

**Weekly update from the
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"This is how we know what love is:
Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.
And we ought to lay down our lives
For our brothers and sisters."

1 John 3:16

Note from Revd David Hill:

Dear Friends,

Sandra and I thank those who has sent us cards of condolences, flowers and/or supported us in prayer following the death of our two grown up children and their 3 friends in the Grand Canyon Tragedy. The amount of churches who have written to us has touched us deeply. This continues to be a traumatic and painfully raw time; our house and lives feel very silent apart from the sobs of grief and in many ways it feels like we are in the Silent Saturday of Easter and Resurrection Sunday seems another world away. We were overawed by the fact that over 500 people attended the funeral of our boys and many churches and their ministers were represented at Broadwater Baptist where I was privileged to serve for 25 years. The church was brilliant in how they rose

to the challenge accommodating and feeding so many people. I will not be at work as a hospital Chaplain for a week or two as I am going to find it tough to be with folk who are dying or supporting their grieving loved ones but would value your prayers as we find the “new us” in a home and life that feels horribly and painfully quiet.

With thanks and appreciation for everyone’s love – it has been a support to us knowing so many care.

David

Hazel Mitchell's 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@btopenworld.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.
- Tim Parsons (Chaplain for the South East Coast Ambulance Service) - recovering from a number of operations to remove kidney stone and replace and remove kidney stents.

- 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)

Feedback from SEBA Day of Prayer

A big thank you to all of those who joined us in prayer for SEBA and those in need across the Association last month.

Whilst we received a number of emails, letting us know that you were standing with us in prayer; it would also be lovely to hear back from anyone with words of encouragement, scripture verses or any feedback from that time of prayer.

Please email Steph admin@seba-baptist.org.uk

Seeking a new SEBA Treasurer

Would you like the opportunity to support and work with the 150+ Baptist Churches across the South East of England?

We are looking for someone who is a member of a SEBA church, and would be commended by their home church as having, not only financial (and possibly accounting) skills and expertise (preferably in the charity sector) but also the godly qualities of a mature disciple of Jesus, who is prepared to work closely in partnership with the existing SEBA Team and others.

The Treasurer is a part of the SEBA Executive, and a Director of the charity. The role

is supported by a Finance Committee, and a part-time book-keeper—with administrative support from the SEBA administrator.

All expenses incurred whilst undertaking the role will be reimbursed by SEBA, but this is not a paid role.

Closing date for applications 30 April 2018

A poster has been circulated via Church Secretaries and Treasurers - please make sure you pass details of this opportunity along to your members.

Please click on this link to [go to the SEBA website to download the information pack and application form](#), or [email Steph](#) to request she send it to you.

SEBA Notices

SEBA Disability Awareness Day - Saturday 21 April - Reigate Baptist Church:

We are pleased to let you know the “Torch Trust for the Blind” will be present at the above, highlighting their new project The Sight Loss Friendly Church and also “Through the Roof” a Christian Charity who Seek to Transform Lives through Jesus with Disabled People. They, along with our other guests, 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), will have the opportunity to present their work and also bring displays etc and facilitate Q & A sessions. This will be invaluable for churches who wish to be as inclusive as possible to everyone in their local community. Don’t forget to book!

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).

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

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 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.

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 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.

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.

Re: JustOne - with J.John:

*Saturday 9th June 2018, 1pm-5pm
at Priestfield Stadium, Gillingham*

JustOne Day - Saturday 9th June 2018.

Over 11,000 people of all ages will gather at Priestfield Stadium.

JustOne Message - Thousands hearing how the Good News of Jesus can transform lives and bring purpose.

JustOne Invitation - JustOne will enable 6,000 people to invite 'just one' – a relative, friend, neighbour or colleague.

For more information go to the website <http://justonepriestfield.com/#>

Open Word Preaching Course 2018-19:

between 16 June 2018- 2 March 2019

Trafalgar Road Baptist Church (Trafalgar Road, HORSHAM, RH12 2QL)

"To preach is to open up the inspired text with such faithfulness and sensitivity that God's voice is heard and God's people obey him" John Stott

Once again we are running this course to help and support those, with or without formal training experience, who may already be preaching as well as those who are interested in exploring this avenue of service to the local church. Using largely a workshop approach we shall work together on texts to produce sermons that are clear, faithful to the text and relevant to the hearers.

This year it will be held over four Saturdays (see dates below) from 9.30am to 3.00pm at Trafalgar Road Baptist Church Horsham and be led by David McCahon, a

Baptist pastor who has worked since retirement with Langham Preaching in West Africa (www.uk.langham.org).

To cover incidental costs there will be a course fee of £20.00 payable at the first session.

An application form and outline programme of the sessions are available from D. McCahon (mccahon@aol.com)

Dates of sessions:

Saturday 16 June 2018; Saturday 29 September 2018; Saturday 17 November 2018;
Saturday 2 March 2019

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](#)

Celebrating, Surviving & Thriving - Women in Baptist Ministry:

Thursday 28 & Friday 29 June 2018

IMC, Birmingham

A 24-hour conference for Baptist women ministers, non-ordained women in a qualifying office, MiTs (Minister In Training) and those exploring a call to ministry.

With Pat Took, Gale Richards, Helen Roberts and Dion White (Worship: Amie Buhari)

Cost: £100 residential (bursaries available) / £75 non-residential)

Click [here for more information](#)

To reserve your place, please email Mary Taylor (mary.taylor@yba.org.uk)

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](#).

Advice, Resources & Information

Baptist Union news:

Baptist Union Prayer Diary for week beginning beginning 8 April: Please pray for the staff of the six Baptist colleges as they seek to equip women and men for effective ministry and mission in a changing world. Pray for the students as they learn and prepare for their various ministry situations.

www.baptist.org.uk/colleges

We are delighted to have Jo and the team from Greenford Baptist Church leading our youth programme at Baptist Assembly this year. To discover more of the programme and the team click here

https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/516985/Youth_Programme.aspx

'Slavery is happening now, and it's happening here' A report from the latest #modernslavery summit held by the Eastern Baptist Association and The Clewer Initiative, which emphasised the importance of community-based intelligence

<http://ow.ly/HFmK30j52EV>

'The Facebook affair in many ways is what we needed – a wake up call.' A Baptist minister's reflection about Facebook <http://ow.ly/fm3c30j6eZw>

Jobs

Fleet Baptist Church opportunities:

Children & Families Worker - Full-time:

Fleet Baptist Church is a lively, spirit-filled community of faith who believe in the transforming power of God.

We are looking for an experienced leader to develop the work of the church in enabling all children and families to find and follow Jesus within the challenges of 21st Century life.

Salary: £22,500-£26,000 dependent on experience/qualifications

For a full job description and application form, email claire@fleetbaptist.org.uk or visit www.fleetbaptist.org.uk/jobs

Closing date: 25th May 2018

Operations Manager - Part-time:

Fleet Baptist Church is a lively, spirit-filled community of faith who believe in the transforming power of God.

We are looking for someone, as a senior member of staff, to lead on the efficient and effective delivery of the organisational and professional arrangements of the church and its interface with the community in line with the agreed strategy and goals.

Salary: £12,000-£15,000 dependent on experience/qualifications

Hours: 20 per week

For a full job description and application form, email claire@fleetbaptist.org.uk or visit www.fleetbaptist.org.uk/jobs

Closing date: 25th May 2018

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

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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