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"Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink.
Whoever believes in me,
as Scripture has said,
rivers of living water will flow from within them."

John 7:37

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 Jim Crompton (Retired Minister) - please pray for Jim, recovering from brain surgery.
 - Revd David Parsons (Retired Minister) - please pray for David as he undergoes radiotherapy.
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- Revd Seyan Tills (Minister at Walmer Baptist Church) - please pray for Seyan as he waits for further specialist appointments; pray 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)

Further to request from some of our subscribers, the weekly emailing will be sent out on Thursdays.

Home Mission grants for 2019!

If any church in the Association is considering applying for a Home Mission Ministry grant for 2019 (and you haven't already let him know), please contact Revd Paul Kerley as soon as possible on paul@seba-baptist.org.uk or 01580-766020.

SEBA Directory & GDPR

With the implementation of the new General Data Protection Regulations on 25 May, SEBA have had to review the processes involved in producing the SEBA directory. As the directory has the potential to be seen by a member of the general public*, we will need to gain consent from every individual with details listed within it (rather than our previous method of contacting one person within the church to get consent for the whole listing). This will take some time, and is no small task - therefore, until the 'consents' are all in place, there will be no new printed directory. This also impacts on the electronic copy of the directory, as we will require the same consents for that.

Some of you have very kindly contacted me to give your consent, but the process demands I do it all officially, and will have to send out the proper forms to you all - which are not yet ready.

If you have not yet requested a final copy of the electronic (in PDF format) directory, and would like a copy, please do so by Tuesday 22 May by emailing Steph Tidy on admin@seba-baptist.org.uk or calling her on 01444-233431.

Once we have a majority of 'consents' in place we expect to publish a new electronic copy for the first couple of months, and then arrange a printed copy when we are sure we have as many entries as we are likely to receive - this may not be until the autumn.

* whilst SEBA do not circulate the directory to the general public, we cannot guarantee the privacy of the directory once we have sent it out to the churches.

Space required!

We have been unsuccessful in finding a spare room or storage cupboard in the SEBA churches (not a surprise, as churches equally have a lot to store), so we wondered whether any of the churches had space on their land, or in the corner of a car park that SEBA could use to house a metal shed or small (shed sized) storage container on. Preferably somewhere not immediately obviously to the general public, as whilst the contents would not have much value to anyone else, we would want to ensure it is unlikely to attract vandalism. SEBA would provide the shed/container, and would expect to give a love gift to the church concerned.

If you are able to help at all, please contact Steph Tidy admin@seba-baptist.org.uk
01444-233431

SEBA Notices

Vacancies to represent SEBA across the area:

SEBA have some vacancies on groups that you may be interested in (see list below).

- three SACRE vacancies - on the panels, who provide input into how Religious Education is taught and collective worship is undertaken in our schools - the vacancies are in LEA areas of [Surrey](#), [Medway](#) and (as from August) [Kent](#) - click on the area for the role description.
- up to two Trustee vacancies for the Kent Workplace Mission - the KWM work in Kent, Medway, Bromley & Bexley supporting people of faith, at work; developing chaplaincy ministries in workplaces and helping local Christian communities to actively engage with their local economic community. For more information, [go to their website](#)

If you are interested in being involved in this way, please email Steph admin@seba-baptist.org.uk

Ministers and Leaders Conference 2019:

This is advance notice that the SEBA Conference, which is for Ministers, and Leaders of churches with no Minister, will be held at Ashburnham Place, 26-28 February 2019. We are delighted that Revd Professor Philip McCormack MBE will be our guest speaker. Philip is the Principal of Spurgeon's College. If these dates are not already in your diary for next year, please note them now! Booking information will be available after the summer.

South Eastern Baptist Women's Ministry:

Future Events:

Lord Give Me A Song - Encouragement Day on 12th May 2018, 10am-2.30pm.

Hosted by Godalming Baptist Church (15 Queen Street, Godalming, GU7 1BA)

Organised and led by the South Eastern Baptist Womens Ministry Team. All are welcome.

It is amazing that through our lives in good times and bad, sad or happy, painful or bouncing with health - as we walk with God, He gives us 'songs' for every occasion.

The Bible is full of songs and poetry which delight and sustain us.

Please come and join in as we worship in song, find out from our Bibles that “God’s people have always been singing”; listen to other people’s stories; and share together.

Refreshments are available from 9.30 a.m. and lunch time, but bring a packed lunch. We look forward to seeing you, there is no charge but there will be an offering to help the work of SEBWM.

Contact Patsy at padunning4@gmail.com for more information.

SEBA Training

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. The course lasts 3 hours]

- 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 16 June 2018 /// Birchington Baptist Church - 9.30am - 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 8 September 2018 /// Crawley 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

- Saturday 10 November 2018 /// Crossways Community Baptist Church, Dorking - 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. The course lasts 3 hours]

- Saturday 16 June 2018 /// Birchington Baptist Church - 1.30pm- cost £10 per space
- Saturday 30 June 2018 /// Redhill Baptist Church - 1.30pm- cost £10 per space
- Saturday 14 July 2018 /// Borstal Baptist Church - 1.30pm- cost £10 per space
- Saturday 15 September 2018 /// Farnham Baptist Church - 1.30pm- cost £10 per space
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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.

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

"Why Men Hate Going to Church" - a Seminar with Steve Legg:

Saturday 12th May, 3.00-4.30 pm

At Herne Bay Baptist Church (105 High Street, Herne Bay, CT6 5LA)

Light refreshments provided. There is no charge for the event.

If you're planning to come, please let Darren know on hbbcpastor@gmail.com or 07808005827

Tricks & Laughs - 30th Anniversary Tour - starring Steve Legg:

Saturday 12 May 2018, doors open at 6pm for a 6..3pm start

Herne Bay Baptist Church (105 High Street, Herne Bay, CT6 5LA)

Tickets: £6 per adult, £4.50 per child, or family ticket (for 4, max 2 adults), for £20

Tickets are available from Eve on 01227 368579 or 07887 366049

Click [here to download a poster](#)

Life Changing - with CVM:

Saturday 12 May 2018, 6.30pm for food, 7.15pm start

Birchington Baptist Church (Station Road, BIRCHINGTON, CT9 9DJ)

Ticket prices: £5 for evening or £8 with a fish & chip supper (tickets must be purchased before the evening)

For more information go to www.birchingtonbaptist.org

To book tickets email BBC.events.info@gmail.com or call Hannah on 07745 988430

Click [here to download a poster](#)

Self-Acceptance - Taming our inner critical voice:

Friday 18 May 2018, from 10.15 am – 3.30 pm

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

led by Chris Ledger

(Coffee available from 9.45-10.15 am, and drinks will be available throughout the day, but please bring your own lunch). To reserve a place (£12) by Friday 4th May

2018 please contact Sally Pollard pollard3@hotmail.co.uk, Janet Fry janetfry1@gmail.com, or the Church Office, 01483 422105 on Mon, Wed, or Fri mornings, office.gbc@btinternet.com

Click [here](#) to download a poster

SEBA Cell of Order for Baptist Ministry:

Thursday 22 May 2018, 3pm

Bessels Green Baptist Church (Bessels Green Road, BESSELS GREEN, TN13 2PS)

A group of ministers from SEBA are considering forming a cell of the Order of Baptist Ministry in the SEBA area. They have arranged an exploratory meeting at Bessells Green Baptist Church, Kent, on Thursday 22nd May at 3pm. The OBM is a dispersed order of Baptist ministers sharing a commitment to prayer, the rhythm of daily office, spiritual direction and regular retreat; it involves a commitment to gather in accountable relationships in cells to support one another in ministry. Go to the website for more details <http://www.orderforbaptistministry.co.uk/>

We would like to take this opportunity to invite those who feel that that may be led to this kind of grouping or might find it helpful to this initial exploratory meeting. For further information please contact Revd Andy Potter andy.potter@bgbc.co.uk

Oddments Theatre - 'The Hiding Place':

Wednesday 23 May 2018, 7.30pm

Littlehampton Baptist Church (Fitzalan Road, LITTLEHAMPTON, BN17 5NY)

Suitable for ages 15+ Advance tickets cost £10 and tickets on the door will be £12. Please call LBC church office on 01903 717961 to reserve tickets (the Church Office is open Monday – Friday from 9.30am-12.30pm)

Managing Change as Dementia progresses:

Wednesday 6th June 2018, 10.00am-12.00 Noon (Coffee from 9.30am)

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

Topics include:

- Supporting Carers as well as those suffering from Dementia
- Getting more support
- Meaningful occupation for someone with Dementia
- Care at Home or Care Home?
- Choosing, Visiting and supporting loved ones in Care Homes

To book a place please contact: Sally Pollard pollard3@hotmail.co.uk; Janet Fry janetfry1@gmail.com or Church Office-01483-422105 (Monday, Wednesday or Friday Mornings)

Click [here](#) for a poster

Rural Ministries Annual Conference:

Friday 8- Saturday 9 June 2018

Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire

£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 their [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.

JustOne - with J.John:

Saturday 9th June 2018, 1pm-5pm

at Priestfield Stadium, Gillingham

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

Spurgeon's College Open Evening:

Tuesday 12 June 2018, 7-9pm

Spurgeon's College, London

http://www.spurgeons.ac.uk/admissions/open_days

Open Word Preaching Course 2018-19:

*between 16 June 2018- 2 March 2019 **

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

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

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](#).

SEBA Ministers & Leaders Conference: 26-28 February 2019 - Ashburnham Place

- book the date in your diary!

Advice, Resources & Information

Baptist Union news:

Baptist Union Prayer Diary for week beginning beginning 13 May: The Baptist Assembly met yesterday at KingsGate Conference Centre in Peterborough. Please pray for all those commissioned as Fully Accredited Ministers, Pastors, Preachers and Mission Personnel as they begin this new chapter of their life.

www.baptistassembly.org.uk

Baptists Together Annual Report now available Our strategy is 'Growing healthy churches in relationship for God's mission' which guides all of our plans and activities. Each year we publish our annual report, which provides an opportunity to review what has happened in the past year and look ahead to our plans for the future. <http://www.baptist.org.uk/annualreport>

Do you have a particular interest in social and political issues, and a good understanding of how churches and/or faith based organisations can communicate effectively with the wider world? Then this new role of Public Issues Enabler could be for you. https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/520961/Public_Issues_Enabler.aspx

Would your church like to grow significantly over the next year, bringing people to Christ? 'Firestarters' are events hosted by Baptist churches experiencing unusual growth who want to share why this is happening and equip others to do the same. Book now https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/520777/Firestarter_events_for.aspx

A conviction that women should not have pastoral charge of a Baptist church is still held in some places. It's why we need to celebrate and reflect upon the stories of those who have navigated this terrain, writes Gale Richards <http://ow.ly/K76j30jN0QL>

If you're a Christian, it means you are a theologian... but what makes for a good

theology?'

Grateful to have Joshua Searle of Spurgeon's College introduce his new book "Theology After Christendom: Forming Prophets for a Post-Christian World"

<http://ow.ly/wgli30jOL0p>

On being in the valley - Baptist minister Richard Littledale led the Radio 4 Daily Service this morning, speaking about the death of his wife last year.

Profound and hopeful, catch it here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b0b1j0xs>

'More radical than people think'

A conference exploring the legacy of Martin Luther King took place at Highgate Baptist Church in Birmingham recently. There was a good range of speakers, including Prof Anthony Reddie. Here's our report: <http://ow.ly/Wmrc30jOAEY>

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

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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