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“There is no one holy like the Lord;
There is no one besides you;
There is no Rock like our God.”

1 Samuel 2:2

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

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:*

- **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:** 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](#).

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" Darren Blaney (Pastor, Herne Bay Baptist)

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.

The next taster day will take place on:

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

The session takes 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:

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
- **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.

- [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. Please do check this website link regularly as details and the links to view the webinars are being finalised.

Advice, Resources & Information

Online Holiday Bible Club:

Eythorne Baptist Church have produced an online alternative to their Holiday Bible Club, which they're running over the 5 Mondays in August, via their YouTube channel - they're pre-recorded, so you can easily catch up with the first 2 weeks. They are happy for other churches to make use of this resource. You can find them on

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCy9xuODBuOFMMY1ub6oGkSw/videos>

Watch the 15 second preview trailer here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w-6rpUXHZpg>

A very 2020 Harvest Festival:

Food bank donation website, Bankuet, are encouraging churches to go digital for their Harvest food drives this autumn. You can support a local food bank by setting up a campaign on the site; Bankuet makes it simple, safe and impactful to support those in crisis in your community. Visit www.bankuet.co.uk/harvest-festival for more information and to sign up; you'll get a range of worship resources and support with fundraising. The first 25 churches to register will even have up to £250 of their fundraising matched.

Information & support from the Baptist Union

Please note, the Coronavirus essential guidance was updated again - the following was updated since the last emailing:

- Coronavirus - essential advice for churches (updated 6 August)
- Coronavirus: Guidance on re-opening Baptist church buildings (updated 6 August)
- Coronavirus: Guidance on church worship (updated 5 August)
- Guideline Leaflet L18: Covid-19 Coronavirus Legal Issues (updated 4 August)

Please take time to read these documents.

https://baptist.org.uk/Groups/338267/Essential_Guidance.aspx

Do regularly check for updates and information on

https://baptist.org.uk/Articles/570475/Coronavirus_essential_advice.aspx (the date each is updated is included next to each set of guidelines)

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

Children's & Youth Ministry Co-Ordinator (part-time) - Canterbury Baptist Church:

This is an exciting opportunity to help grow our church's children and youth work ministry.

Hours: 10 hours per week

Salary: £4,836 per annum

Contract: Twelve months (with a three month probation period)

Start date: Week commencing 1st September 2020

For more details of the job description, click here

<https://www.canterburybaptistchurch.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/ChildrenAndYouthMinistryCo-ordinator2020.pdf>

Closing date for applications: Sunday 16th August 2020

To apply send your CV and covering letter, to

mit@canterburybaptistchurch.org.uk. Please head your application 'Children's and Youth Ministry Coordinator' and include details of two referees (most recent employer and current church minister / leader).

Interviews will be held shortly after 16th August 2020.

Chaplain, part-time - Blind Veterans UK, Ovingdean, Brighton:

14 hours per week

£11,435 per annum (£15.70/hour)

We're looking for an empathetic, personable Chaplain to join our holistic team of care, rehabilitation and support staff at our Blind Veterans UK Centre in Ovingdean, Brighton.

The primary focus of this part time role is on the person centred spiritual and pastoral care of our Blind Veterans members and their families. Within our Centre at Brighton, there are approximately 30 residents plus visiting members who access our extensive facilities, and a sizable team of staff and volunteers.

Within this role you will organise and lead regular weekly services and officiate at other ceremonies such as funerals and memorials. You will also participate and attend remembrance and military events. Within this role you will work collectively and collaboratively alongside our health care professionals and rehabilitation staff. You will provide pastoral care services as needed, to our staff and volunteers and liaise with local clergy and faith representatives and leaders.

There will be occasional evening and weekend work and there may be occasional travel to other locations within the UK.

Blind Veterans UK helps vision-impaired ex-Service men and women of every generation rebuild their lives after sight loss. Since 1915, we've provided rehabilitation, training, practical advice and emotional support to tens of thousands of blind veterans.

Benefits include free life assurance, sickness benefit scheme, generous pension scheme, healthcare cash back scheme (after one year's service) and an employee assistance programme.

Closing date: Wednesday 12th August (midnight)

Interviews: Thursday 20th August

Full details on our website: <https://www.blindveterans.org.uk/about/job-opportunities/part-time-chaplain/>

To apply, please complete an Application Form and Personal Details Form, which can be downloaded below, and email them to recruitment@blindveterans.org.uk

Alternatively, please submit a CV and a supporting statement, outlining how you meet our Person Specification to recruitment@blindveterans.org.uk

This post is subject to enhanced disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service.

YMCA DownsLink Group - Looking to recruit new Trustees:

You probably will have heard of YMCA, the largest and oldest youth charity in the world, but you may not have heard about us. YMCA DownsLink Group is a grouping of local YMCAs who provide support to young people across Sussex and Surrey. Our work covers a wide range of areas including accommodation, general advice, sexual exploitation, mental health, housing advice, childcare, counselling, mentoring and apprenticeships.

We are committed to transforming local communities across Sussex and Surrey so that all young people and families can belong, contribute and thrive. Each year

we offer more than a 1,000 young people, at risk of homelessness somewhere safe to live where they can develop the skills and confidence to go on to independent living. Annually, we provide over 6,000 children and families counselling and emotional wellbeing support. last year we provided youth work support to over 3,000 young people across the communities we work in.

We are seeking to recruit at least two new Trustees to join our Board and bring wise governance and strategic guidance to our work. In particular, we are looking for people who have a leadership background in the following domains: safeguarding, health, fundraising, IT / Digital and Legal.

Drawing on its long Christian heritage, our charity seeks to welcome, support and inspire everybody it works with - young people, staff and volunteers of any faith and none. Our board sustains YMCA DLG's Christian foundation and all applicants for the role of trustee are required to demonstrate an active Christian faith as part of the selection process.

For further information, including details of how to apply, please see our website (www.ymcadlg.org) for a Trustee Application Pack. The closing date for applications is Friday 4th. September 2020.

Please contact Kirsty.bunning@ymcadlg.org if you have any questions.

As part of our Safer Recruitment guidelines, we only accept applications completed on our application form. Due to Covid-19, we are not accepting paper copies of forms and are currently only accepting application forms submitted by email.

YMCA DownsLink Group welcomes applications from all sections of the community. We value diversity and promote inclusion, which we demonstrate through our activities, as well as in our policies and working practices. Reinforced by our culture and values, we seek to create an inspiring and inclusive place to work.

YMCA DLG requires all staff and volunteers to be committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and to respond proactively to safeguarding concerns.

Successful applicants are required to undertake an Enhanced Disclosure via the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).

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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