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## Weekly update from the Association Administrator, Steph Tidy 01444-233431



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"Remain in me, as I also remain in you.  
No branch can bear fruit by itself;  
it must remain in the vine."

John 15:4

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### 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) - **update** - Seyan has received the date for his overnight stay for tests, at Kings in
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London, Tuesday 29 May – he has been waiting since before Christmas for a bed to become available. Please pray for Seyan, for this and 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](mailto:admin@seba-baptist.org.uk)

*(Please note, the prayer list is in alphabetical order, and any new requests or updates are highlighted)*

With the new GDPR changes coming in from tomorrow, we need to inform you that you are receiving this email because - either you have a position within our member churches, and need to be kept informed - you are a representative from one of our partner organisations - or you signed up to receive this emailing. You can, at any time, remove yourself from the mailing list (there is an unsubscribe link at the bottom of this email). Thank you

## SEBA Notices

### **Contacting Maeve:**

Maeve is in the process of moving house at long last; sadly the sale and purchase are not going to tie up so she will be in temporary accommodation for a while, hopefully not for too long.

This means that all phone calls to her will need to be to her mobile only, the 30th of May will be the last day that her land line will be working.

Maeve's mobile number is 07944 600871 any snail mail needs to be sent to her at the following address although there will be a mail redirection from her old address

Maeve Whitchurch  
c/o 41 Saltings Way  
Upper Beeding  
BN44 3JH

# 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](mailto: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 31st May 2018 (spaces limited)*

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## **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](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](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](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]*

- 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
- Saturday 10 November 2018 /// Crossways Community Baptist Church, Dorking - 1.30pm- cost £10 per space
- 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.*

### **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](mailto:Victoria.martin@sussexpartnership.nhs.uk)

Click [here to download a poster](#)

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**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](mailto:pollard3@hotmail.co.uk); Janet Fry [janetfry1@gmail.com](mailto:janetfry1@gmail.com) or Church Office-01483-422105 (Monday, Wednesday or Friday Mornings)

Click [here for a poster](#)

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**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](#)

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**SEBA Core Leaders training:**

*Saturdays 9 & 30 June 2018 - Tunbridge Wells Baptist Church - details in SEBA Notices, above.*

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**Made in whose image?:**

*Saturday 9 June 2018, 10.30am-4.30 pm*

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

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](http://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

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**JustOne - with J.John:**

*Saturday 9th June 2018, 1pm-5pm*

*at Priestfield Stadium, Gillingham*

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

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**Spurgeon's College Open Evening:**

*Tuesday 12 June 2018, 7-9pm*

*Spurgeon's College, London*

[http://www.spurgeons.ac.uk/admissions/open\\_days](http://www.spurgeons.ac.uk/admissions/open_days)

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**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](mailto:mccahon@aol.com))

\* Dates of sessions: Saturday 16 June 2018; Saturday 29 September 2018; Saturday 17 November 2018; Saturday 2 March 2019

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**The Life of Christ - Wintershall Estate**

*19-23 June 2018, 10am-3.30pm*

*(Wintershall, BRAMLEY, GU5 0LR)*

Book now at [www.wintershall-estate.com](http://www.wintershall-estate.com) or by calling 01793-418299

Click [here to download the poster](#)

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**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](mailto:mary.taylor@yba.org.uk))

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### **SEBA Pastors' Study Trip - Israel:**

*4-11 October 2018 - more details in SEBA Notices above*

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### **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](#).

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### **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 27 May:** This week we pray for the West of England Baptist Association - helping Christians fully engage in the mission of God in Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, North Somerset, and Bristol. The Association is engaging in a year of prayer around the theme of 'Thy Kingdom Come'.

[www.webassoc.org.uk](http://www.webassoc.org.uk)

Bishop Michael Curry's sermon at the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle had everyone talking - so what can preachers learn from it? Several reflections from a Baptist minister [https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/522227/Reflections\\_on.aspx](https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/522227/Reflections_on.aspx)

When Revd Rose Hudson-Wilkin prayed at the royal wedding and you heard she



was chaplain to the Queen did you think 'she must be have an interesting life?'. Indeed she does and that chaplain role is one of many she has. Hear her speak at our 7th Annual Sam Sharpe Lecture later this year. Book here

[https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/515158/Sam\\_Sharpe\\_Lecture.aspx](https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/515158/Sam_Sharpe_Lecture.aspx)

"God has a very special place for you - but are you in it?"

Ann Bothamley, who has served in India for 50 years with BMS World Mission, offered this challenge during the Baptist Assembly. Are you where God wants you?

<http://ow.ly/RnFC30k0iWA>

Our President for 2018-19 is Dave Gregory who took office at our Assembly in May. The theme for his Presidency is Divine Windows: glimpses of God in life, the universe... and everything <https://youtu.be/3QTaPOUcoI8>

We have joined other churches and faith-based organisations in welcoming the Government's move to reduce the stakes for Fixed Odds Betting Terminals from a maximum of £100 to £2. Concerns about gambling remain, but this is a very welcome move. <http://ow.ly/AvJp30k2Ice>

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### **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

### **Administration and Finance Manager - Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre:**

This is a full-time position, as a part of the senior leadership team led by the Senior Chaplain. This new role exists to provide Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre with full administrative and financial support, enabling their vision, to advance the Kingdom of God, to be fulfilled.

For more details, click [here to download the full advert](#)

For further information and an application pack please email

[chaplain.cchc@btconnect.com](mailto:chaplain.cchc@btconnect.com)

Closing date 12th June 2018

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**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](mailto:david.sheldon@brbc-horsham.org.uk)).

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

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**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](mailto:claire@fleetbaptist.org.uk) or visit [www.fleetbaptist.org.uk/jobs](http://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](mailto:claire@fleetbaptist.org.uk) or visit [www.fleetbaptist.org.uk/jobs](http://www.fleetbaptist.org.uk/jobs)

Closing date: 25th May 2018

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**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](mailto:admin@seba-baptist.org.uk)

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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](mailto: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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