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"I look for your deliverance Lord."

Genesis 49: 18

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 the consultants' decision on his suitability to the deep brain stimulation implant; and for all Seyan's 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)

SEBA Notices

NHS 70th Anniversary Songs of Praise:

SEBA's Chaplain, for the South East Coast Ambulance Service (SECAMB), Tim Parsons, will be appearing on the 70th Anniversary NHS Songs of Praise episode, on BBC1 on Sunday 1st July, at 1.30pm - you can also hear him on Radio Kent, this Sunday morning at 6.50am (for you early risers). Along with his work as Chaplain for the ambulance service, Tim has written and published a book, for children, about Paramedic Chris - the second book of the series is due to be published in the next couple of months.

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SEBA Training

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 30 June 2018 /// Redhill Baptist Church - 9.30am - cost £10 per space
- Monday 2 July 2018 /// Cheriton Baptist Church – 6pm - cost £10 per space
(this replaces the training on 4 June, which had to be cancelled)
- **Saturday 14 July 2018 /// Borstal Baptist Church - PLEASE NOTE THIS HAS BEEN CANCELLED**
- 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

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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.

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)

Southern Counties Baptist Association - Gender Identity Training Days:

The team at SCBA are delighted to announce two SCBA Gender Identity Training Days in 2018, and wish to invite their neighbouring Association churches to join them:

- Saturday 30th June 2018, 9.30am-3.30pm - United Church Ferndown, Dorset
- Saturday 8th September 2018, 9.30am-3.30pm - Kidlington Baptist Church, North Oxfordshire

This is open to everyone (ministers, chaplains, leaders, CYF workers, parents, church members, etc.)

Ticket Price: £10.00 (refreshments will be provided but please bring your own lunch)

Please note that spaces are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment!

Payment for this event is by Credit / Debit card

For more information and to book, please go to: [SCBA Gender Identity Training Days 2018](#)

Please click [here to download a poster for both events](#)

Jesus: The Evidence:

Saturday 14 July 2018, 6.30pm (doors open 6pm)

Herne Bay Baptist Church (The Friendship Centre, 105 High Street, HERNE BAY, CT6 5LA)

There is a wealth of evidence pointing to Jesus being the Son of God.

Jesus: The Evidence draws upon current historical, textual and archaeological research to present this evidence in a clear, rational manner - accessible to atheists, agnostics and Christians alike.

Free Admission - light refreshments provided. jesustheevidence.com

Click [here to download the flyer](#)

Care for the Family - Playtime National Conference 2018 - Planting Seeds:

Saturday 29 September 2018, 9.30am-4.30pm

Riverside Vineyard Church (Air Park Way, Feltham, WEST LONDON, TW13 7LX)

Playtime National conference, specifically for parent and toddler group leaders and their teams.

This conference is a great opportunity for toddler group leaders from around the UK to join together to be inspired, resourced and refreshed. A great selection of workshops are available on 'Sharing faith with families', 'Supporting those with postnatal depression', 'Influential Leadership', and back by popular demand 'Building your team'. There will also be a selection of exhibitors to help resource your toddler group for the forthcoming year.

You will also be resourced with a whole year of ideas of seasonal and non-seasonal crafts too, along with a variety of exhibitors.

There are a variety of excellent speakers who are all working in one way or another in the area of under 5's, and Sue Rinaldi will be leading the worship on the day.

To whet your appetite and to give you an idea of the event please watch their promotional dvd www.careforthefamily.org.uk/faith-in-the-family/playtime/playtime-conference-2018#promo

For more information and to see the brochure for the day go to www.careforthefamily.org.uk/faith-in-the-family/playtime/playtime-conference-2018

Early booking is recommended, as the previous four years have sold out at their early bird booking cut off date!

- Early bird rate! Until 3 July - 1-3 tickets – £25 | 4+ tickets – £22
- Standard rate 4 July – 27 Sept - 1-3 Tickets – £31 | 4+ tickets – £28

SEBA Pastors' Study Trip - Israel:

4-11 October 2018 - if you are interested, please email stuart@seba-baptist.org.uk for more details

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 24 June: Please pray for the Gender Justice Hub, working to ensure gender equality within the life and structures of BUGB and to encourage and connect women in Baptist ministry. 2018 marks the first of several centenaries of the recognition of women in Baptist ministry, and a conference is being held this week to encourage progress towards full recognition of the gifts of women and men to lead in the church.

www.baptist.org.uk/events

If God will ultimately bring about the redemption of creation, do Christians have a role in caring for it?

Yes we do, and here's why, writes our former President John Weaver in the latest Together magazine <http://ow.ly/Nrn030kuX1K>

To speak or not speak - how do you respond when someone uses offensive language? <http://ow.ly/BSg230kuSu4>

Mission through rap music? Here's news of a growing ministry which is reaching gang members in north London. It's spearheaded by Baptist pastor (and rapper) Denzil Larbi. As he explains in this interview, Denzil would value prayer for the ministry and all involved <http://ow.ly/Uji130kk0mo>

Baptists Together Mission Forum met in Birmingham on 5-6 June to pray, reflect and discern. This Forum meets twice a year and includes the mission lead from each Association, our General Secretary, a representative each from a college, our CYF Round Table and the Faith and Society Specialist Team.

<https://www.baptist.org.uk/Publisher/Article.aspx?ID=524647>

Luke Mansfield, Minister of Honiton Family Church, introduces some of the highlights and challenges the church has experienced over the last few years. Honiton Family Church is supported by a Home Mission grant. <https://vimeo.com/259213379>

Request for manse to rent:

We have been contacted by Karen Kaneen (you may remember the Kaneens; Karen's husband, Ed, was minister at Sheddingdean Baptist Church for 8 years, and is now a tutor at South Wales Baptist College) - they have a Syrian refugee family, currently housed in a vicarage, not currently needed by the Anglican clergy, in Cardiff. The family attend Ararat Baptist Church (where Karen and Ed are members). To pursue an educational opportunity they need to move to be in reach of London. The family are eligible for housing benefit and are looking for a long term let within reach of train lines to London. They've tried a few contacts in London itself, to no avail, so Karen is now trying to see if there would be any possibilities if the search were widened. The family are a joy to know - Armenian Christians from Aleppo. They've been through a great deal of trauma, and being housed in a 'church house' is important to them, as they need to feel safe.

If you can help at all, please contact Steph admin@seba-baptist.org.uk - thank you

Jobs & Vacancies

Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre - Full-time Chaplain:

We are looking for an experienced church leader with a clear sense of calling by God to the ministry at CCHC. The successful candidate will need to be an energetic and dynamic Chaplain who is enthusiastically committed to advancing the Kingdom of God and be pastorally sensitive to the many guests and visitors who come to CCHC seeking healing.

Working alongside an experienced and supportive team the Chaplain will continue the healing, preaching and teaching ministry at CCHC and worldwide whilst ensuring that CCHC remains a space where people can be loved by God and encouraged to grow in His power.

[The position](#)

The Chaplain will have a passion for leading people (from a breadth of backgrounds and denominations) to an encounter with the God who speaks into people's lives with transforming power. This will be expressed through teaching, preaching, prayer and pastoral compassion.

Residential accommodation is provided at our established and growing Healing Centre in the heart of rural East Sussex (with regular train links to London and Hastings). Whilst it is desirable that the post-holder is resident, willingness to stay on site on a regular basis will be considered.

For further information and an application pack please email

chaplain.cchc@btconnect.com

Closing date 25th June 2018

Pastoral Care Minister - The Church on the Heath, Elvetham Heath:

The Church on the Heath is a growing church with a Sunday attendance of around 150-200, plus fringe members. Formed 18 years ago on the new development of Elvetham Heath, the church is a partnership of four denominations: Anglican, Baptist, Methodist and United Reformed. Our vision is to be a community where everyone can encounter the transforming love of Jesus.

From the beginning, pastoral care of the congregation has been carried out by means of home groups and a committed volunteer team. We would now like to employ a part-time Pastoral Care Minister to lead our volunteers and further develop this ministry in the life of the church. Pastoral needs across the congregation include the following:

- Crisis situations – hospital or home visits, contact with wider family/friends, organising support, meals, transport and prayer
- Family situations – marital problems, divorce, separation, housing, childcare
- Redundancy and issues arising
- Bereavement
- The elderly – loneliness, separation from family, dementia, visiting care homes

- Welcoming new people and integrating them into church life
- Supporting those in the congregation with special needs

21 hours per week - £12,290 pa

For more information - click [here to download the job description](#)

Closing date for application: 25 June 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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