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

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“The LORD sets prisoners free,  
The LORD gives sight to the blind,  
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down,  
The LORD loves the righteous.”

Psalm 146:8

### **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](mailto:admin@seba-baptist.org.uk)

## 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 Stuart Davison: 27 July-1 August
- **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](mailto:paul@seba-baptist.org.uk)) if you have any safeguarding issues.
- **David Sheldon:** 6-31 August
- **Steph Tidy:** 1-6 September

### Live-Streaming:

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

### 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](#).

**Safeguarding Update** – Wendy Mann

I hope this finds you well

It was fully acknowledged at the National Safeguarding Contacts Group meeting recently that Churches are concerned about ongoing Safeguarding training. We are still unable at this time to do face to face training due to the ongoing Covid restrictions. As an interim measure and to ensure that Churches have some access to Safeguarding training an on line alternative is being developed. This will be available in the early autumn.

Can I also highlight to you the Gateway training available on the BU website. This will help individuals understand the basics of Safeguarding in a Church context as a starting point.

[https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/494999/Gateway\\_to\\_Level.aspx](https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/494999/Gateway_to_Level.aspx)

As soon as I have further information I will of course let you know.

Please also be aware of the Safeguarding section (pages 18/19) of the Coronavirus: Guidance on reopening of Baptist Church

Buildings <https://www.baptist.org.uk/Publisher/File.aspx?ID=258760>

It will help you think through the safeguarding considerations that need to be covered particularly at this time

If there is anything that I can support with please do get in touch with me.

Many thanks

Wendy

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**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

#### **Zoom Study Group:**

"As part of an MTh unit that I am studying, I have done a brief survey of Tim Keller's book "*Preaching -- Communicating Faith in an Age of Skepticism*". I've realised that (for me at any rate) it is highly a significant book and worthy of a close read. I was wondering if there were any other Pastors/Preachers out there who would be interested in studying the book together over a few months with a fortnightly discussion on zoom to discuss what we're learning? If so, please email me at [hbbcpastor@gmail.com](mailto:hbbcpastor@gmail.com)" Darren Blaney (Pastor, Herne Bay Baptist)

#### **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](http://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](mailto:mandy@renewwellbeing.org.uk)

*Ruth Rice and the Renew team*

### **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/](http://www.spurgeons.ac.uk/the-professional-certificate-in-pastoral-supervision/)

Contact: [admissions@spurgeons.ac.uk](mailto: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](http://www.acc-uk.org) or if you don't have access to a computer, please ring 024 7644 9694.

### **Baptist Union advice webinars:**

There have been really helpful webinars over the last few months, as we've been dealing with life during a pandemic. The links to the videos of those webinars are listed below (click on the title to go the page)

- [Video and streaming solutions for churches](#)
- [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

- **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](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](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](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](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.

- [Tearing Down the Symbols of White Supremacy](#) (Speakers: Anthony Reddie and Eleasah Louis)
- [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](http://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

### **Returning to church services, a questionnaire:**

Revd Martin Seymour, at Littlehampton Baptist Church has been in touch, asking if any of you have sent questionnaires to your members, regarding the return to church services.

He would like to hear from you how helpful and relevant you have found the exercise. Please would you contact Martin direct, on [contact@revmartin.com](mailto:contact@revmartin.com), to give him any feedback.

For your information, you can see the questionnaire he is using for the members at LBC by clicking on this link

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Y0Tmu4DYCkKrtOtV0Uimr\\_uR-kjgOlxBqJB](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Y0Tmu4DYCkKrtOtV0Uimr_uR-kjgOlxBqJB)

### **Contactless giving:**

We've had an enquiry from a SEBA church asking for recommendations of 'contactless' giving methods for churches.

If you have any experience or advice on this, please can you email me [admin@seba-baptist.org.uk](mailto:admin@seba-baptist.org.uk)

## 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](https://baptist.org.uk/Articles/570475/Coronavirus_essential_advice.aspx)

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### **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

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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

### 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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