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Weekly update from the Association Administrator, Steph Tidy



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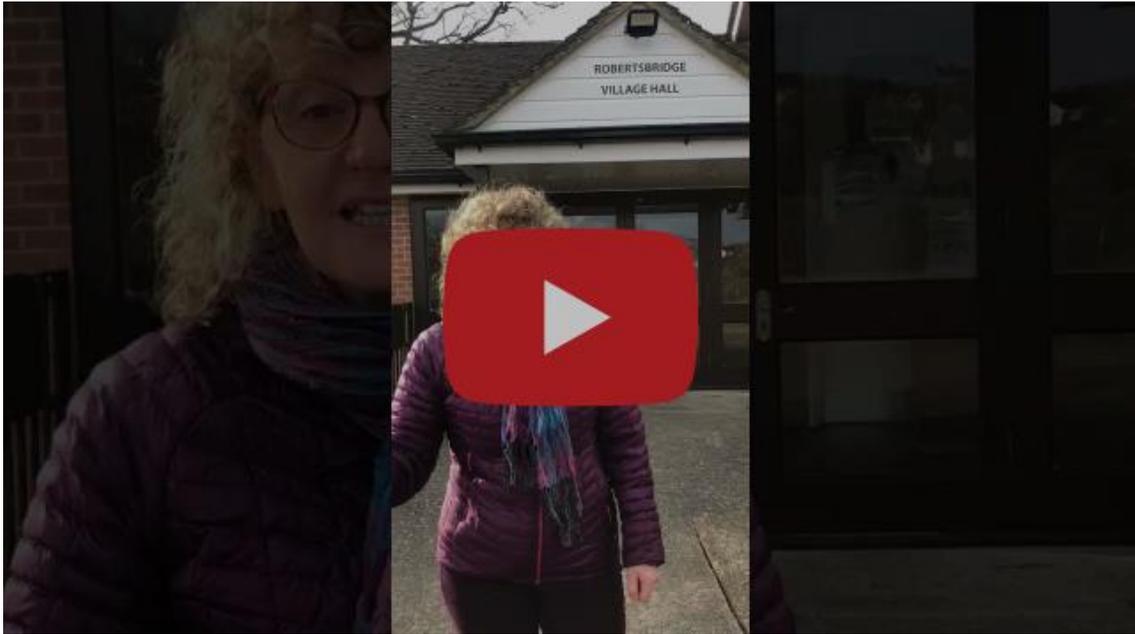
“(But) I, by your great love, can come into your house; in reverence I bow down toward your holy temple.

Lead me LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies---make your way straight before me.”

Psalm 5: 7-8

Prayer requests

Prayer requests are now sent out in a separate emailing, every Wednesday afternoon. If you would like your name added to the list for prayer, please email me admin@seba-baptist.org.uk



Home Mission Focus - April 2021

Hear the latest news from Revd Jan Vidler, about the fellowship at Community Church Robertsbridge.

SEBA Notices

Home Mission

Home Mission Grant Applications 2022:

The application packs for the 2022 Home Mission grant applications are now available from Revd Paul Kerley - for any churches wanting to apply, please email him, paul@seba-baptist.org.uk

For any churches have not previously had a Home Mission grant, please [download this guide](#), before requesting all the paperwork - and feel free to call Paul if you have any questions (01580-766020 or 07821-550038).

All application paperwork needs to be returned to Paul by 31 May 2021.

SEB Women's Ministry

Newsletter:

The latest newsletter is available to download - click [here to download it](#)

Zoom Quiet Morning:

We will be holding another Zoom Quiet Morning on April 24th at 10.00am. The title is "He restores my soul". The format will be similar to last time with some extra time in the breakout rooms for sharing and praying. All are welcome - We look forward to seeing you and spending some quiet time together in the presence of Jesus.

Click [here to download a poster](#)

Please contact Corinne for the Zoom link: Tel: 01303 812603/
email: cch65@hotmail.com

'Sitting At Jesus' Feet' - Weekend Retreat:

Friday 15-Sunday 17 October 2021

Oast Houses Christian Retreat Centre, nr Northiam, East Sussex

A retreat weekend for those who, like Mary, wish to sit at Jesus' feet and fix their eyes on him.

The cost is £160 per person, payable on booking.

Click [here to download a flyer](#)

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

SEBA Training

Available now:

Safeguarding Question and Answer Sessions

If you have completed the online Excellence in Safeguarding Training (below) and have any questions that you would like answered this is an opportunity to ask them.

I am running 45 minute sessions on Zoom to talk through any questions you may have. There will be 9 participants each session.

These are the first dates and times:

- Tuesday 20th April at 10.30am *New Date*

To book a place please email pam.admin@seba-baptist.org.uk with your preferred date and time.

The link to the session will then be forwarded to you.

More dates will follow.

Wendy Mann

SEBA Safeguarding Officer

Safeguarding Training:

As a temporary measure (until we are able to return to face-to-face training) the Baptist Union have brought out an Excellence in Safeguarding Update film (+ optional 45-minute Q&A session, via Zoom, for those who would appreciate the opportunity of the extra support)

For more details about booking, please go to the [training page](#) on our website.

Events (in date order)

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.

Spurgeon's College Live Virtual Open Day:

1-1 Sessions on 14 April, 4.30–5.30pm

We warmly invite you to visit our website, www.spurgeons.ac.uk to listen to our Virtual Open Day course presentations.

Courses Available

Undergraduate and Postgraduate Programmes, including the BA in Theology, MA in Christian Thought and Practice, MTh in Advanced Christian Studies, Biblical and Theological Studies, Master of Ministry and MA in Digital Theology.
Counselling Courses (level 2, 3, 4), The Professional Certificate in Pastoral Supervision and Equipped to Minister

Please email admissions@spurgeons.ac.uk to book an appointment for a 1-1 session with a member of our academic and professional staff to find out more.

Small Church Connexions:

Zoom Webinar - Saturday 17th April, 10am–2pm

Back to Church – How to Rebuild? How to reach our hurting communities?

Time to talk, swap ideas & pray

Guest Speakers: Simon Goddard & Ruth Rice

Book your place with Hilary Taylor hilary.taylor@londonbaptist.org.uk

Simon Goddard is the founder of River Tree, which offers consultancy, coaching and training to support to those pursuing fruitfulness in God's mission. Co-author of 'Big Hearted', he serves nationally for Baptists Together and facilitates its Mission Forum. Ruth Rice set up the first Renew Wellbeing centre, 'renew 37' whilst leading New Life Baptist Church. She now works full time for Renew Wellbeing visiting churches, delivering training and supporting sustainability. Ruth is passionate about seeing churches turn themselves and their great habits of welcome, care and prayer inside out to reduce isolation and increase wellbeing in every community. It's OK not to be OK.

Seminars & sessions over multiple dates

Learning from Peter, Paul & Mary – Rural Ministries:

Monday 12 April-Wednesday 14 April 2021 10.15am-2.30pm daily

Online

Delivered online via Zoom we will explore the topics of leadership after failure, being attentive to the Holy Spirit in leadership, and the kind of heart Jesus is looking for in his leaders. Each day begins with some input of the character of the day, then through conversation together we will seek to draw out the applications for today, in particular those relevant for the context we find ourselves in. With opportunities to reflect, pray together, and network, this conference is ideal for leaders, either lay or ordained, who are serving in a rural context.

12th April: Lessons from Peter

13th April: Lessons from Paul

14th April: Lessons from Mary

Each day will be led by a member of the Rural Ministries team: Alistair Birkett (Director: Scotland & Northern England), Alison Griffiths (Director: Wales & South West), Simon Mattholie (Chief Executive)

Daily programme:

Beginning at 10:15, each day will be a mixture of input, reflection, dialogue & prayer, finishing at 12:00. The team will then be available in the afternoon for further conversations, advice, ministry & prayer .

Attendance is free but a daily donation of £10 towards our work would be appreciated.

To register your place go to <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/learning-from-peter-paul-mary-tickets-141948244019>

The Reading Room - a place for women in ministry/leadership to discover and talk about books:

13 April 2021, 11am - 'The Braid' by *Laetitia Colombani*

8 June 2021, 11am - 'Invisible Women' by *Caroline Criado Perez*

20 July 2021, 11am - 'Theology Brewed in an African Pot' by *Agbonkhianmeghe E Orbator*

The purpose of the reading room is to build community and learn together. Reading is a beautiful practice and books invite us to explore and to bring into question other worldviews. Our hope is that the reading room will broaden your resource base and creativity in a way that will help you in your own ministry. We recognise that everyone will have their own response to what they read, and we want this to be an activity and community that serves you in your ministry.

Each meeting will last for one hour. For more information, and details on how to join the zoom call, email Jane Day jday@baptist.org.uk

Click [here](#) for a flyer with more information

Advice, Resources & Information

Sailor's Society - Sea Sunday 2021:

Seafarers have helped all of us cope during this difficult year. Thanks to them, our fears about running out of the essentials at the start of the pandemic were short-lived. They refilled our empty supermarket shelves, and put an end to panic buying. Seafarers are in great need of your prayers this year. During the coronavirus pandemic, they've felt more isolated and have been called upon to make more painful sacrifices than ever before.

The UN has called their situation a "humanitarian crisis". In an extreme version of lockdown, at the height of the crisis some 400,000 seafarers were stranded at sea long after their contracts ended, as covid restrictions prevented them from travelling home to their loved ones. Many of these are still waiting to go home.

They've had to continue working, without any rest days, breaks or often even the opportunity to set foot on dry land – for up to 17 months. A similar number have been

unable to travel to work to make money to feed their families.

Sea Sunday 2021 is on July 11, but you can mark the day on any Sunday of the year. With so many churches still in lockdown, they've made a short, narrated presentation about the situation facing seafarers, which you can share with your church on social media or add into your service, whether it's online or in a church building. <https://www.sailors-society.org/sea-sunday-2021>

Important changes to the registration of marriages!!!!

The Civil Partnerships, Marriages and Deaths (Registration etc.) Act 2019 - the Act had successfully completed its passage through Parliament and attained Royal Assent on 26 March 2019.

The House of Lords approved the draft Registration of Marriages Regulations 2021 on 23 March 2021 - and the new regulations will come into force on 4 May 2021; meaning as from 4th May 2021, the registration of marriages will become electronic

If you are the Authorised Person at your church, you should have been receiving the regular newsletters, however, if you haven't, details of how to access the training information, can be found

here https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/970238/Authorised_Person_Newsletter_14th_Edition_March_2021_V1.pdf

All of the newsletters can be accessed

here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/authorised-persons-newsletters>

Information & support from the Baptist Union

Baptist Assembly online 2021 - registration now open:

Shane Claiborne to be keynote speaker at Baptist Assembly 2021 online.

Shane Claiborne is a prominent speaker, activist, and best-selling author. Shane worked with Mother Teresa in Calcutta, and founded The Simple Way in Philadelphia. He heads up Red Letter Christians, a movement of folks who are committed to living 'as if Jesus meant the things he said'. Shane is a champion for grace which has led him to jail advocating for the homeless, and to places like Iraq and Afghanistan to stand against war. Now grace fuels his passion to end the death penalty and help stop gun violence. Register now at www.baptistassembly.org.uk and view this message from Shane here <https://youtu.be/KJj8vZcpCdc>

To host on social channels you can download the video from <https://www.mediafire.com/file/r17pnvo0ljnopuj/ShaneClaibomeIntro.mp4/file>

Coronavirus Essential Guidance:

There have been no updates to the guidance (at the time of writing) - but please do keep checking back on the essential guidance page, to ensure the advice you are using is the most up-to-date

https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/570475/Coronavirus_essential_advice.aspx

Jobs & Vacancies

Full-Time Children's, Youth and Families' Worker - Pembury Baptist Church:

For this role we are hoping to find:

- A prayerful follower of Jesus
- A person of integrity able to relate to all ages
- A leader with initiative able to inspire others
- Someone organised, committed and able to delegate/work well alongside others
- Someone with relevant experience

Deadline for applications: 23rd May 2021

For more information and to download the job description and application form:

<https://www.pemburybaptistchurch.org/Connect/Vacancy>

Pastoral Care Assistant St Barnabas House hospice, Worthing:

Hours: 20 hours per week

Salary: £12,080 - £13,002 p.a depending on depth and variety of experience in a similar role (F.T.E. £22,650 - £24,380)

Closing date: Thursday 6 May

Interviews expected: Monday 17 May

St Barnabas House provides specialist palliative care to adults in the Worthing, Adur, Arun and Henfield areas through a range of services, including in-patient care and community living well services.

We are looking for a theologically and pastorally competent person, who is grounded in their own faith tradition. You will need to be theologically inclusive, to assist in the provision of spiritual and emotional support to patients who are under the care of the

hospice, together with their families and carers.

This role will include:

- Assessing the spiritual, psychological and religious needs of patients, their family members and carers, planning interventions accordingly
- Providing spiritual and pastoral support and advice to patients, their family members and carers
- Providing religious services within the hospice
- Participating in and, where appropriate, taking responsibility for events linked to the hospice's provision of bereavement support
- The provision of emergency chaplaincy cover to Chestnut Tree House

For informal conversation please contact Stephen Gurr (Lead Chaplain) on 01903 706374.

Check out <https://www.stbarnabas-hospice.org.uk/jobs/pastoral-care-assistant/> for an application form, job description and staff benefits.

An enhanced DBS will be sought, if you are successful in this role. The safe recruitment of staff at St Barnabas Hospices is the first step to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults in our care. As an employer we expect all staff and volunteers to share our commitment to safeguarding.

Baptists Together Hong Kong Response Co-ordinator:

Last year the UK government made a pledge to the people of Hong Kong after the introduction of new security laws following pro-democracy demonstrations. That promise came into effect at the end of January 2021 and it is estimated that between 130,000 and 300,000 people from Hong Kong will be arriving in the UK over the next year. Whilst many of those arriving will be leaving Hong Kong as economic migrants there will be some who will need to leave for their own safety. As Baptists Together we want to respond in a way that is both welcoming to Baptist ministers needing to leave Hong Kong, as well as encouraging our churches to become centres of welcome for those arriving in the country.

We have secured three years of funding from the Baptists Together Strategic Mission Budget for a Response Co-ordinator. This person will be responsible for: liaising with church leaders seeking to leave Hong Kong, connecting them with local Baptist congregations; encouraging Baptist churches to be places of welcome for migrants from Hong Kong; networking and enabling training for the migrant ministers and the churches involved in offering welcome.

This is a post within the Baptists Together Faith and Society Team for approximately 14 hours per week (0.4fte) at £24,500 pro rata.

Click [here for the full job description](#)

Please apply by sending a copy of your CV along with the names of three referees and a covering letter that explains why you are applying, to Rachel Stone at: opportunities@baptist.org.uk

The closing date for applications is Friday 7 May 2021.
Interviews will be held on Wednesday 21 May 2021.

Joint Public Issues Team Intern 2021-2022:

(applications for 2021-2022 are now open)

Location: *Based at Methodist Church House, near Baker Street, London*

Paid Internship: *12-month fixed-term contract beginning September 2021.*

Salary of £22,000 per annum (London Living Wage)

Do you want to work as part of a team bringing about meaningful change in the world? Are you interested in making links between faith, policy and politics?

The Joint Public Issues Team works on behalf of the Baptist, Methodist and United Reformed Churches and the Church of Scotland on issues of justice and peace. This internship offers opportunities to develop skills in research, campaigning and communication, which will enable you to work on a range of issues as part of a dynamic team.

This is a full-time internship for a year, paid at the London Living Wage starting in September 2021 and based in central London.

You will work as part of a team in the following areas:

- Maintaining JPIT's multiple social media channels
- Contributing to campaigns, and developing supporter engagement for churches
- Analysing aspects of public policy
- Researching and drafting briefings

There will be opportunities for professional and personal learning and development to equip the Intern for employment after their time on the internship.

Revision has been made to ensure that the internship can be enabled remotely and in-person, as public health guidance permits.

Closing Date: Wednesday 14th April 2021

Interview Date: Tuesday 11th May 2021

http://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/internship/?fbclid=IwAR0Q7S_hJRuH_lje654VFY2bXLoDNEdi9ZiJyc2HF86g89pPCvoHWOwQH88

Children's & Families Worker - The Eden Church, Edenbridge:

Part-time – 3 days per week

To oversee and develop our church's ministry to children and facilitate outreach to their families.

We are looking for a leader who loves to help pre-school and primary-aged children and their families grow in faith and can lead and equip volunteer adult leaders of children to do the same. The successful candidate will be given responsibility, as part of the ministry team, to shape this whole area of the church's work into the future. We are a Jesus-loving, Bible-teaching, Holy Spirit-driven church and would expect the role holder to share these passions in their life and ministry.

How to Apply: Please send CV and covering letter, FAO of Jessica Martin, Church Trustee to: - edenchurchkey@gmail.com (closing date 30 April 2021)

To find out more about The Eden Church please visit www.edenchurch.org.uk

Church Administrator - Brighton Road Baptist Church, Horsham:

We are currently looking to recruit a Church Administrator to be responsible for ensuring that day to day administration of the church and the church office runs smoothly and efficiently and to manage and co-ordinate the team of volunteers who man reception for core hours and provide a warm welcome to all visitors.

There is the opportunity to expand this role into areas of church communication, should the candidate have the appropriate skills.

This is a key role in enabling the church to operate effectively and will be an important part of our team helping us to deliver our vision.

It is a part-time role of up to 24 hours over a minimum of 3 days per week as part of a job share and with an annual salary of £14,041 (for 24 hours).

For full details of the roles and for an application form please e-mail David Sheldon (david.sheldon@brbc-horsham.org.uk).

Applications must be received by 12pm on April 16th and interviews will be held on April 19th

Worship Leader - Ashtead Baptist Church:

Ashtead Baptist Church is looking for an enthusiastic musician, with a passion for worship, to come and inspire and teach our present worship group that comprises members of various ages. This will not be a paid position, but we would be prepared to pay travelling expenses, in the initial stages. Ideally the required person should live close to Ashtead, and we would hope that this position could grow to be permanent with the candidate becoming a member of the fellowship.

Please email Paul Gyoury gyouryp@gmail.com to discuss this further.

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. If you would like more information about the role of a SACRE representative, our current East Sussex SACRE rep, Peter White, is more than happy to have a chat - if you would like his details, please contact Steph Tidy (admin@seba-baptist.org.uk)
- 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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