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**Weekly update from the
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"In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice;
In the morning I lay my requests before you and
wait in expectation. "

Psalm 5:3

SEBA Day of Prayer

Prior to his home-call, David Burr shared with the SEBA team that he had been inspired through a vision, whilst at prayer in a Cathedral, to call the association to a day of prayer. Believing this to be of God, we want to see David's vision fulfilled. Thus we are inviting all the churches of SEBA to join in this Sunday, 18th March 2018. How each church works with this is up to you. It may just be an inclusion in the services or it could over-spill into prayer times that day, or during the week. If you can't join us on that date, please find another day later in the year that suits.

We long for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit here in the South East. That is God's prerogative; but we can help or hinder this; we can seek His face.

Click here to [download a PowerPoint presentation](#) that you can use during your

service or meeting - alternatively, you can download it direct from the Resources page of the SEBA website (www.seba-baptist.org.uk)

“When we work we work, when we pray, God works.” Oswald Smith

Many of our churches already hold Beacons of Prayer meetings and other prayer groups. We have lost David Burr and Brian Hasler but I know that for both of them the call to pray for the South East was vital.

There are many situations and people who need our prayers at the moment and I will put some of them below; however the prayer for our daily bread is vital – by which I mean the resources of the Kingdom of Heaven let loose today. Revival is the call for God’s Spirit to re-vive, to put life back in, to that which is struggling or half-dead. In other words, this isn’t about the conversion of lots of people; it is about us. We need revival. The overflow of that causes the transformation of lives and homes around us. 95% of the folk around us do not know Jesus, so we long for that overflow!

At the Ministers’ Conference we were challenged to pray for fire to fall from heaven on the church (not as in Alan Finnegan’s illustration from Liverpool where his intern is charged with setting the church on fire!) and we must not let that be a moment of excitement that then becomes a damp squib.

- Please pray for the SEBA team as we try to sort things out after the loss of our two great friends David Burr and Brian Hasler. And please prayer for Paula Burr and Brian’s family as well as Isobel Edwards after Andrew’s home call.
 - Please pray for David and Sandra Hill after the loss of their two sons, Jason and Stuart.
 - Please pray for a continued increase in our interdependency in the churches of SEBA, learning that healthy churches support one another and are not isolated.
 - Please pray for the Turning coming to East Sussex.
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- In addition to our prayers for ourselves we are being called to pray with our brothers and sisters in Christ during the eight days of 'Thy Kingdom Come' 13th-20th May.

Remember those, across the Association, on our prayer requests list below

Please join us in prayer

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 David Hill & Sandra Hill - please pray for them both, with the upcoming funerals of their sons, Stuart & Jason, on 22 March.
 - The Mumford family (at South Ashford Baptist Church) - please continue to pray for their eldest son, Daniel, who is suffering with Shingles; and the whole family with the upcoming funeral of Carolyne's father, this Wednesday, 21 March.
 - Revd David Parsons (Retired Minister) - please pray for David, as he starts radiotherapy next month.
 - 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) – **update** - Seyan saw his consultant at King's this week (the one who will make the final decision about the deep brain stimulation implant for his Parkinson's). He is trying to arrange a 24-hour appointment for Seyan, so they can run further tests; hopefully within the next 6-8 weeks. The consultant still has concerns on how Seyan will react to the surgery, and also his higher risk of infection (so it contacting those dealing with all of Seyan's other, ongoing medical issues to discuss things further). Please
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pray for Seyan's consultant; pray for a hospital bed for the tests to go ahead; and especially for Seyan, for clarity and wisdom in making any decisions, and for all the ongoing health issues he battles with daily. Please continue to pray for the church at Walmer as they support Seyan.

- Revd Jan Vidler (Minister at Community Church Robertsbridge) - please continue to pray for Jan, following the recent loss of her mother.

(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 or updates are highlighted)

All finance paperwork!

It is apparent that a number of our Church Treasurers and Finance Administrators don't appear to have picked up on the fact that David Burr, our late Association Treasurer, has passed away. Cheques, letters and emails are still being sent to David, which means his widow, Paula is having to pass along anything sent to their address.

Please, please can you ensure that you inform all officers and staff of his passing, and ask them to send any correspondence (including cheques) to our Administrator, Steph Tidy - 17 Cherry Close, BURGESS HILL, RH15 9PR admin@seba-baptist.org.uk

Thank you

SEBA Notices

SEBA's Church Project of the Year 2018:

Don't forget to check out SEBA's Church Project of the Year 2018, Sheddingdean Baptist Church (Cornerstone Project), video <https://youtu.be/zOIEKyPR2hc>

All Church Secretaries should have received the paperwork, in the post, this week.

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 speeches from Revd Susan Myatt (Heart of England Baptist Association – Minister among the Deaf Church and Community) and Pete and Christine Winmill (“Count Everyone In” – sharing the love of Jesus with people with learning disabilities and enabling Churches to do so too). There will be 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.

The cost is £10 per person. Please click [here for the publicity poster](#) and click [here for the booking form](#) for the above day (you can also find these links on the resources page of the SEBA website).

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 Webinar:

Don't forget the Baptist Union's webinar on Tuesday 27 March (details will be circulated to churches in due course, or can be found, nearer the time on the link

below) - the webinar will include a time for questions. 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 is now up and running <http://www.baptist.org.uk/gdpr>

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 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 30 June 2018 /// Redhill Baptist Church - 9.30am - cost £10 per space
- Saturday 14 July 2018 /// Borstal Baptist Church - 9.30am - 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

* Please note, anyone attending both level 2 & 3 training, on the same day, will need

to bring a packed lunch (unless otherwise stated).

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

Please note - with all events advertised below, whilst we are publicising them, the views and comments expressed are not necessarily approved by the Association - unless they have been organised specifically by the Association.

"Why Bother With The Bible?"

Saturday 17 March 2018, 10am to 4pm

Frindsbury Baptist Church (Cooling Road, STROOD, ME2 4RG)

Free Seminar - free tea, coffee & snacks

Click [here to download a poster](#)

"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)

SEBA Day of Prayer 2018:

Sunday 18 March 2018 - More details above

Renew Wellbeing Information Evening:

Thursday 22 March 2018, 7.15pm

Queens Road Baptist Church (Broadstairs, CT22 7NU)

More information is available on the website – www.renewwellbeing.org.uk

Or email Alison on Alirkitch@hotmail.com

'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

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

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](#)

Adrian Plass (& Searchlights Theatre Company) 'Out of his head':

Friday 20 April 2018 7:15pm - 9pm

Auditorium, Guildford Baptist Church (Millmead, GUILDFORD, GU2 4BE)

For more information and to book online, go to: www.guildfordbaptist.org

Alternatively, contact the church office on 01483 575008.

SEBA Disabilities Awareness Day:

Saturday 21 April 2018 - Reigate Baptist Church

more details above.

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

SEBA Communications Workshop:

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

'Living With Cancer':

Saturday 28th April 2018 (Coffee from 9.30am) 10.00am-12.00 noon

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

Led by Dr Karen Jones GP at Binscombe Medical Centre. The morning will cover some of the treatments and side effects, advice about how to look after yourself following treatment, information about resources and self-help groups and positive news about improved survival data. The morning is for everyone, those with diagnosis, friends and family and everyone who wants to have more awareness of living with cancer. There is no charge but an opportunity to donate to the Farncombe Community Garden Project-a place for those with any long-term health condition to come and find peace or rest or therapy through gardening.

To book a place please contact Sally Pollard pollard3@hotmail.co.uk 01483-428646 or Janet Fry janetfry1@gmail.com

Click [here to download a poster](#)

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?”

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

Rural Ministries Annual Conference:

Friday 8- Saturday 9 June 2018

Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire

The conference cost is just £90 per person including accommodation on the 8th June, all meals and delegate packs. Full details of the event and booking information can be found on our [website](#) or on [Facebook](#).

Click [here to download a flyer](#)

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.baptisttwinningisrael.org.uk or contact David on dcronco@gmail.com

Advice, Resources & Information

Baptist Union news:

Baptist Union Prayer Diary for week beginning beginning 18 March: Please pray for the work of the Joint Public Issues Team, who encourage us to think about what it means to be a Christian in the midst of our changing world and offer resources on how we can live prophetically in a time of political turbulence, social upheaval and climate change. www.jointpublicissues.org

Baptist Union Council is meeting 14-15 March and we would love it if you could join us in prayer before, during and after. This will include a Facebook live prayer event on the 14th at 9pm. For prayer points and full agenda visit

https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/482097/BU_Council_prayer.aspx

Churches wanting to make their congregations places of gender equality have been

encouraged to adopt this 8 point manifesto.

The challenge comes from the Sophia Network, which has just published research into women's experience of the church. <http://ow.ly/750430iPjX7>

"We're asked to go within to gestate the newness God is trying to form..." Lynn Green reflects on the words of Sue Monk-Kidd's book, "When the heart waits" in our latest key communications from the Baptist Steering Group
<https://www.baptist.org.uk/Publisher/Article.aspx?ID=517198>

'More than just a chippy'

Great to catch up with Neil Roberts, the Baptist minister instrumental in launching the UK's 1st ever community fish and chip shop. All profits reinvested in the community, providing local employment, queues out of the door - check out our story here
<http://ow.ly/DTvV30iOijK>

Also, it was on Wednesday's One Show! Catch up on iPlayer, around 2 mins in

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

We are excited to be hosting a Messy Church Does Science session at this year's Baptist Assembly! It's likely to be a popular session. Follow the link to make sure you and your family don't miss out <http://ow.ly/71C630iPrit>

Teaching, Worship, Craft, and drama are just some of the things planned for the children's programme at Baptist Assembly this year. Led by a team from I Sing Pop, this promises to be a fun packed day for all children in school years reception to year 6. www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/484052/Childrens_and_Youth.aspx

Jobs

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

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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