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“LORD, I have heard of your fame;
I stand in awe of your deeds, LORD.
Repeat them in our day,
In our time make them known;
In wrath remember mercy.”

Habakkuk 3:2

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

Two's Company is an initiative which aims to address loneliness experienced by many due to Covid-19 shielding, through providing regular telephone calls from members of local congregations. More than 60 enquiries have been received to date, with 18 churches having signed up to partner with Linking Lives, the Christian charity behind the initiative, to serve their communities in this way.

Two's Company launched in April. Jeremy Sharpe, National Director for Linking Lives, said, 'When it became clear that Covid-19 was going to have such a significant impact, we recognised that we needed to adapt our core processes, and also consider ways in which we could serve churches at this challenging time. 'Two's Company', therefore, began to emerge as a way in which local churches could use their resources, local knowledge and contacts in a way which demonstrates the love of God in a very practical way to those most on the margins at this time.'

Through Two's Company, churches receive training and tools to reach out in an effective and safe way to those most vulnerable at this time.

As a Two's Company Coordinator from Bristol explained, 'One of the

bonuses of doing things differently has been the opportunity to spend one to one time with people. The telephone contact has been invaluable, especially for those not able to access online information.'

There is no charge for accessing the package, although partner churches are invited to make a donation towards the costs of developing and running the service.

Linking Lives UK is still inviting churches to partner with them to provide this vital service to their communities. To find out more about how to do this, contact www.linkinglives.uk or email twoscompany@linkinglives.uk to request an introductory pack

Please note, there will be no weekly emailing or weekly prayer diary next week, as Steph is on annual leave

SEBA Notices

SEBA Staff holidays:

Please note the following upcoming holidays for SEBA staff - *those currently on holiday, or on holiday in the next week are highlighted:*

- **Revd Paul Kerley:** 3-7 August
- **Wendy Mann** (Safeguarding Officer): 24-30 August (in Wendy's absence please contact Revd Paul Kerley (paul@seba-baptist.org.uk) if you have any safeguarding issues.

- **David Sheldon:** 18-25 July & 6-31 August
- **Steph Tidy:** 20-26 July & 1-6 September

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

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

Note to all who hold First Aid certificates, due to run out - the HSE (Health & Safety Executive) has agreed that certificates due for renewal at this time, are able to automatically extended until 30 September 2020.

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.

Online events

Renew Wellbeing online training:

As you may know we at Renew Wellbeing are offering our training online free during lockdown for any church interested in setting up a Renew Wellbeing space.

We believe this is a key time for the church to be taking a lead in hosting such places of welcome and peace. Renew spaces are simple safe sustainable ways to attend to mental and emotional wellbeing together with prayer habits right at the centre.

Check out what's on offer at www.renewwellbeing.org.uk

We would love you to invite your churches to use the last weeks of lockdown to consider this approach before busyness takes over.

We have an introductory webinar every Monday at 11am and then church teams can help themselves to the next 3 sessions. If they wish to progress then session 5 is with an area coordinator in zoom to help them get started. All zoom invites and sign up with mandy@renewwellbeing.org.uk

Ruth Rice and the Renew team

An Emmaus Journey (A day of reflection & reorientation) - a retreat led from Millmead:

Wednesday 22 July 10am-3pm

Live-streamed

- Session One: Where have we come from?
- Session Two: Where are we now?
- Session Three: Where are we going?

Click [here to download a flyer](#) with more information , including how to register

Professional Certificate in Pastoral Supervision:

Spurgeon's College, in association with IPCS (Institute of Pastoral Counselling and Supervision), is again recruiting for the Professional Certificate in Pastoral Supervision.

The course has been run successfully at the College twice before and all those who have participated in it have found it a rewarding and enriching experience. This course is beneficial for Pastors, Ministers, Chaplains, Spiritual Directors, Lay Ministers, Counsellors, Psychotherapists and Pastoral Care Team Leaders to develop understanding and skills in reflective practice and supervision in pastoral and ministerial settings.

We are anticipating that this course will next run in January 2021.

Taster days will take place on:

- *Wednesday 29th July (10am – 12pm)*
- *Wednesday 2nd September (10am – 12pm)*

These sessions will take place remotely.

Please visit our website to register for a taster day or to apply for the course:

www.spurgeons.ac.uk/the-professional-certificate-in-pastoral-supervision/

Contact: admissions@spurgeons.ac.uk for more information.

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 or if you don't have access to a computer,

please ring 024 7644 9694.

Baptist Union webinars:

There are new webinars each week, on Wednesdays. The webinars are usually scheduled for 1pm (please do check, in advance, though). 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>

Upcoming webinars:

- Video and streaming solutions for churches - *15 July*
Practical guidance and tips for those continuing to use digital platforms for worship and outreach. With Mike Lowe, BUGB National Communications Manager, and Ben Stacey from Plugged-In Audio Visual.

Previous webinars are also available to view, as a video (there are links on the above mentioned page - or you can click on the titles below, which will take you direct to the video)

- [What would the Celts do?](#)
- [The Apostle Paul's Lockdown Ministry](#)
- [A Day to Stop, Look and Listen](#)
- [The Lifecycle of an Emergency](#)
- [Evangelism Off the Streets](#)
- [Supporting those facing domestic abuse](#)
- [Helping the grieving during the pandemic](#)
- [The church gathered and scattered](#)
- [Support for Church Treasurers](#)
- [Mental Health & Social Distancing](#)
- [Addressing the current pressures on Leadership](#)
- [Gathering up the crumbs](#)
- [Contemplative Practices During Lockdown](#)
- [Leadership in a time of crisis](#)
- [Handling sudden or multiple deaths](#)

- [Church Governance](#)
- [Finance and Employment](#)
- [Managing Stress and Anxiety](#)

Racial Justice webinars:

Upcoming

- **Grenfell Tower Fire**
Tuesday 21 July - 19:30 - 20:30
Speakers: Bevan Powell and Richard Reddie
https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/580847/Grenfell_Tower_Fire.aspx
- **Tearing Down the Symbols of White Supremacy**
Thursday 23 July - 19:30 - 20:30
Speakers: Anthony Reddie and Eleasah Louis
https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/580860/Tearing_Down_the.aspx
- **In the Midst of Life, We are in Death: Black Women therefore Must Breathe**
Friday 28 August - 14:00 - 15:00
Speaker: Cheryl Townsend Gilkes
https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/580868/In_the_Midst.aspx
- **The Windrush Scandal**
Tuesday 1 September - 19:30 - 20:30
Speaker: Rosemarie Mallett
https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/580854/The_Windrush_Scandal.aspx
- **COVID-19 and BAME**
Tuesday 29 September - 19:30 - 20:30
Speakers: Dr Chi-Chi, Dr Vivienne Lyfar-Cisse and Wale Hudson-Roberts
https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/580856/COVID_19_and.aspx
- **The Sam Sharpe Lecture 2020**
Monday 12 October - 19:00 - 20:00
Speaker: Bishop Wilton Powell, OBE
https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/580797/Sam_Sharpe_Lecture.aspx

Webinars already run can be viewed as a video - click on the title below to access each one.

- [Power, Privilege and Pandemic: The toxic case of Brexit](#) (Speakers: Rosemarie Mallett and Anthony Reddie)
- [The Hostile Environment](#) (Speaker: Robert Beckford)

Further information

More information about these webinars, including links to join each one, will be available from www.baptist.org.uk/multiculturalevents Please do check this website link regularly as details and the links to view the webinars are being finalised.

Advice, Resources & Information

Information & support from the Baptist Union

There are new updates being added to the Baptists Together website 'Coronavirus Essential Advice' page, all the time - please take the time to check out the latest information (including Template for risk assessment prior to re-opening your church building, updated Guidance on re-opening Baptist church buildings, advice for pastoral visiting and some helpful Coronavirus posters for your church building, free to download) - all can be found via this link https://baptist.org.uk/Articles/570475/Coronavirus_essential_advice.aspx

Baptist Building - Empowering Change Fund:

Grants for small churches with big ideas

For more information, click [here to download a copy of the fuller details](#), including how to apply

The BU regular Sunday and Wednesday, 7pm prayer broadcasts can be viewed here 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

Discipleship Year 2020/21

Children and Youthwork Internship (part-time):

Is God calling you to join us?

This is an exciting opportunity to join in and help our church as we explore and anticipate God's provision, as we seek someone who feels called to join us.

The Setting: Canterbury Baptist Church

Canterbury Baptist Church (CBC) is a welcoming and thriving city-centre community representing the breadth of God's kingdom with many generations and nations worshipping and serving God together. We are a church that seeks to take the life-changing message of Jesus Christ to all with the goal that they become His loyal disciples. More details about us and the job description please email the church office office@canterburybaptistchurch.org.uk

The Role

We need at least one children's and / or youth intern to play a key role in the day-to-day life of CBC, working closely with the Minister, Trustees and church to serve our families.

This opportunity will build upon and extend the work among our children, youth and families: in particular Sunday children's and youth teaching, Little Seeds (our Tuesday morning pre-school group), The Boys Brigade and Girls Association, Family connect (our social and outreach events) Gather and Alive (city wide events). For more details of what this entails, please see the job description.

What we offer

1. *Discipleship Year Training (DY)*

In addition to the opportunities arising from serving, we are a placement church for the Canterbury New Wine Discipleship Year details of which can be found at <https://www.new-wine.org/missionareas/discipleship-year/canterbury>.

You will have one day a week (8 hours) training alongside interns from other churches in Canterbury.

Your time at CBC, as your placement church would be 12 hours per week.

2. Help towards costs

1. If the intern does not already have local accommodation there is a possibility of providing accommodation, if that is necessary.
2. We will pay the intern's fee of £1,000 for the DY year

3. Additional Specialism

There is the opportunity for an interested intern to also develop or explore a specialism in your discipleship. The particular area itself would be chosen by consultation between the intern and CBC, but given the current ministry of the church, this could be for one of the following:

Worship; preaching; evangelism; local mission; cross-cultural mission; overseas mission; science, the environment and faith; art and faith.

4. Time set aside for part time work

Since the post is part-time (ministry with training would be 22 hours a week), the intern will be encouraged to seek part time work. As it will need to fit around their role at CBC, any post taken should be done with the agreement of the church.

Application Process

Do prayerfully consider joining us by emailing a CV and covering letter expressing how God has brought you to this point, to office@canterburybaptistchurch.org.uk, by 17th July 2020. Please head your application 'C&Y Internship'. Thank you.

Assistant Chaplain (Band 6) - Kingston Hospital NHS Foundation Trust:

Full Time (37.5 hours per week)

Salary: £36,070 to £42,712 pa. Inclusive of HCAS [15%]

Job ref: 396-2286-CC-OJA

An Assistant Staff Wellbeing Chaplain is required at Kingston Hospital NHS Foundation Trust to work with the Staff Wellbeing Chaplain in the ongoing development of support initiatives as part of our Health & Wellbeing Strategy for staff. This is an exciting opportunity to work in a multi-disciplinary setting, taking a significant role in equipping and inspiring staff to care for their wellbeing and enhance their quality of life.

You will be a graduate or equivalent, in good standing with your relevant professional body or network, with some training in two or more of the following areas: spiritual / pastoral care, theology/ religious studies, counselling, coaching, organisational behaviour or change management or other appropriate areas. With demonstrated experience of developing supportive relationships and working with different cultures and traditions you will be able to take initiative, prioritise, manage and deliver agreed outcomes across a range of activities. You will be a good communicator and team player, committed to the wider aims of the Department of Chaplaincy, Pastoral & Spiritual Support and the Health & Wellbeing strategic agenda. Experience of working in a healthcare, educational, charity, or business setting would be an advantage.

Interview Date: 30 / 31st July 2020 [to be confirmed]

Click [here for more information](#)

Closing date for applications: 05/07/2020 23:59

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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