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“And we know that in all things God works
for the good of those who love him,
who have been called according to his
purpose.”

Romans 8:28

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
- **Michael Fanstone:** 14-21 September
- **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

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.

ACAT online training for Treasurers:

ACAT is delighted to announce that you can now book a place on our first ever online training sessions. Their popular Being a Treasurer: The Basics course will become available online from September 12. Limited places are now available - so please do book at the earliest opportunity. ACAT has split the course – which is equally relevant to new and experienced treasurers – into three two hour-long sessions which cost just £10 each. They're advising treasurers to book one each of sessions one, two and three to ensure that they're appraised of the entire course. Each session will be led by ACAT's highly experienced trainer, Manny Kemp.

The first session will cover **charity law and the role of trustees and the bookkeeping and finance processes in a church**. This first session be available on:

- *Saturday, September 12* – between 10am and 12noon
- *Saturday, September 12* – between 2pm and 4pm
- *Tuesday, September 15* – between 6pm and 8pm

The second session will cover the **planning activities of budgeting and risk management, and Gift Aid and other tax subjects**. The second session will be available on:

- *Saturday, September 19* – between 10am and 12noon
- *Saturday, September 19* – between 2pm and 4pm
- *Tuesday, September 22* – between 6pm and 8pm

The third session will delve into the topic of **year-end reporting and independent examination**. This third session will take place on:

- *Saturday, September 26* – between 10am and 12noon
- *Saturday, September 26* – between 2pm and 4pm

- *Tuesday, September 29* – between 6pm and 8pm

The training will be provided by Zoom. If you don't have a Zoom account, you will be prompted to download the free software once you've clicked on the link that we'll provide you with, but you may also be able to join via a browser. Once you've booked, a member of ACAT's team will be in touch with further information.

To book a session go to <https://www.acat.uk.com/training-events/>.

They're hoping to launch further courses online in the near future - so please do watch this space.

All Baptist Union member churches benefit from a block membership of ACAT, so if you aren't currently making use of this email membership@acat.uk.com for membership queries and we can point you to the member resources that you should already have access to.

(Whitley Lectures 2020) Finding A Friend: The Baptist Encounter With Judaism - Robert Parkinson

Monday 14 September, 9pm

Scholarly abstract

Ever since the horrific events of the Holocaust, the relationship of Christianity to Judaism has been under constant review. Many Christian denominations have made great strides toward a much closer rapprochement with Judaism. This lecture will ask where British Baptists stand in relation to this sea change in Christian-Jewish relations. It will identify potential problems in the theology, exegesis and preaching of Baptists. It will offer examples of friendly engagement between Baptists and Jews, examine possible impediments to the development of a closer relationship, and propose constructive suggestions for deepening the encounter of Baptists with Judaism into the future.

Popular abstract

Are Baptist churches sometimes guilty of unwitting anti-Judaism? What is the state of play for Baptist-Jewish relations? This lecture will examine these and similar questions. Drawing on the positive side of Baptist history and practice, it will offer guidelines for encouraging a greater regard for Judaism and a closer

friendship with Jews.

[Watch here](#) to take part in the chat and ask questions.

For more information on the lecture, and if you would like to book Rob, please email: robert@didsburybaptist.org.uk

Click [here](#) for more about the Whitley lecture

Click [here](#) to download previous Whitley Lectures

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

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 13 August)
- [Coronavirus advice: Children's, youth and families ministry](#) (13 August)
- [Coronavirus: Guidance on re-opening Baptist church buildings](#) (updated 13 August)
- [Coronavirus: Guidance on church worship](#) (updated 13 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

Administrator - Godalming Baptist Church:

This post is initially part-time for 12 hours per week to include Friday mornings.

Salary £10.36 per hour

The person appointed will have good IT skills and be sympathetic to our Christian ethos.

When appointed he/she will

1. Undertake administrative tasks for the Pastor and leadership team.
2. Be a focal point for initial and ongoing contact for members of the public and church members.
3. Co-ordinate the lettings of the church building.
4. Manage the Church's social media presence.

If you are interested, a fuller job description and application form can be found on the GB website godalmingbaptistchurch.org.uk

Closing date 30th September 2020.

Jobs with Baptists Together

Team Leader - Faith and Society:

This is a key role, for an accredited Baptist minister, providing leadership to the work of the Faith and Society specialist team.

For more information visit the website:

https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/584770/Team_Leader_Faith.aspx

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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