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"The LORD sets prisoners free,
The LORD gives sight to the blind,
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down,
The LORD loves the righteous."

Psalm 146:8

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

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

SEBA Notices

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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 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
- 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 - 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
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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.

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)

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](#)

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](#)

With increasing numbers of children and young people identifying outside the gender binary of male and female, there are few resources for practitioners which will enable them to understand and make sense of the gender identity issues children and young people are dealing with.

As a result of this, a brand new one day training event has been developed for practitioners entitled Building Your Compass. The premise for this training is that this issue is "unchartered waters" for most practitioners, and when presented with a gender non-conforming child, the immediate priority becomes practical considerations and pastoral responsibilities, usually without much previous understanding of gender identity.

This day will provide an opportunity to understand the wider frameworks around

gender identity, exploring how gender identity is formed and what the different ideological positions about it are. Including numerous case studies and scientific evidence, it will be a thoroughly practical day rooted in robust research.

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

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 17 June: On this Father's Day, thank God for the father figures who have been there for each of us throughout our lives. Pray for those who have lost fathers and father figures, for those who long to be fathers, and for those who do not have father figures to look up to. Pray that God would pour out his peace, comfort and strength.

Used the 'Safe Car Wash' app yet? Not as bizarre a question as it sounds - as hand

car wash companies have been highlighted as a possible point of modern slavery hidden in our high streets. This Baptist minister in Southend used the app - and here's what he had to say: <http://ow.ly/BeH230koTqf>

We love this photo from Baptist chaplain Gary Birch!



Has there ever been a baptism in a JCB before? It certainly grabbed people's attention - when Gary shared the video on his Facebook page it clocked up over one million views.

Read more from Gary here: <http://ow.ly/MeDj30koU4u>

Looking to reach and disciple those in the millennial generation? Freedom in Christ Ministries has a special heart for this age group. It recently hosted one of its new Discipleship Challenge workshops at The Well, a Baptist church plant in Sheffield https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/522759/Reaching_the_millennial.aspx

Helping children find a faith that lasts. Raising Faith is a new title from Care for the Family full of stories and encouragement to help parents feel confident about nurturing faith in our children https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/521207/Helping_children_find.aspx

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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