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

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SEBA Notices

Update for all Treasurers

We now have the new bank account details. Please note, this account is for payments direct to SEBA (NOT for any Home Mission payments). The new account details are: sort code: 60-01-73 (Reliance Bank); account number: 00218212; account name: South Eastern Baptist Association

All Home Mission payments should still be sent to the same, old, Home Mission account (*Sort Code: 40-19-35 Account Number: 91264028*).

Thank you for your understanding.

Correspondence from SEBA:

For any Church Secretaries who didn't receive the **50 days** leaflets in their mailing- please check with your minister (or staff members) who attended the recent Ministers' Conference - as the leaflets were handed over to them to deliver to your church.

SEBA Training

Core Leaders training:

Our Core Leaders Training is open to any Baptist Pastor / Deacon / Elder / Church Leader. The course covers 6 sessions (Spirituality - Trusteeship - Spiritual Life of the Core Team - Working Together - Decision Making - Mission/Pastoral Care) - the course is run, in different networks across the Association throughout the year.

- Saturday 6 & Saturday 20 May 2017 // Opengate (Bognor Regis Baptist Church) // 9.30am-12.30pm

£15 per person for the complete course - for more information download the poster by clicking [here](#) - to book, click [here](#) to contact Pam Kerley.

Excellence in Safeguarding training:

Level 2 Excellence in Safeguarding (covering Children & Adults at Risk):

- Saturday 18 March 2017 /// Blackboys Village Hall (East Sussex) – 9.30am - cost £10 per space.
- Sunday 19 March 2017 /// Orpington Baptist Church – 6.30pm - cost £10 per space
- Saturday 13 May 2017 /// Halton Baptist Church, Hastings – 9.30am - cost £10 per space
- Saturday 17 June 2017 /// Sandhurst Baptist Church – 9.30am - cost £10 per space

Level 3 Excellence in Safeguarding (covering Children & Adults at Risk):

- Saturday 18 March 2017 /// Blackboys Village Hall (East Sussex) – 1.30pm - cost £10 per space.
- Saturday 13 May /// Halton Baptist Church, Hastings – 1.30pm - cost £10 per space

For more info or to book please click [here](#) to contact Maeve

Events

Marilyn Baker concert:

Tuesday 28 March 2017 2.30pm - Dormansland Baptist Church (7 High Street, Dormansland, RH7 6PU)

All welcome. For more details, click [here](#) to download the poster.

Baptist Assembly 2017:

Saturday 13 May 2017 - Harrogate International Centre

To book, and for more details, click [here](#)

Beacon Event (Thy Kingdom Come):

Pentecost Sunday 4 June 2017 - Guildford Cathedral

4.30-6pm Prayer & Food Festival

6.30-8pm Celebration service with Ignite Worship Band and Hosted by Pete Greig

Get your free tickets at www.guildford-cathedral.org

Click here to download a [flyer](#)

Responding to the Reformation Conference:

16-18 October 2017 - The Hayes, Swanwick

Churches Together in England, working with National Ecumenical Officers, is planning a conference for those working in an ecumenical capacity at 'county' level – so for those working as Association Ecumenical Officers or representing the Association at ecumenical or Churches Together bodies.

The programme is arranged around five 'R's:

- Remembering
- Repenting
- Reforming
- Reconciling
- Rejoicing

More information about the conference is available on the CTE website at

http://www.cte.org.uk/Groups/286878/Home/Resources/500th_anniversary_of/Conference_R

[esponding_to/About_the_conference/About_the_conference.aspx](#), including a link to the online booking form.

Advice & Information

Baptist Union news:

Baptist Union Prayer Diary for week beginning beginning 19th March: Today is the second of four Network Gatherings for the West of England Baptist Association; gathering the churches of the Association together for worship, sharing and to hear God's word as a wider network. Please pray for the Association as they seek to engage in the mission of God in Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, North Somerset and Bristol. www.webassoc.org.uk

Council is meeting this week on Thursday and Friday and we would love it if you could join us in prayer

http://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/482097/BU_Council_prayer.aspx

Third Sunday in Lent resources by Phil Jump, John Weaver and Mike Lowe. 'His hands have moulded the dry land'. Visit

http://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/493263/Third_Sunday_in.aspx

Important piece from our recent magazine - Wale Hudson Roberts on finding ways to increase the number of Black and minority ethnic (BME) ministers and leaders across Baptists Together http://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/492110/10_years_on.aspx

What if we all get to heaven... and realise disabled people were healed all along? Thought-provoking parable from a Baptist church member. Rachel is a nurse, writer, wife and mum of three boys. Her eldest son was born with complex disabilities

http://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/492736/Not_disabled_people.aspx

Free publications available:

As BUild (the Baptist Union Initiative with people with Learning Disabilities) are bringing their work to a close, they have a number of publications that they would like

to pass on to ministers and churches.

The resources available are:

- *When Weak Then Strong* by Faith Bowers
- *The Lord's Prayer* by Chris Ruddle
- *Friends of Jesus* by Sior Coleman
- *Discipleship Booklets* (set of 4) - useful in dealing with church life, especially baptism and church membership

The publications are being offered free of charge, but with the request that you pay postage and packing. If you would like to receive any of the publications below, please contact Revd Jerry Newson by [email](#).

Calling all Closet Contemplatives!:

Andy Warhol once described himself as a deeply superficial person, and likewise describing myself as a Contemplative Baptist can sound equally oxymoronic. However at the recent SEBA conference I was encouraged that perhaps there are more of us out there than I had first thought- A silent majority even?

So if you practice any form of Contemplative Prayer or are drawn to it through reading the likes of Richard Rohr then it would be wonderful to hear from you with a view to arranging a gathering to encourage one another later on in the year.

Revd Guy Partridge, New Life Church Blackboys guy_newlifechurch@btinternet.com or 07702 836057.

Jobs

Church Administrator - Canterbury Baptist Church:

Canterbury Baptist Church are looking for a new Church Administrator - for information on the job, please click [here](#) to download all the information.

Closing date: 26 March 2017.

Family and Community Worker - Haywards Heath Baptist Church:

Haywards Heath Baptist Church is a family-friendly church with a big heart for our local community. We are seeking to extend and develop our outreach work with particular focus on families who are not currently part of the church, with a view to drawing people into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and helping them grow as Christian disciples.

We'd love you to join our team if you are:

- Committed to Christ with a passion for sharing your faith and bringing people into the church family
- Experienced in Christian outreach, evangelism and pastoral work
- Called by God to be involved in family and community work

Salary £20,000 - £24,000 depending on experience

Contact admin@hbbchurch.org.uk for application details, or Chris Norden, Minister, on 07802 721958 for more details on the role.

Closing date: Sunday 30 April 2017 www.hbbchurch.org.uk



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