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**Weekly update from the
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"I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth."

Psalm 121: 1-2

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's back at work.
 - Revd David Hill & Sandra Hill - please pray for them as they grieve the loss of their sons.
 - Revd David Parsons (Retired Minister) - please pray for David as he continues his treatment.
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- 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. 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)

Note Book left at Ministers Conference!!!

If you lost a spiral bound note book with pink and blue cover at the Conference Liz Adshead now has it. Please e mail her where you would like it posted. liz.admin@seba-baptist.org.uk 01444 233926

SEBA Notices

SEBA's Church Project of the Year 2018:

Sheddingdean Baptist Church (Cornerstone Project) is the SEBA Church Project for 2018. In order for every church to communicate the vision they have produced a video to be shown in Church and Church Meetings. It can be found at the following link <https://youtu.be/zOIEKyPR2hc>

They would love every SEBA church to stand with them in support of their vision by means of a financial gift and in praying for them. Gifts for the Cornerstone can be made payable to 'SBC Cornerstone Account' and sent to Tafrina Styles, Treasurer, Wayside, Slugwash Lane, Wivelsfield Green, East Sussex. RH17 7RG.

Thank you in anticipation of your support and if you would like any further information please contact Trevor Beckett on

01444 236292 or email tbeckett@btopenworld.com

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. If you are interested, please let Stuart know stuart@seba-baptist.org.uk

South Eastern Baptist Women's Ministry:

Future Events:

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: Bookings close on Monday (26 February 2018)

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](#)

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).

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 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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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 Small Groups training:

Saturday 24th February 2018, 10am-1pm

Folkestone Baptist Church (Hill Road, Folkestone, CT19 6LY). Bookings must have been made in advance.

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.

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)

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](#).

"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)

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) or Helen Philip (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.

SEBA Day of Prayer 2018:

Sunday 18 March 2018 - More details to follow

'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

Battle Sportsreach 2018:

Bookings now open! Netball & Soccer School

Wednesday 4 to Sunday 8 April 2018

@ Battle Sports Centre, Claverham

Cost £50 – same as last year (Some financial help may be available)

Netball for anyone aged 9 to 13

Soccer for anyone aged 7 to 14

10-4pm daily (Wednesday-Saturday) - Saturday ends with World Cup & BBQ until 5pm

10.45am Sunday SportsReach Awards Service at Baptist Baptist Church, Mount Street

Please email Church Office for a booking form office@battlebaptistchurch.org.uk or [download it by clicking here](#)

Training in Pastoral Care:

Thursday 12 April & Thursday 17 May 2018, 7pm-9.30pm

Pulborough URC (80 Lower St, Pulborough, RH20 2DW)

Session 1: 12 April: Introduction to Pastoral Care

Session 2: 17 May: Developing your Listening Skills

For more details or to book your place, contact Andy

Twilley: training@urcsouthern.org.uk

Everyone welcome - no charge

Click [here](#) to download a poster

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.

Please [Click Here](#) for details

Please [Click Here](#) to book.

For more details, please email Kumar Rajagopalan on siva_kumar.t21@btinternet.com

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](#)

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 - 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

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

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.

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 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. For a review of his last trip and brochure for this next one visit www.baptistwinningisrael.org.uk or contact David on dcronco@gmail.com

Advice, Resources & Information

Baptist Union news:

Baptist Union Prayer Diary for week beginning beginning 25 February: This year, the theme of Fairtrade Fortnight is “Come on in to Fairtrade” and meet your

neighbours – the farmers who grow and produce the food we eat each day. For churches, this theme gives the opportunity to celebrate God's welcome for all, and helps us consider how as Christians we can be good neighbours to others.

www.fairtrade.org.uk

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)

Jobs

Trustee Opportunity with YMCA Downslink Group:

YMCA DownsLink Group (YMCA DLG) was formed two years ago with a vision to be an inclusive organisation with a Christian foundation, transforming communities in Surrey and Sussex so that all children and young people can belong, contribute and thrive. As part of our strategic planning, we are looking for a new trustee to join the Board, with a specific responsibility for young people influencing.

The position is not salaried and reasonable expenses will be paid.

You must be in the age range of 18 - 30 years of age at the start of the tenure of the role

Further Information

For more information you can download the Trustee Recruitment Information Pack from our website - <https://www.ymcadlg.org/job-vacancies/youth-trustee/>

The closing date for applications is Monday 12th March 2018 at 9am.

The interview date is Tuesday 20th March 2018.

For an informal and confidential discussion please contact Fiona Hall, Head of People, on 01273 222550/557.

How to apply

To apply for this position please provide an up to date CV with a short explanation as to why you are interested in working with us as a youth trustee to Fiona Hall at recruitment@ymcadlg.org

YMCA DownsLink Group requires all staff and volunteers to be committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults. Successful applicants are required to undertake an Enhanced Disclosure via the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).

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](#)

Closing date for applications 2nd March 2018.

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

Applications close 31 March 2018

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

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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