

**Weekly update from the
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"Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns!
Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory!"

Revelation 19: 6-7

Called home

Paul Bayliss, of Halton Baptist Church; son of Chrissie & Ray Bayliss (retired Baptist Minister) died suddenly last week. Paul's funeral is at Hastings Crematorium on Wednesday 28 March at 10.15am. Paul's sisters, and their families, have flown in from Singapore and Uganda to be here with them. Please pray for all the family, including Paul's ex-wife and their children.

Hazel Mitchell passed away last week. Hazel was a long standing member of Gillingham Baptist Church and was very much involved with the Kent Baptist Association, and then in the initial year, with the South Eastern Baptist Association. She was a tireless Christian worker who sadly suffered from dementia these last 6 years. Her funeral service will be at Medway Crematorium on Tuesday 10 April at 2.00pm. If anyone has memories or recollections of Hazel that they would like to send please pass them on to stephengreasley@bopenworld.com who will endeavour to use the comments

either at the funeral service or one Sunday morning at Gillingham Baptist Church.

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 Parsons (Retired Minister) - please pray for David, as he starts radiotherapy next month.
- Revd Seyan Tills (Minister at Walmer Baptist Church) – Please pray for Seyan, for all his ongoing health issues he battles with daily. 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 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 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).

Note to all Treasurer's:

Please ensure you are aware of increase to the minimum wage next month; which rises to £7.83 per hour, and applies to anyone you employ.

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 (you can click on [this link](#) to join the webinar, which will be held, via Skype at 11am on the Tuesday) - 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.

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

'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

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

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service - Guildford:

Guildford Baptist Church is holiday a cross-church Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday, which Karen Case-Green is co-hosting with Revd Canon Andrew Wheeler, from the Anglicans.

Millmead will then be offering a cooked breakfast afterwards – please can you circulate the details to your church? You can either click on this [link to download the flyer](#) or go to the SEBA website resources page and download it direct

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.

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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.

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 25 March: This week we pray for the Southern Counties Baptist Association. The 160 churches in Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Dorset and Hampshire aim to work together in unity to encourage and resource one another. Pray for the staff: Colin Norris, Joth Hunt, David Llewellyn, Ali Boulton, Clare Hooper and Amy Allen as they begin life as a new team. www.scba.org.uk

'Investing in Godly leaders'. A report of Baptist Union Council, March 2018

https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/518190/Investing_in_Godly.aspx

Our General Secretary Lynn Green reflects on what it means to pray 'thy kingdom come' https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z1V_AOYldU4

Our Easter worship and reflections in British Sign Language are now available to view and download. Rev Susan Myatt and friends use song, drama and reflection. to view visit https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/517949/Easter_reflections_in.aspx

Read the latest report from our Children, Young People and Families Round Table who met earlier this month

https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/517940/CYF_Round_Table.aspx

Lynn Green encourages you and your church to attend the Baptist Assembly in May.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6upYmiwPI9M>

Available NOW from Amazon e-books

Loitering on the Camino Francés – The Fool on the Hill - Stephen J Cave –

Alias Brian the Snail:

The story of one man's journey on the Camino Francés and the rediscovery of the lost art of loitering. A less than serious attempt to relive the fun, laughter, practical lessons, spiritual experiences and celebration that the Camino proved to be. Ending of course with a surprising encounter with the 'fool on the hill' that gets seriously close to being life-changing.

Jobs

Yorkshire Baptist Association - Regional Minister:

We're seeking a new Regional Minister with specialist skills in transitional/transformational mission.

Following on from the news circulated last month by Executive Chair Liz Allen, we are excited to share further details of our search for a third Regional Minister to work with the churches of the Association and be an integral part of the team.

The successful candidate will preferably be based in South Yorkshire and work closely with an area group of around 40 churches, supporting and inspiring them and their ministers and leaders in mission focussed ministry and service. They will also bring specialist skills in transitional/transformational mission, to serve all the churches of the Association as we encourage and embrace new ways of making connections with the communities we are called to serve.

Applicants will have experience in transitioning a church/s from decline to growth and a clear understanding and ability to communicate the challenges and opportunities that exist in our rapidly changing culture.

Central to our Baptist understanding of church life is communal discernment. Before completing an application, we encourage potential applicants to share their interest in the role with a few close friends, spiritual director and/or mentor, and seek their wisdom and guidance as together we follow the prompting of the Spirit in exploring

an applicant's suitability for the role.

The closing date for applications is Thursday, 18th April 2018.

Further details including role description and person specification, can be found on the YBA website on this link

<http://www.yba.org.uk/content/pages/documents/1521638437.pdf>.

After reading the role details on the YBA website, if you would like more information or would like to speak further, please contact Graham Ensor on graham.ensor@yba.org.uk or telephone 07515 704023.

Application forms and an overview of the terms and conditions are available by e-mail from Debbie Gamble, YBA Administrator, at debbie.gamble@yba.org.uk

Please join with us in prayer as together we seek God's guidance for this appointment.

Vacancy for schoolworkers - Fleet & Crookham Churches Together in Schools (FACCTS):

FACCTS has the opportunity to develop our work in local schools in Fleet. We are looking for the right person or people to join our existing team in full- or part-time roles. Please visit <http://www.faccts.org.uk/jobs.html> or contact Sue Fisher (suefisher@ntlworld.com) to find out more.

Closing date for applications 30 April 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

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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