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



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"It is God who arms me with strength
And keeps my way secure.
He makes my feet like the feet of a deer;
He causes me to stand on the heights."

2 Samuel 22: 33-34

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.
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- Revd Seyan Tills (Minister at Walmer Baptist Church) - **update** - Seyan was admitted to hospital on Monday, after suffering with chest pain through Sunday night. He has had the result of his further scans, from a fortnight ago, and they have come back clear - but they have been unable to identify the cause of the Pulmonary Embolism. Please continue to pray for his ongoing Parkinsons', and for all the other medical issues he has to deal with on a daily basis. Please continue to pray for the Fellowship at Walmer, as they support Seyan.
- Revd Bob Younger (retired) - please pray for Bob, some years ago Bob was diagnosed with mixed dementia (a combination of Alzheimer's and vascular dementia). The condition has advanced with time, and Bob, and his wife Pam, would value your prayer support.

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

SEBA holidays:

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

- SEBA Youth Officer, Maeve Whitchurch (24-31 August) - please note Maeve is away at Soul Survivor from 17 August, until she starts her holiday

Voting papers - SEBA Treasurer:

Thank you to everyone who has already returned their voting papers. If you have yet to do so, please ensure they are returned to Steph by 31st August - thank you

Temporary contact details for Maeve:

mave@seba-baptist.org.uk

07944 600871

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

South Eastern Baptist Women's Ministry:

The SEBWM are currently without a Treasurer - their Chair, Kate Weekes is trying to cover it as best she can, but is struggling to even get new signatories for their bank account. Kate has asked me to enquire whether there are any ladies out there who would consider joining their committee, or at least be available to attend their meetings. If you are interested in joining in - please can you email Kate direct, on kate.weekes@gmail.com - thank you

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]

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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.

Induction - Revd Andrew Mumford:

Saturday 1 September 2018, 2.30pm

South Ashford Baptist Church (Brookfield Road TN23 4EY)

All SEBA friends are invited to the Induction of Revd Andrew Mumford as full time pastor of South Ashford Baptist Church. Revd Simon Jones (Vice Principal and Director of Ministerial Formation, Spurgeon's College) will be preaching.

Refreshments served afterwards. Parking available at Willow Centre car park, Halstow Way. An offering will be taken up at the service in aid of the Spurgeon's College Student Bursary Fund and SEBA Home Mission.

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

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Immerse Leaders Day:

Saturday 15 September 2018, 9.30am-12.30pm

Fleet Baptist Church (115 Clarence Road, FLEET, GU51 3RS)

This is open to anyone in a position of leadership within a church context, for example, church leaders, small group leaders, worship leaders, pastoral leaders etc...

Speaker: Tim Grant from Spearhead Ministries

Please notify Revd Christopher Bird if will be attending, so they have some idea of numbers christopher@fleetbaptist.org.uk

Baptists Together Mission Conference:

Saturday 15 September 2018, 10am-4pm

Beacon International Centre (Stafford)

Keynote speaker: Alan Hirsch (Missional Authori & Activist)

A day of inspiration and practical advice.

Tickets: £29 (inclusive of lunch and refreshments)

Book online at www.bit.ly/btmconf2018

Click [here](#) for a flyer

Michard Card in Concert:

Saturday 15 September 2018, 7.30pm

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

Tickets: £10 in advance, £12.50 on the door

For event details and to book tickets, visit www.guildfordbaptist.org

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

**Pagoda Project - folk & jazz fusion - in aid of Sheddingdean Baptist Church,
Cornerstone Project (SEBA's Church Project of the Year 2018):**

*Thursday 27 September 2018, doors open at 6.45pm, concert starts - 7.30pm
St Edwards Church (Royal George Road, Burgess Hill)*

Tickets: £12.00 or £10.00 each (group of 4)

The evening is in support of the Cornerstone Project a church building project for Sheddingdean Baptist Church.

Before the concert and during the interval there is also a Silent Auction to help raise funds for the Cornerstone Project. Refreshments will be also be available, including a wine bar.

Tickets can be purchased in the following ways:

Online booking via: www.live-arts.co.uk.

Box office: 01444 242953 (if no answer leave a message with your name and contact number and we will get back to you).

Burgess Hill Town Council Help Point: in person

For more details, 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

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](#)

Induction - Revd Simon Downing:

*Saturday 29 September 2018, 3pm
Aldwick Baptist Church (43 Gossamer Lane, Bognor Regis, West Sussex, PO21
3DD)*

You are invited to join with all at Aldwick Baptist Church in welcoming their new

Pastor, the Rev Simon Downing; and his wife, Nicky, and two daughters, Emily and Anaya.

The induction service will be conducted by Revd Paul Kerley, Regional Minister for South East Baptist Association and the Revd Alistair Hornal will give the address. Refreshments will follow the service.

RSVP to Clive Bennett Church Secretary at 27 The Drive, Aldwick, PO21 4DU or clivebennett20@btinternet.com

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.

National Conference of the Christian Dance Fellowship of Britain:

Saturday 6 October 2018, 10.15am-6pm (9.45am registration)

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

The Christian Dance Fellowship of Britain (CDFB) was born in 1990, and is part of the broader International Christian Dance Fellowship, an organisation fostering links between national dance fellowships across the world. The CDFB is a network that connects dance enthusiasts who share the Christian faith. We aim to be a place of connection and meeting for people with a Christian faith who are seeking to explore, understand and develop their relationship between dance and faith. We understand that dance can be enjoyed on many levels; for some it is the pleasure of expressing their spiritual worship, healing and release and for some dance is a moving art that has its part to play in the construction of culture. Therefore we do our best to

encourage and support dancers of all abilities and across all forms and genres, through prayer and fellowship, by sharing practice in workshops and community performances and by contextualising practice through biblical teaching

Our gatherings give us the opportunity to celebrate all that our God is doing through the art form of dance, where we can be a community, who together can enjoy embodied prayer and worship and be inspired, strengthened and encouraged by The Holy Spirit and each other.

For ticket prices, please check out the weblink below

For more information contact: conferencebookings@cdfb.org.uk

<http://www.cdfb.org.uk/conference/index.html>

0300 365 1089

Click [here to download a flyer, including booking form](#)

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 26 August: As many look towards the start of a new school year, we pray for children, young people, teachers and school staff. We pray God's blessing on those who are moving to new

situations, schools, colleges or university.

www.prayforschools.org

Fantastic to see Martin Stone of Muswell Hill Baptist Church recognised by the Prime Minister today. Martin set up Next Meal, which directs homeless people to places where they can access food and support on a 24-hour basis.

Martin is today's recipient of the PM's Points Light Award, which "recognises outstanding individual volunteers - people who are making a change in their community." <https://www.pointsoflight.gov.uk/next-meal/>

"A time to reflect" Read the final blog from Lois on our Inspiring Leadership Programme https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/527969/A_time_to.aspx

Blessing dogs - and their owners - at Stapleton. Minister Beatrice Anayo is building relationships with the dog-walkers who pass near the church every day

https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/526853/Blessing_dogs_and.aspx

'Because we are the family of a minister doesn't mean that we have no voice and must acquiesce to the expectations of the church'. Do read the second 'Manse Life' reflection, a difficult story told by the wife of a minister

https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/527217/Because_we_are.aspx

Can you help with board for 6 days (Horsham area)?:

I have received the following email from Revd Dennis Nolan, who knows the family and has stayed in their home - Elena Gherlitz from a Baptist Church in Ghimbav Romania is arriving at Gatwick Airport on Sept 12th at 21.15 and leaving Sunday 17th at 21.55. Elena is coming with a colleague to attend a course at St Mary's Church, Horsham - and need somewhere to stay. Elena is a delightful Christian who fluent in English. If you can help or need further details please contact Elena directly by email on elena.gherlit@ggis.ro

NIV (1984 version) Bibles needed:

Alison Heath, from Sandhurst Baptist Church has been in touch – they are trying to find some 1984 NIV Bibles, in a good condition. If you have any, needing a new home, please could you contact Alison direct, on ali@hisrest.co.uk

Do you have a spare or unused fire-proof safe?:

Sandhurst Baptist Church are looking for a fire-proof church safe - if you have one going spare and wish to sell it, please [contact Pastor Ken Slater, by email](#)

Church chairs needing new home:

Pevensey Baptist Church have around 100 chairs that need rehoming - they would appreciate a donation of around £500 for the lot.



For any information, please call them on 07817-644184 or 07511-297680.

Survey - church social action:

We received an email this week, asking for input from our churches - it would be really helpful if as many of our churches as can would take the 10-15 minutes to fill in the survey and help them with the research - thank you

"I am Rae Padgham, from the think tank Demos, and we are working with the Good Faith Partnership for a research project about church social action. Many churches are doing extensive community work for social purpose - from food banks, to youth clubs, to financial advice and many other things. For these projects, they often work with non-Christian organisations, such as local authorities, businesses, charities or schools.

Our report will look at partnership working, the partnership projects that churches are already doing and how they can be better supported in their work. We are collecting responses from churches through this survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QJ6P2DM>

National Churches Trust - Maintenance grants deadline:

The deadline for the latest Maintenance Grant Programme for listed churches is 26 September 2018. This will also be the last round of the Maintenance Programme under its current name.

The programme offers awards of between £500 and £3,000 to encourage churches to act on small, urgent maintenance issues and repairs to church buildings costed between £1,000 and £10,000.

To be eligible churches are required to submit 2 quotes and have 50% of funds in place. Further criteria and requirements do exist and more detail can be found in the guidance note on our website, where you can also find the link to the application form www.nationalchurchestrust.org/our-grants/maintenance-grants. Unfortunately we are no longer accepting applications from unlisted places of worship through this funding stream.

Also to note, future changes to our grants programmes: The National Churches Trust has recently [launched its new 2019-23 strategy](#). Alongside this we are in the process of revising our grant programmes to come into effect later this year ready for the 2019 funding allocations. Please find out more [here](#).

Jobs & Vacancies

Waves 'Supporting Seaford Families' - Community Outreach Worker (part-time):

20hrs per week - £13,142-14,285 (£23,000-25,000 fte)

Be part of something life-changing for families in Seaford

Full details from Cathy Finch (wavesseaford@hotmail.co.uk)

Closing date : Tuesday 18 September

Interviews : Tuesday 2 October

Guildford Town Chaplain:

Guildford Town Central Chaplaincy (GTCC) are looking to appoint a new Town Chaplain as their first Chaplain will be retiring at the end of 2018. These are exciting times at the Chaplaincy, as they celebrate their tenth year and work on plans for projects in the next season.

Their Chaplain has built great relationships around the town with churches, the Council, Police and commercial and voluntary organisations. And the work has been widely recognised as making a difference in the town, including receiving the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in 2015. The new Chaplain should build on those relationships and will have the ability to mould the role in a dynamic and creative manner.

The Chaplain is a focus for ecumenical activity and cooperation and is leader of GTCC's work, bringing a Christian presence and voice and offering service to people in Guildford, in conjunction with their respected volunteer Street Angels, Community Angels and Volunteer Chaplains. The Chaplain has overall responsibility for our small staff team and oversight of our projects, answering to the Board of Trustees.

They're looking for someone who:

- is a committed Christian with experience of leadership in either an ordained/pastor or recognised lay role in a Christian church or other Christian fellowship/community.
- shares GTCC's values of being non-judgemental with selflessness, integrity, honesty, professionalism, excellence and collaboration.
- is committed to working within a cross-denominational environment
- has experience of providing pastoral care, demonstrating openness to people of any faith or none.
- has management experience and an ability to work with limited supervision.

- demonstrates a creative vision of how the Chaplaincy could continue to develop and grow its ministries in the coming years

They're offering a part-time post (3-4 days per week, with flexible hours to match the needs of the post), based at their office in Guildford's town centre and with a full time equivalent salary in the range of £30-32,000.

For more information contact gtccapplications@outlook.com or 01483 505230.

To learn more about the Chaplaincy visit gtcc.org.uk. Closing date for applications - 10 September 2018

Full-time Ministry Leader: Children, Youth and Families - Willesborough Baptist Church:

Salary: £24000 - £29000 (dependent upon experience) plus pension contribution

Closing Date for applications: 10th September 2018

WBC is a vibrant community seeking to expand our work in the rapidly developing area of Ashford. This role will involve working with our current leadership & volunteers developing new, & delivering existing, discipleship & outreach projects. Are you a committed Christian with a passion for sharing the good news of Jesus with children, young people & their families? Do you have the leadership skills to motivate & develop a team of volunteers to accomplish our vision of growing 'a passionate God-centred family, committed to sharing His life-changing power; a vision which embraces a real desire to 'grow the church younger.'

Are you looking for a new challenge?

For more information on the role or to apply for an application pack, please go to www.wbc-ashford.org.uk or contact Lynn in the Office: 01233 632739 or office@wbc-ashford.org.uk

Administrator - African Pastors Fellowship:

APF is a registered UK charity working to empower and equip dedicated but under resourced church leaders in Africa to help them lead healthy churches that transform communities.

Following the successful launch of eVitabu, a major new innovation, APF needs to expand its UK staff by setting aside the existing UK Coordinator to focus on Project Management and appoint an experienced PA/Secretary to take over much of the day to day administration of the charity, supporting the work of the CEO and Project Manager.

For a full job description & person specification, [click here](#)

The successful candidate must have experience of administration in an office environment. They will need excellent communication skills, be highly proficient in the use of IT and social media. They will need to be able to work independently and as part of a close team; whilst working to agreed timelines and encouraging others to do the same.

Salary: £18,500 pro rata for 37.5 hours per week

Hours: 15 hours per week (i.e. £7400 per annum) [work pattern to be agreed]

Place of work: The APF office is relocating from Canterbury to Faversham as from 1st October 2018. You will be required to attend approx. 4 trustees meetings per year which usually take place in the midlands.

To apply send a copy of your CV with a covering letter explaining why you are applying for this job and outlining the key skills and experience you will bring (this should be no more than one side of A4) to – Revd David Stedman, ceo@africanpastors.org or Station House, Station Approach, Adisham, CT3 3JE not later than Friday 31st August 2018

Written references will be sought from your current or recent employer, church leader (if applicable) and one other person

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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