 and hope you and others from your church will join us as we gather for a day of worship and celebration.

www.baptistassembly.org.uk

Jobs

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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