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“If we live, we live for the Lord;
and if we die we die for the Lord.
So whether we live or die, we belong to the
Lord.”

Romans 14:8

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

Update from Wendy Mann Safeguarding Officer

Safeguarding and trauma

In these times of uncertainty and unprecedented changes in COVID-19 lockdown and in recognition of the impact of loss of life and racial injustice, following the tragic death of George Floyd, we are more conscious than ever of the impact of trauma on both our society and our church communities.

This resource offers a simple exploration of trauma informed practice. It is intended as a support for those in ministry and pastoral care, including DPSs and Safeguarding Trustees, to build our shared understanding of how trauma affects the people that we serve and our own church communities. This training was recently offered to all regional safeguarding leads within Baptists Together and we were keen together to share some of this learning with our churches. It will also be offered out to all accredited Baptist ministers as part of their safeguarding training for this year.

Link to the video: <https://youtu.be/RVjTbTKdn1c>

This resource is not intended to train colleagues in churches to deliver trauma informed support. Instead it will help to identify where someone might need additional support and signpost to additional help externally, if that's required.

If you are particularly interested in this area of learning we have included a copy of the slides and signposted additional resources that may be of help or support to you.

[Click here to download the PowerPoint slides](#)

[Click here to download the additional resources](#)

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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:*

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

Online resources

We now have 2 items on the Online Resources page; an online meditation about Anxiety and online resources for an evangelistic pre-Alpha course. If you have something suitable, (it must be your own, original, resources) please send me brief description and a link, which will be reviewed before being added to the website. <https://www.seba-baptist.org.uk/sebachurches-onlineresources.htm>

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

Baptist Assembly Online 2020:

We hope you will be able to join us on Wednesday 16 September at 7pm for Baptist Assembly online 2020. This is a key event for the Baptist family and a great opportunity to hear about and pray for the work of Baptists Together and to be encouraged by all the work going on so far in 2020 and our plans for the future across the Baptist family.

For more details, including how to register, please go to www.baptist.org.uk/assembly2020

Home for Good:

The Diocese of Rochester are putting on an webinar for those who'd like to learn more about the need, and part you can play, in caring for the vulnerable children across Kent. The webinar will be held on *Thursday 17 September, 7.30pm*, via Zoom.

To book your place and find out more, go to the Home for Good website
<https://www.homeforgood.org.uk/events/rochdiocese-17-sep-2020>

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:

- *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.

Young People Need Your Help More Than Ever: Sleep Anywhere But Your Bed to Help Prevent Youth Homelessness

YMCA DownsLink Group is a charity working to prevent youth homelessness and improve young people's mental health and wellbeing across Sussex and Surrey. Each year we support over 10,000 children, young people and families by providing supported accommodation, youth advice centres, counselling, chaplaincy and family mediation.

Sleep Easy is a challenge event asking you to spend one night sleeping anywhere but your bed (such as a garden, lounge or hallway), to raise vital funds to help us tackle the root causes of youth homelessness. Taking place on **Friday 9 October**, families, teams, and individuals are all welcome – with special activity packs created for children!

All you need to do is sign up, grab a sleeping bag or blanket, choose your sleep site and connect with us on-the-night using any smart device.

Our jam-packed online agenda runs from 7-10pm and has something for everyone – bedtime stories for children, entertainment and an opportunity to hear from young people about their experiences of youth homelessness.

Sign up here: www.ymcadlg.org/sleep-easy

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 can be found at <https://www.baptist.org.uk/Groups/338869/Webinars.aspx>

Racial Justice webinars:

Upcoming

- **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)
- [The Windrush Scandal](#) (Speaker: Rosemarie Mallett)

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

Transform & Baptists Together magazine:

The latest edition of Transform (edition 56) is now available to download from the Baptists Together website www.baptist.org.uk/transform56 - please make sure that those who deal with the church finances receive either a paper copy or the above link, as it contains useful information for them.

Church Secretaries and Ministers should have received their copy of the latest Baptists Together magazine at the end of last week (Transform is included in those deliveries).

Coronavirus Essential Guidance:

Please note, the Coronavirus essential guidance is being updated every Thursday, so do make sure you check out the page, each week https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/570475/Coronavirus_essential_advice.aspx

The following was updated since the last emailing:

- [Guideline Leaflet L18: Covid-19 Coronavirus Legal Issues](#) (updated 10 September)
- [Guidance on re-opening Baptist church buildings](#) (updated 10 September)
- [Coronavirus advice: Children's, youth and families ministry](#) (updated 10 September)

- [Guidance on church worship](#) (updated 10 September)

You can also download sample health & safety posters, to be used in church here https://baptist.org.uk/Articles/587505/Sample_Posters_for.aspx

Please take time to read these documents.

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.

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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