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



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"I keep my eyes always on the Lord.
With him at my right hand I shall not be shaken."

Psalm 16:8

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 Sandra Platford, Bryan and Liona (Minster, and her family, at Aldershot Baptist Church) - **update** - *"Progress is slow but Praise God there is progress. Liona continues to have physio twice a day and is now able to stand for longer periods with a frame. Yesterday she was taken to the gym to work on the parallel bars and is learning how to walk again"*
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(activating muscle memory). She is managing a wooden shuffle. Please pray for her mood and anxiety. Liona is 14 on the 20th October and we would love her to be home for her birthday; God willing, but currently no plans to go home. I have managed to have a few nights sleep at home which was very much needed. Thank you for your ongoing prayer support we really value this." - Sandra

- Revd Seyan Tills (Minister at Walmer Baptist Church) - **update** - Seyan is having issues with raised blood pressure, so his GP has decided to reinstate one of the previously withdrawn medications in the hope this will rectify the problem. She is also writing to his dermatologist about possibly alternative treatments to deal with the repeated infections. Please continue to pray for all his ongoing medical issues. 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)

Notice of AGMs

Notification of the SEBA AGMs has been sent out to the Church Secretary, or Secretarial contact, in every church. The AGMs are a part of the each of the 3 Joint Celebrations, happening across the Association this Autumn.

They are:

East, Mid & West Sussex Networks - Sunday 14 October 2018

Victoria Baptist Church, Eastbourne

starts at 6pm, AGM at 6.30pm - refreshments from 5pm

click [here to download a poster](#)

East, North, South & West Kent Networks - Sunday 21 October 2018

Maidstone Baptist Church

starts at 6pm, and opens with AGM

click [here to download a poster](#)

Gatwick & North Downs Networks - Sunday 4 November 2018

Bookham Baptist Church

AGM at 5pm, following by refreshments

Service starts at 6.15pm

click [here to download a poster](#)

Irrespective of whichever network you are a part of, you are welcome to attend any of the above Celebrations and/or AGMs – please encourage the rest of your church fellowship to attend as well.

Included with the notice of the AGM is a voting slip that will need to be filled in, and brought along to the AGM by the person representing your church - **please ensure you let me know who will be representing your church (admin@seba-baptist.org.uk)**

The 2017 Accounts have been circulated to all Church Secretaries/Administrators and Church Ministers - you can also download a copy from the resources page of the SEBA website, or by [clicking here](#)

SEBA Notices

Elections & Nominations for SEBA Network Executive:

Emails have been sent to all Ministers and Church Secretaries/Administrators in the East Sussex, Mid Sussex, South Kent & West Kent networks as their Network

representatives on the SEBA Executive will either vacate or due to re-elect/nominate at the end of the year.

SEBA Team on leave:

Please note the following over the next few weeks:

- Revd Jerry Newson - away 21 September - 7 October (annual leave)
 - Revd Stuart Davison - away 4-11 October (Pastor's Study Trip - Israel); followed by meetings away from 15-18 October. Please send emails whilst Stuart is unavailable, rather than leave phone messages. If urgent, please contact Revd Paul Kerley, in Stuart's absence (paul@seba-baptist.org.uk 01580-766020 / 07821-550038). Thank you
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New contact details for Maeve:

Maeve's telephone has now been connected, and you can contact her on the landline 01903-814265. Any postal contact should be sent to:

The White House
1 Riverside Cottages
Riverside
Upper Beeding
BN44 3HW

All emails, as before, should be sent to mave@seba-baptist.org.uk

South Eastern Baptist Women's Fellowship

Blending the Old and the New - A day of Reflection and Encouragement:

Saturday 10th November 2018, 10am – 3.30pm

Dover Baptist Church (27–32 Maison Dieu Road, DOVER, CT16 1RF)

For further information contact: Wendy Hopper on 01304 203165/07832 131283

wendyhopper@btinternet.com

Click [here to download a poster](#) with all the details

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 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.

SEBA Church project of the Year 2018 - 24 Hour Prayer Space:

Sheddingdean Community Centre (Maple Drive, BURGESS HILL, RH15 8UA)

Friday 5 October, starting at 7.00pm, to Saturday 6 October at 7.00pm

As the current SEBA church project of the year, Instead of holding our annual gift day for the Cornerstone Project we want to hold a 24 hour prayer space in order to give thanks to God for the blessings we have already received and to pray for God's guidance on the next phase. It is now our hope and prayer that we might be in a position to start building during 2019. The Prayer Space will be held in the Sheddingdean Community Centre, Burgess Hill, from Friday 5th October starting at 7.00pm with a shared prayer gathering and ending on Saturday 6th October at 7.00pm. The prayer space will focus on the three elements of the Cornerstone vision, Church, Community and Creation but also recognising how they fit together. We would welcome folk from SEBA churches dropping in to join us in praying for the Cornerstone. Also a big thank you to those SEBA churches who have supported us with a financial gift, if your church hasn't yet shown the YouTube video about the Cornerstone please do consider showing it and supporting us. The link to the video is as follows <https://youtu.be/zOIEKyPR2hc>

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)

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](#)

Fresh Streams Prayer and Fasting Day:

Wednesday 10 October 2018, 10am to 3pm

Battle Baptist Church (Mount Street, BATTLE, TN33 0EG)

God's people, seeking God's face - Praying together to see lives changed and communities transformed

Fresh Streams believe the Lord has been leading them for a number of years to make a call to gather both regionally and nationally to Pray and Fast, intentionally crying out to God together over the past few years. We want to be a people hungry for God, coming together for the Kingdom: a Word and Spirit encounter with God that leads to engagement with the world.

This year they are holding Prayer and Fasting Days on Wednesday 10th October

and Thursday 11th October. They will take place from 10am to 3pm with the first session starting at 10.30am. On the 10th October Battle Baptist Church will be hosting 1 of these days.

It will be a time to share together what God is doing, pray into it, support it and share with the wider Baptist Family. Please do consider joining us .

Click [here for a link to the flyer](#)

50th Anniversary:

Sunday 14 October 2018, 10.30am

Ferring Baptist Church (Greystoke Road, Ferring, BN12 5JL)

Ferring Baptist Church are celebrating their 50th Anniversary on Sunday 14 October, their guest speaker will be Revd Jonathan Edwards (former General Secretary of the BUGB), all are welcome.

East, Mid & West Sussex Networks' Celebration:

Sunday 14 October 2018, starts at 6pm, AGM at 6.30pm - refreshments from 5pm

Victoria Baptist Church (Eldon Road, EASTBOURNE, BN21 1UE)

Click [here for a poster](#)

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](#).

East, North, South & West Kent Networks' Celebration:

Sunday 21 October 2018, starts at 6pm, and opens with AGM

Maidstone Baptist Church (Knightrider Street, MAIDSTONE, ME15 6LU)

Holiday Club - Battle:

Thursday 25, Friday 26 & Sunday 28 October 2018

Battle Baptist Church (Mount Street, BATTLE, TN33 0EG)

Battle Baptist Church are running a Holiday Club for children in school years 1 to 6 during the October half-term. Back by popular demand, this includes a daily roadshow by "Joshing Around" TV's Josh Carter plus crafts & games. It takes place on Thursday 25th & Friday 26th October (both 9.45 am to 3.30 pm) with an additional one-hour event on Sunday 28th October at 10.45 am (for more fun and team prizes). Cost is £10 per child for all 3 days (children need to bring a packed lunch on both week-days).

Click [here](#) to download a poster and [here](#) for a flyer with booking form

Engaging with Intolerance - the South East England Faiths Forum Annual Conference:

Thursday 25 October 2018, 10am-4pm

Newbold College (Binfield, RG42 4AN)

Booking through Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/engaging-with-intolerance-seeff-annual-conference-2018-tickets-50684100509>

or email Emel Soyfu emel@art-beyond-belief.com

Healing Conference - The Transformative Presence of Jesus:

26-28 October 2018

Christian Healing Centre (Forewood Lane, Crowhurst, Battle, East Sussex TN33 9AD)

For more information go to their website

<https://crowhursthealing.co.uk/retreat.php?retreat=330>

One Way Uk - European Puppet & Creative Arts Festival:

Friday 2 - Saturday 3 November 2018

Rugby College (CV21 1AR)

Weekend passes available from only £42 per person, or £28 for individual days and with additional group discounts available. Want to see what their 2017 Festival was like? Watch their highlights video here -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IByQwE2GuX0>

For full details visit www.onewayuk.com/festival or call 01472 241068

Click [here](#) to download their information sheet or [here](#) to download a flyer with booking information

Gatwick & North Downs Networks' Celebration:

Sunday 4 November 2018, AGM at 5pm, following by refreshments - Service starts at 6.15pm

Bookham Baptist Church (Lower Road, BOOKHAM, KT23 4DH)

Blending the Old and the New - a day of Reflection and Encouragement:

Saturday 10 November 2018, 10am-3pm

Dover Baptist Church - see details above under SEBA Notices

Nativity at Wintershall:

Wednesday 12-Sunday 16 December 2018

Wintershall Estates (Bramley, GUILDFORD, GU5 0LR)

Experience the Christmas story in a new way. Mince pies and hot drinks available before the show. Parental guidance advised for under 5s. Book early to secure your preferred date and time.

They are offering 10% off Wednesday and Thursday 7pm performances, please email Finola Coltman (admin@wintershall-estate.com) for the discount code.

For more information, check out www.wintershall.org.uk

Click here to [download an A5 leaflet](#)

SEBA Ministers & Leaders Conference: 26-28 February 2019 - Ashburnham Place

Advice, Resources & Information

Baptist Union news:

Baptist Union Prayer Diary for week beginning beginning 7 October: Please

pray for the South Wales Baptist Association which exists to encourage the building and development of healthy churches and to enable them to assist each other in mission in their community, Wales and the world. The Association Day was held yesterday in Bethel Baptist Church, Pontyclun.

www.southwalesbaptistassociation.org.uk

On Friday 5 October, at 9pm, Christians Against Poverty (CAP) and some of their 600 partner churches are the subject of the BBC2 documentary The Debt Saviours. The programme profiles the work of the UK Church caring the poor and rescuing people from debt across the UK.

GB Ministries is holding a retreat weekend to gather women of all ages, from 26-28 October 2018. This event will provide an opportunity for women to be refreshed and replenished, with a particular focus on building resilience.

<http://www.girlsb.org.uk/abigail-retreat-for-women-of-all-ages-1174>

'King: Montgomery to Memphis ' will be shown at New Road Baptist Church, Oxford on 27 October, with other dates in Manchester and Derby to be confirmed. At each screening, there will be a post-film panel discussion with leading contributors. to book visit https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/522742/Special_screenings_of.aspx?redirected=1

Think Tank Demos are working with the Good Faith Partnership for a research project about church social action. Their report will look at partnership working, the partnership projects that churches are already doing and how they can be better supported <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QJ6P2DM>

'Products that carry a divine message' - Faith+Hope+Love is a new Christian fashion brand that aims to put biblical wisdom at the heart of our clothes - and our conversations <http://ow.ly/SuZx50iHISy>

Paramedic Chris - book 2:

Many of you will have heard about the release of the first children's book about Paramedic Chris, written by Tim Parsons, a Baptist chaplain working in the NHS. The second book of the series is now available for purchase, via [Amazon](#) or [Waterstones](#), and other retail outlets..

Chairs!:

Eastgate Baptist Church, in Lewes, have around 90 blue plastic chairs that are surplus to requirement. If you are interested, please contact their Church Secretary, Barbara Dart barbdartx@gmail.com - you will need to arrange collection.

Jobs & Vacancies

Chaplain (East Sussex Communities) - YMCA Downslink Group:

Based in Eastbourne, with regular travel across East Sussex

22.5 hours per week / Fixed term contract for 1 year initially / £24,720 per annum (pro-rata) / £15,032 per annum (actual)

We are looking for someone to join us as a chaplain working across East Sussex. This is an exciting opportunity to expand and develop volunteer chaplaincy support services in our housing projects –alongside our paid staff teams - providing young people with informal support and, where appropriate, spiritual input. The Chaplain will also provide some support for our staff in recognition of the challenging work that they are doing. In addition the role will also focus on developing positive relationships with local Christian & faith communities, which enable those communities to support and participate with the work of the YMCA.

The post holder will also be responsible for coordinating prayer support and other forms of Christian devotion where appropriate. The role will work closely with the Head of Communities for East Sussex and the Lead Chaplain.

The position comes with excellent benefits, including 5.4 weeks annual leave per annum (plus bank holidays), a company sick pay scheme, a life assurance policy of 2x your annual salary, and an interest free bike loan. Please download a job pack for more information about other benefits offered.

As part of a genuine occupational requirement the post holder will be required to demonstrate an active Christian faith. Our mission is inclusive; the chaplain will work as part of a staff team that have a wide range of personal beliefs.

Some formal theological training or background would be advantageous, but not essential, key for the organisation is to find a person with the right personal characteristics that fit with our culture.

YMCA DownsLink Group is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults. Successful applicants are required to undertake an Enhanced Disclosure via the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)

Closing date for applications: Wednesday 26th September 2018 at 9am

Interviews date: Wednesday 10th October 2018

Please download an application pack from YMCA DownsLink Group, www.ymcadlg.org/vacancies/, or email recruitment@ymcadlg.org or contact the Human Resources Department at 47 Church Road, Hove, BN3 2BE, tel. 01273 222595.

Leader of Community Evangelism - Brighton Road Baptist Church, Horsham:

Do you have a passion to see people come to know Jesus? Do you have experience of developing relationships with those outside the church? Can you lead and inspire others? If so, you may be just the person we need and this may be just the opportunity you are looking for.

We are looking for someone to join our ministry team who will lead by example and who will work in close collaboration with those who run our existing programme of activities to reach out to people of all ages in our local community, and to help them develop a personal relationship with God.

You may or may not be an ordained minister, but the most important thing is that you have a track record of reaching people for Jesus and a strong desire to help others do the same.

For a full information pack, please contact work@brbc-horsham.org.uk.

The closing date for applications is 19th October 2018.

Full-time Facilities Manager - Folkestone Baptist Church:

Salary: circa £28k per annum (dependent upon experience) plus pension contribution

Closing Date for applications: 14th October 2018

FBC is a welcoming and growing coastal town community that is cross generational and cross cultural in make-up. Our facilities are now being used 12hrs a day, every day, by a variety of Church, Community and Corporate users providing daytime and evening activities/clinics. We also have a pre-school nursery with its own dedicated onsite facilities and a fulltime paid community worker and part-time youth worker. We are now looking to employ a Facilities Manager who will have a strategic role to play, working closely with the Ministry and Leadership Team to fulfil our values and vision of a community-transforming service delivered from our church buildings.

We are looking for someone who is/has:

- A committed Christian with a sense of call and commitment to serve the church and to mission in the local community
- Strong organisational skills, reliable and dependable with a high view of team
- Management experience, working with staff and volunteers, a team builder.
- Committed to working within a cross-denominational environment
- Strong interpersonal skills and a positive demeanour
- Good communicator comfortable welcoming a wide cross section of people
- Strong administrative skills including familiarity with computer-based applications such as Microsoft Office 365 and Excel

Are you looking for a new challenge? For a full job description & person specification, click [here](#) or contact David Hudson by E: david_hudson@ntlworld.com or T: 07860 890998

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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