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



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"There is no one holy like the Lord;  
There is no one besides you;  
There is no Rock like our God."

1 Samuel 2:2

### 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) - **update** - David has now finished his course of radiotherapy, and so far has had no ill effects. He thanks everyone for their prayers.
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- Revd Seyan Tills (Minister at Walmer Baptist Church) - **update** - Seyan is still waiting for the consultants' decision on his suitability to the deep brain stimulation implant to help control his Parkinsons. On calling King's he has found out the lady who deals with the case is on leave until 10 July, so he won't hear before then. His visit to the dermatologist this week has resulted in some new prescriptions, and the continuation of others. They are still unable to diagnose what the problem is, but hope to be able to keep the symptoms under some sort of control - so Seyan is still on regular periods of 'resting & elevating'. Please continue to pray for Seyan and for the church at Walmer as they support him.

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)*

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## SEBA Notices

### **SEBA Team Holiday notice:**

Please note the following are on holiday in the next few weeks:

- Revd Stuart Davison - from Friday 29 June, for a week
- Steph Tidy - Monday 2-Friday 6 July (inclusive) - *so there won't be a weekly emailing next week*
- Revd Penny Marsh - Friday 6-Wednesday 18 July

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### **SEBA's Church Statistics:**

The Baptist Union have completed the 2017 Annual Returns, and we have compiled the Church Statistics for all the SEBA churches; which is now available for you to download, as an Excel file. The file includes the count of membership in each SEBA church, Baptisms, number of children & young people attending the church and the 'Sunday attendance' head count (all the things that used to appear in the BU

handbook).

Click [here](#) to download a copy

You can download details of previous years via the [resources page of the SEBA website](#)

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### **NHS 70th Anniversary Songs of Praise:**

Don't forget to tune in to this special anniversary service on Songs of Praise, this Sunday at 1.30pm on BBC and see if you can spot SEBA's Tim Parsons, Chaplain, for the South East Coast Ambulance Service (SECAMB).

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### **Temporary contact details for Maeve:**

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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](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]*

- 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 - **THIS HAS BEEN REINSTATED**
- 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 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 - **THIS HAS BEEN REINSTATED**
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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.*

### **Southern Counties Baptist Association - Gender Identity Training Days:**

- 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.)

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](#)

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### **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](http://jesustheevidence.com)

Click [here to download the flyer](#)

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### **Jules Riding in Concert:**

*Saturday 14 July 2018, 7pm*

*Southwick Christian Community Church (1-5 Roman Crescent, SOUTHWICK, BN42 4TY)*

Tickets in advance or on the door - cost £5

The event is preceded by a Sussex cream tea to which all are invited but prior booking would be helpful by phoning 07703770138 or emailing [info@southwickchurch.org.uk](mailto:info@southwickchurch.org.uk)

Jules will also be leading the morning service on July 15th at 10.30 - all welcome

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### **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.

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](http://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/faith-in-the-family/playtime/playtime-conference-2018)

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

*4-11 October 2018* - if you are interested, please email [stuart@seba-baptist.org.uk](mailto:stuart@seba-baptist.org.uk) for more details

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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 1 July:** The Annual Gathering of the Baptist World Alliance takes place this week. Baptists from all over the world will be gathering together in Zurich, Switzerland, to pray, worship and discuss together issues affecting Baptists and our world; and to promote fellowship and cooperation.

[www.bwanet.org](http://www.bwanet.org)

A campaign to recognise 22 June as Windrush Day - a National Day of commemoration and celebration of migration and migrant communities in Britain - is taking place. If you want to support it, sign the petition here:

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/219610>

Great story of how a church is working to positively impact the well-being of vulnerable people of all ages in the community. A true beacon of hope

<http://ow.ly/HwwD30kBxOU>

The Joint Public Issues Team are calling for an end to the hostile environment because it inflicts destitution, encourages discrimination and thrives on distrust. Join us as we call for the government to #EndHostility #RefugeeWeek

[www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/endhostility/](http://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/endhostility/)

What did people really think about Bishop Curry's address? 'Positive Minority, Ambivalent Majority' according to Think-tank Theos, which commissioned some research into the sermon - read more here: <http://ow.ly/woy130kA4IE>

'People ask: but don't you want people to become Christians or come to church or know they are sinners? The answer is we want them to encounter Jesus, and when they do, his spirit will be at work in them and we will be there to guide and support them on that journey.' Interview about a new town centre chaplaincy in Lowestoft

<http://ow.ly/beQA30kziKI>

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### **Walk through the Bible for schools:**

Revd Lynda Hulcoop, Minister at Southwick Christian Community Church has been in touch. She has recently met with Paul Keeys, director of Walk Through the Bible, about the wonderful openings there are in primary schools to go in and teach a Bible overview as part of the national curriculum. There are around 150 schools in Sussex wanting this programme to be delivered as part of RE classes and want the programme Walk through the Bible offer. Thus they are looking to train up 10-20 trainers to enable these opportunities to be realised.

At this stage Lynda is wanting to see if there are any churches interested in getting some people in their congregations trained up. If so then training could be set up



locally. The training is a 3-full-day course and costs £200 per person; but means we can have more Christians in local schools teaching the Bible in an interactive and life giving way.

For more information, please visit

[http://www.bible.org.uk/wtb\\_child\\_events.php#become-children-presenter-section](http://www.bible.org.uk/wtb_child_events.php#become-children-presenter-section) or call the Director, Paul Keays on 01255 871000 or 07889 157327 .

Lynda can also give more information on 07703770138 or via e mail:

[lhulcoop@ntlworld.com](mailto:lhulcoop@ntlworld.com). If you are interested, please let Lynda know so a training course can be planned

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

## Jobs & Vacancies

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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### 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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