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"You, O Lord, are my lamp;
the Lord turns my darkness into light."

2 Samuel 22: 29

Called Home to Glory:

Diane Fanstone, the wife of our Moderator, Michael, passed away peacefully on Tuesday morning, following a lengthy period of declining health. She was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease in 2006, and aggressive ovarian cancer in 2012, both of which resulted in endless medical appointments and treatments. She spent her last days in the Ellenor Hospice in Gravesend, and died clutching a wooden cross which she had held in her left hand virtually since she was admitted. However, while her body was failing, her faith in Jesus was robust, and she knew exactly where she was headed. She left earth surrounded by Michael, together with their two children, Becky and Steve.

Diane's Funeral Service will be held on Friday 17 August at 12noon at Thameview Crematorium, Gravesend. This will be followed the next day by a

Thanksgiving and Celebration Service for her life and ministry work alongside Michael and within SEBA (she served on the Ministerial Recognition Committee for some while). This is at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Gravesend on Saturday 18 August at 11,00am, and will be followed by lunch.

Everyone who knows or knew Diane and/or Michael is invited to either or both services. No flowers, please (only close family), but donations to Crohn's and Colitis UK. There is no need to wear dark clothing on either occasion, and especially Saturday.

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 Seyan Tills (Minister at Walmer Baptist Church) - please continue to pray for Seyan, and 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

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

SEBA Notices

Are you looking to fill preaching spaces, or need someone to run your Church Weekend?

Our Regional Team (Stuart, Paul, Jerry, Maeve and Penny) are available for bookings - you can find their contact details on the SEBA website [How can we help? page](#)

An invite from Maeve:

If you are going to Soul Survivor week B do feel free call by and drop in to see the SEBA group, we are going to be on Pink 5. There is always a welcome and a brew going so just call into the marquee and come visit.

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
- (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 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
- Saturday 16 February 2019 /// Gillingham 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 15 September 2018 /// Farnham Baptist Church - 1.30pm- cost £10 per space
- Saturday 6 October 2018/// Ashford Baptist Church – 1.30pm - 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
- Saturday 16 February 2019 /// Gillingham 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.

Bridging the Gap (with The Boys' and Girls' Brigades):

Saturday 8th September 2018, 9.30am to 1.30pm (2.30pm if you want to stay for lunch)

Grace Church (Chertsey Street, GUILDFORD, GU1 4HL)

A morning of talks, debates and facilitated discussions around real case studies, featuring church & youth leaders from different denominations and young people sharing their own experiences.

Cost: £5 booking fee to secure your place (non-refundable) Booking online

at: www.eventbrite.com/e/bridging-the-gap-tickets-46878290228

Any questions or for more information: Contact Carol on 07786 962311

Click [here to download a poster](#)

Click [here to download a flyer](#)

ACAT Foundation Training Course:

for Church Treasurers, Accounts staff, financial advisors and those interested in working with church and charity finances:

Saturday 29 September 2018, 9.30am-4.00pm

Seaford Baptist Church (Belgrave Road, SEAFORD, BN25 2EE)

Cost, including buffet lunch: £45

This course is primarily for Treasurers of churches whose annual income is under £250,000. Both members and non-members of ACAT are invited to enrol for the course. Dealing with all issues covered by the Charity Commission, including Rules & Regulations in Churches Accounts. The Foundation Training Course gives a good overview of all the issues a Treasurer might meet, whether you are new to the role or have been in post for many years, you will find much in the course to benefit you.

Aaron Kemp, the facilitator, is a former worshipper at Seaford Baptist Church.

Any queries, please contact Roger and Patricia Case on rcasedm@aol.com

To [download a poster, click here](#)

To [download a booking form, click here](#)

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

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 29 July: Pray for safe travels for all those going away over the summer break, for those working in the holiday industry that it may be a time of fruitful occupation and for all that there may be times of rest and relaxation.

On 4 August 2018 churches across the country will start 100 days of prayer, peace and reconciliation ending on Armistice Day. It is being called Remembrance 100. To find out more and get involved visit <https://www.remembrance100.co.uk>

Working in partnership with Mosaic Creative, SCBA are running a residential at St. George's House Christian Outdoor Centre for young people (16-18) where they will be equipped with the tools needed to help them lead your church in its community. Open to all Associations. For information and to book visit <http://www.scba.org.uk/training-young-people-for-mission.html>

Sarah Crane, a Baptist hospital chaplain who developed a staff support programme, has been featured in a national Care Quality Commission publication highlighting people who have made a difference in NHS Trusts. Read more here <http://ow.ly/9Vda30kW6y0>

How to thrive (not just survive) at university - a minister has this message for new

students and their sending churches this summer <http://ow.ly/H3oD3011lgb>

We were sorry to say goodbye to Ian Millgate on Friday! Ian, who is retiring, began working at Baptist House in 1990, and his administration skills have blessed many over the years. Ian has been a key figure in the Churches' Ministerial Counselling Service ever since it launched in 1996. Organising ministerial conferences, administering grants to ministers and supporting sector ministry - Ian's done it all. Ian's wife Jill has also retired from her role at BMS World Mission, after 26 years.

https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/526637/Your_presence.aspx

Need to know how long you should keep the church paperwork? Check out the Baptist Union's helpful data retention schedule

<https://www.baptist.org.uk/Publisher/File.aspx?ID=210797>

Jobs & Vacancies

Director - Pastoral Support (South) - Rural Ministries:

Salary: £30,000 - £35,000 pro rata (depending upon experience)

Rural Ministries is an exciting and developing mission agency that since 1962 has been seeking to encourage mission, enable pioneers and equip the rural church across the UK. Due to continued expansion we are looking to grow our team to further encourage the missional and pastoral clustering of church ministers, pioneers and other key leaders for spiritual support, learning and mutual encouragement.

We are seeking someone who is experienced in church leadership and inter-church activities who is gifted in pastoral care and ready for a new challenge. With a genuine interest in making a missional difference to the life of the rural church, you will work with us across a variety of church streams and organisations. You will need to balance a varied work load and hold a breadth of theological wisdom in this role, whilst holding firm to our values.

This is a part time position based on eight days per month, open to lay or ordained persons. There is a requirement to have a full driving licence, your own vehicle and to travel within the UK.

For a full job description and application form please visit

www.ruralministries.org.uk/work-for-us

Applications must be received by 5pm on the 24th August.

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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