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"Do not be overcome by evil,
But overcome evil with good."

Romans 12:21

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.
 - Revd Seyan Tills (Minister at Walmer Baptist Church) - please pray for Seyan as he waits for further specialist appointments; pray for all his
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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)

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
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SEBA Notices

Vacancies representing SEBA across the Association have been moved to the Jobs & Vacancies section towards the bottom of the email

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
- Saturday 24 November 2018 /// Littlehampton 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. 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
- Saturday 6 October 2018/// Ashford Baptist Church – 1.30pam - cost £10 per space.
- Saturday 3 November 2018 /// Milford Baptist Church - 1.30pm- cost £10 per space
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- **Saturday 24 November 2018 /// Littlehampton Baptist Church - 1.30pm- cost £10 per space**

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.

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).

Click [here to download a poster](#)

SEBA Cell of Order for Baptist Ministry:

Tuesday 22 May 2018, 3pm (*please note the wrong day was advertised in last week's emailing*)

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)

Mental Health Awareness Training for Sussex:

(for faith groups and third-sector workers and volunteers)

Saturday 2 June 2018 10am-1pm

at Mill View Hospital, Hove

To request and find out more about this free training please contact: Revd Vicky Martin, Trust Chaplain for Mid-Sussex Victoria.martin@sussexpartnership.nhs.uk

Click [here to download a poster](#)

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)

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.

Made in whose image?:

Saturday 9 June 2018, 10.30am-4.30 pm

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

BRF and Woman Alive bring together an exceptional group of speakers for their summer conference in Guildford on 9 June. In a world increasingly dominated by the effects of social media, the conference theme of image and identity is both important and timely. Whatever their age, from teen to senior, how can women resist the insidious pressure to seek affirmation in 'selfie'-perfection and airbrushed lifestyles? How can they protect their mental health and emotional well-being and find their true identity in Christ?

Cost £27.50 (book four places and get a fifth free); To book, visit

brfonline.org.uk/madeinwhoseimage or call 01865 319700

Click [here for the flyer & booking form](#) or click [here for the press release](#), with details of the speakers

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! Our guest speaker will be Revd Professor Philip McCormack MBE, Principal of Spurgeon's College.

Advice, Resources & Information

Baptist Union news:

Baptist Union Prayer Diary for week beginning beginning 20 May: As we celebrate Pentecost, we join in the global wave of prayer praying:

Almighty God,
your ascended Son has sent us into the world
to preach the good news of your kingdom:
inspire us with your Spirit
and fill our hearts with the fire of your love,
that all who hear your Word
may be drawn to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

www.thykingdomcome.global

[The Baptist Assembly 2018 opens](#) - a report from the opening celebration

[BUGB AGM at the Baptist Assembly](#) - General Secretary Lynn Green highlighted

church encouragements during the AGM, which included a series of resolutions relating to the Baptist Union of Great Britain (BUGB) becoming a CIO

'Encourage pioneers and pioneering' - Baptists need to be more encouraging of pioneers and pioneering if we are to reach people and make disciples in these challenging times

Learning theology from marginal voices - BMS General Director Kang-San Tan talks about the need to interpret the Bible from all cultures

Transition and transformation - Baptist churches have been encouraged to bring their 'creative best in a variety of ways' in order to be more missionally effective

Divine windows: glimpses of God through life - Dave Gregory unpacked his presidential theme Divine Windows during a seminar at the Baptist Assembly

Recommendations for a Structural Engineer:

Whitstable Baptist Church are looking for recommendations for a Structural Engineer - if you have someone you have used, that you would commend to them, please contact their Church Secretary, Andrew Frame by clicking [here](#)

Jobs & Vacancies

Brighton Road Baptist Church, Horsham opportunities:

Brighton Road Baptist Church in Horsham is a lively, evangelical fellowship with around 255 members and a regular congregation of 300 people. The church provides a substantial programme of activities through the work of many volunteers from the church, catering for all ages from the very youngest children to the most elderly. Our building provides a suite of flexible halls and meeting spaces that are attractive and welcoming and are used on a daily basis by groups from the town and the local community.

We are currently looking to recruit a:

Church Administrator:

£16,400 for 30 hours per week

to be responsible for ensuring that day to day administration of the church and the church office runs smoothly and efficiently and a

Facilities Manager:

£8,200 for 15 hours per week

to ensure that our church premises and equipment are maintained to an appropriate standard and that all activities in the building are able to take place without technical difficulties.

These are key roles in enabling the church to operate effectively and will be an important part of our team helping us to deliver our vision.

For full details of the roles and for an application form please e-mail David Sheldon (david.sheldon@brbc-horsham.org.uk).

Applications must be received by 12pm on June 4th and interviews will be held on June 18th

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

Vacancies to represent SEBA across the area:

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

- Two 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](#) and [Medway](#) - 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

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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