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“Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and  
drink.

Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said,  
rivers of living water will flow from within them.”

John 7:37

### **Prayer requests**

Prayer requests are now sent out in a separate emailing, every Thursday

evening. If you would like your name added to the list for prayer, please email me [admin@seba-baptist.org.uk](mailto:admin@seba-baptist.org.uk)

## A Day to Stop, Look and Listen (Baptists Together)

- Thursday 25 June from 10-3pm

In these extraordinary times, 'A Day to Stop, Look and Listen' is an invitation to do just that in the presence of God. Guided by Regional Ministers Geoff Colmer and Beth Powney, the day will consist of a series of five sessions with a break for lunch. Each session will begin with a 10- to 15-minute introduction with the rest of the time set aside for you to reflect and pray as you choose. The timing of each session is as follows:

- 10.00am Session 1 - Stop and look at God
- 11.00am Session 2 - Look back on your life with God
- 12.00pm Session 3 - Look and listen for God with all your senses
- 1.00pm Lunch
- 1.30pm Session 4 - Look and listen to God in Scripture
- 2.30pm Session 5 - Look back at the day with God
- 3.00pm Finish

You are welcome to attend the whole day or for just a part, though please aim to arrive at the start of one of the sessions to appreciate that session's guided activity. You will find it helpful to have a Bible and a notebook.

To take part in the day (watch and comment on YouTube) click on this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=01whlqxZIDg&feature=youtu.be>

## SEBA Notices

### Live-Streaming:

Don't forget the Sunday services live-streaming is available via <https://www.seba-baptist.org.uk/sebachurchesstreamingservices.htm>

### Prayer Broadcasts:

Join in the Baptist Union's prayer broadcasts, Wednesday & Sunday evenings, at 7pm - click here to find the link to the latest, and also videos of the previous broadcasts

[https://www.baptist.org.uk/Groups/338268/Prayer\\_broadcasts.aspx](https://www.baptist.org.uk/Groups/338268/Prayer_broadcasts.aspx)

## South Eastern Baptist Women's Ministry:

### Newsletter:

The latest edition of the SEB Women's Ministry newsletter is now available, please [click here to download a copy](#).

## SEBA Training

All training events have been cancelled, until further notice

## 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.*

### Spurgeon's College - Virtual Open Days:

Following the success of our Virtual Open Day in May, which can be still be viewed on our website, we are pleased to announce a further two Q&A sessions with our teaching staff:

- [Undergraduate Virtual Open Day Q&A session](#) on 17 June 2020 between 5.00-6.00pm . Please email [admissions@spurgeons.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@spurgeons.ac.uk) to book an appointment to speak to a member of the teaching staff .

- [Postgraduate Virtual Open Day Q&A session](#) on 24 June 2020 between 5.00-6.00pm . Please email [admissions@spurgeons.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@spurgeons.ac.uk) to book an appointment to speak to a member of the teaching staff.

## Helpful links:

### **Covid-19 Crisis Counselling Support Service (Association of Christian Counsellors):**

for those who work within a NHS setting (medical & ancillary staff) impacted by Covid-19 & those bereaved at this time (due to Covid-19 or other reasons)  
Visit ACC's Website [www.acc-uk.org](http://www.acc-uk.org) or if you don't have access to a computer, please ring 024 7644 9694.

### **Baptist Union webinars:**

new webinars each week, on Wednesdays - the links for the upcoming webinars, along with the video for the completed webinars can be found at <https://www.baptist.org.uk/Groups/338869/Webinars.aspx>

## Advice, Resources & Information

### **DNA: Lite & Virtual Taster Days:**

DNA look to serve the local church through the development of breakthrough women and men of God is discipleship and leadership through the context of the local church. They have 2 new opportunities:

[DNA Lite](#): this is our brand new 3-month online course. The course works really well as a stand-alone course, but it can also be done as a taster before doing the full DNA year. It can be done by individuals but is also really well suited to people doing in a small group. <https://dna-uk.org/dnalite/>

[DNA - Virtual online taster days](https://dna-uk.org/taster-days-england/) - we are currently running several online taster days for those wanting to find out more about DNA. From September we are moving all DNA training days to weekends which means that people with a full time Monday-Friday job or those who are over 18 and still in full time education can still access the full DNA year (there are 6 weekdays across the year as part of the residentials but all other training is at weekends). <https://dna-uk.org/taster-days-england/>

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### **Waverley Abbey College - Online Open Days:**

For more information about studying at Waverley Abbey College, check out this video <https://vimeo.com/421020564/f5f9233728>

## **Information & support from the Baptist Union**

### **Deadline for putting staff on furlough (Wednesday 10 June):**

*Your church should have received the following information, by email, from the Baptist Union on Friday - in case you have missed it....*

The government have published guidelines about new arrangements for part time furlough provisions and for the sliding scale of employer contributions that will be required later in the summer. However, it is important for churches to be aware that the cut off date for placing any member of staff on furlough is Wednesday 10 June. This includes staff where you may wish to use part time furlough arrangements from July onwards. After 10 June it will not be possible to add anyone to the furlough scheme and make a grant claim in relation to their pay costs, whether on a full time or part time furlough basis.

Please note that if you already have staff on furlough, this arrangement can continue and you can continue to make grant claims for the time being.

Our Guide for Churches as employers is being updated to reflect all of the new guidance and will be available by email and on our website on Monday, but in the meantime, if you do wish to use the furlough scheme for any member of staff you

will need to have sent them a letter (this can be sent by email) before next Wednesday. If you have not done this before, you can use the [template letter to talk to a member of your staff](#) and the [confirmation letter](#).

### **BUC Guideline Leaflet L18: Covid-19 Coronavirus Legal Issues:**

(updated 4 June) Churches are facing a very challenging time because of the lockdown imposed by the Government due to the coronavirus pandemic. This guidance aims to gather in one place the various legal and regulatory issues that have arisen because of the lockdown.

[https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/572553/Guideline\\_Leaflet\\_L18.aspx](https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/572553/Guideline_Leaflet_L18.aspx)

If you have not already done so, please do check out their information pages - any updates to advice will be found there

<https://baptist.org.uk/Groups/337630/Coronavirus.aspx>

The BU regular Sunday and Wednesday, 7pm prayer broadcasts can be viewed here [https://www.baptist.org.uk/Groups/338268/Prayer\\_broadcasts.aspx](https://www.baptist.org.uk/Groups/338268/Prayer_broadcasts.aspx) - you will also find the link to the upcoming broadcasts available on this page, on the day of the broadcast.

## Jobs & Vacancies

### **Finance Coordinator - African Pastors Fellowship:**

APF is seeking to appoint a part-time Financial Coordinator with effect from 1st August 2020. The vision of APF is to empower Christian leaders and enable effective ministry that delivers community transformation through local African churches.

The successful candidate needs to have a professional qualification in a relevant financial discipline and/or experience of financial management, preferably in the charity sector; a clear sense of vocation to work within a Christian organization, an understanding of the nature of APFs ministry in Africa, the ability to work independently and good IT skills (we use Xero, Google and Office software).

Salary: £18,000 pro rata for 40-hour week

Hours: 8 hours per week (i.e. £3600.00 per annum), hours could be worked flexibly by arrangement.

*The post may suit a self-employed bookkeeper and we are open to that possibility.*

Place of work: We have an office in Faversham

To apply: Send a copy of your CV together with a covering letter explaining why you are applying for this job and outlining the key skills and experience you would bring to Revd. David Stedman, [ceo@africanpastors.org](mailto:ceo@africanpastors.org) not later than Friday 26th June. Interviews will place on Friday 3rd July.

### **Youth and Families Worker - Gorse Hill Baptist Church, Swindon:**

Gorse Hill Baptist Church is a growing church located close to the centre of Swindon. We want to respond more effectively to the needs of our community and are now looking for a gifted practitioner to join our existing team.

If you are an energetic, engaging, passionate and creative self-motivated leader who has a heart to see children, young people & their families transformed by Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit — then we'd love to chat to you.

You'll have the energy and experience to build on the existing childrens' & youth work as well as growing the ministry and embedding new ways of working. The focus of this role is to:

- lead our children's & youth work
- develop our strategy as we aim to grow the Kingdom among young people in our church family and the local community
- nurture our team of volunteers, planning & developing youth leaders to assist in the work
- partner with local churches and other organisations to work across the town and in local schools

For more information please contact Lars Relton ([lrelton@ghbc.org.uk](mailto:lrelton@ghbc.org.uk)) or via our website at ([www.ghbcc.org.uk](http://www.ghbcc.org.uk)).

To apply please send your CV with a covering letter, indicating why you feel you are suited to this role.

Closing date 15th June 2020

Interviews mid July (Corona restrictions permitting)

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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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