

**Weekly update from the  
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“From the LORD comes deliverance.  
May your blessing be on your people.”

Psalm 3:8

### Prayer requests

Please remember in your prayers those, across the Association, who are unwell or in need:

- Revd David Hill & Sandra Hill - please pray for them both, following the tragic loss of their sons, Jason & Stuart, in last week's helicopter crash at the Grand Canyon.
- 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) - pray for Sandra's recovery, following her recent arm operation.
- Revd Seyan Tills (Minister at Walmer Baptist Church) – Please pray for Seyan and all his ongoing health issues. He has an 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](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

### **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.

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### **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](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**

### **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](mailto: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](#)

### **GDPR Webinar:**

The Baptist Union are planning to put on a webinar, on Tuesday 27 March (details will be circulated to churches in due course). A video of the webinar will also be

available (after the event), and will be on the Baptist Union's new GDPR dedicated page (which will be up and running soon).

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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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**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](mailto:pam.admin@seba-baptist.org.uk)

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### **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](mailto: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)***

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### **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](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](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](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 28 April 2018 /// Reigate 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 6 October 2018 /// Ashford 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]*

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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

**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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**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.*

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**SEBA GDPR information morning:**

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

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**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.

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

[pollard3@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pollard3@hotmail.co.uk) or Janet Fry [janetfry1@gmail.com](mailto:janetfry1@gmail.com)

Click [here](#) to download a poster

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**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](mailto:gillianct53he@yahoo.co.uk) for catering purposes.

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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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### **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](http://cff.org.uk/ittakestwo)

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

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### **"Know and Grow":**

*Saturday 17 March 2018, 9.30am-4.30pm Worthing Baptist Church (Christchurch Road, Worthing, BN11 1JH)*

Led by Pete & Christine Winmill of Count Everyone In ([www.counteveryonein.org.uk](http://www.counteveryonein.org.uk))

This is a training day for churches and groups involved in Christian ministry with adults with learning disabilities.

Cost £15 - please bring your own food for lunch - other refreshments provided.

For details and booking information contact Pete & Christine

Winmill ([counteveryonein@gmail.com](mailto:counteveryonein@gmail.com)) or Helen Philip ([shineworthing@gmail.com](mailto:shineworthing@gmail.com))

This day is suitable for those with some experience, but will include a refresher of the key areas of basic training offered by Count Everyone In so no prior training is necessary.

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

*Sunday 18 March 2018 - More details to follow*

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### **'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](mailto:pollard3@hotmail.co.uk) or Janet Fry [janetfry1@gmail.com](mailto:janetfry1@gmail.com)

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

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### **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](mailto: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.*

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**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](http://searchlighttheatre.org)

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**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](http://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](http://www.wintershall-estate.com) or by calling 01793-418299

Click [here to download the poster](#)

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**SEBA Disabilities Awareness Day:**

*Saturday 21 April 2018 - Reigate Baptist Church*

more information to follow

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**SEBA Communications Workshop:**

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

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**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](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](mailto:penny@seba-baptist.org.uk)

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#### **Baptist Historical Society - 2018 AGM & Lectures:**

*Thursday 10 May 2018, AGM at 1.30pm and lectures from 2pm (anticipated close 4pm)*

*Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church (Shaftesbury Avenue, LONDON, WC2H 8EP)*

*"Journeying to justice: Where do we go from here?"*

Revd Gale Richards, minister of Zion Baptist church, Cambridge, co-ordinator of the Baptist Union of Great Britain Black and Minority Ethnic Women Ministers' network, and co-editor of "Journeying to Justice: contributions to the Baptist Tradition across the Black Atlantic"

*"Diversity and Unity - some reflections on European baptistic gathering communities"*

Revd Dr Keith G. Jones, formerly Rector of the International Baptist Theological Seminary (Prague)

These lectures are free

BHS members and non-members welcome

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

Notices above

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**SEBA Core Leaders training:**

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

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**SEBA Pastors' Study Trip - Israel:**

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

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**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](#).

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**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](http://www.baptisttwinningisrael.org.uk) or contact David on [dronco@gmail.com](mailto:dronco@gmail.com)

## Advice, Resources & Information

**Baptist Union news:**

**Baptist Union Prayer Diary for week beginning beginning 18 February:** The Ministries Team is one of the three Specialist Teams based at Baptist House. Please pray for the staff of the Team as they work to support all forms of

recognised and accredited ministry amongst our churches, as well as providing guidance and advice on ministry-related matters. [www.baptist.org.uk/ministries](http://www.baptist.org.uk/ministries)

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**New Home needed for chairs:**

40 steel-framed stacking chairs with red upholstery (some a bit worn at the edges, others very good condition - all perfectly serviceable) - need a new home.

You would need to arrange transport to collect them. Please email Steph if you are interested ([admin@seba-baptist.org.uk](mailto:admin@seba-baptist.org.uk))

## Jobs

**Children and Families Worker - Fleet Baptist Church**

Full-time, 40 hours per week (working 5 days a week, including Sundays and other weekend and evening work)

Salary range: £22,500-£26,000 (depending on experience)

Click [here to download a job description & person specification](#)

Click [here to download an application form](#)

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**Child & Family Worker - New Life Church, Woking**

New Life Church, Woking are looking to recruit a Child & Family Worker to maintain and develop a vibrant and effective children's ministry within the church and the wider community. The successful applicant will be part of a growing and fun team ministry of salaried and volunteer workers, and will work closely with our Youth & Young Adults Pastor.

The post is currently advertised for 4 days per week with a salary of £16,000 (£20,000 pro-rata).

For details and a full job description, please email: [alan@newlifechurch.org.uk](mailto:alan@newlifechurch.org.uk)

Applications close 31 March 2018

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## **Reception and Administration Support - Tunbridge Wells Baptist Church**

Job Type: Permanent, part-time

Hours: 9.00 to 13.00 Monday to Friday. Additional hours flexible.

Salary: Competitive, dependent on experience

Starting date: April 2018

Closing date for applications: 9 March 2018

Tunbridge Wells Baptist Church is a growing diverse church family of 350 adults and children. We have young families, folk from overseas, older people and more, reflecting the community in which we live! Our vision is to be part of God's transforming work in our community.

Due to the current post holder stepping down to spend more time away from Tunbridge Wells we are looking to recruit either one or two part time office staff to provide reception and administration support to the church.

The building, based in the centre of town, is well used during the week and you will be the first point of contact for many people contacting the church - the ideal person will be calm, warm and organised!

For the right person or people (the role could be shared), the hours would be up to 23 hours a week to cover the following areas:

- Welcoming visitors, dealing with phone calls, post and emails from 9.00 to 13.00 Monday to Friday
- Dealing with booking enquiries, taking bookings, arranging access and setting up rooms. Putting together a weekly schedule and ensuring everything runs smoothly. Report any issues with the building to the warden.
- Ordering of supplies, photocopying, printing of resources as required.
- Producing weekly service sheets and power points, updating the website and Facebook page and all other church publicity material and ensuring that the notice boards and handout displays are attractive and up to date.
- Organise the practical aspects of baptisms, weddings, funerals, courses and other special events.

- Complete other tasks as requested

The successful candidate will have good IT and communication skills (and be willing to attend training courses if required) and be able handle all situations with sensitivity and good humour. It is important that staff are a part of the Church family and our mission, and so they would be expected to become a member of TWBC and attend Sunday morning services regularly.

For further information and an application form, please contact Barbara O'Driscoll at [barbara.odriscoll@twbc.org.uk](mailto:barbara.odriscoll@twbc.org.uk)

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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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