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“Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith;  
be courageous; be strong.  
Do everything in love.”

1 Corinthians 16:13

### 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 Ministers' Conference 2021

Please note, due to the new Covid-19 restrictions the annual Ministers' Conference has had to be postponed for 2021.

We are looking at possible dates for 2022 and will advertise the new dates when we have them.

## SEBA Notices

### **Staff holidays:**

Please note Revd Stuart Davison is on holiday from today, until Monday 12 October.

### **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:**

The Autumn newsletter is now available to download - please [click here](#) to download it.

## 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 now to be extended again, until **the end of October 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 Historical Society webinars:**

Over forty people participated in the first in a series of four webinars Uncovering

Baptist Stories developed by the Baptist Historical Society. The first event held on Thursday 24 September reflected on "Dissent" featuring a keynote address by leading Baptist historian, Dr Ruth Gouldbourne, and featuring responses from Dr Craig Gardiner from South Wales Baptist College and Mrs Julie Bryan, a pioneer minister in training at Northern Baptist College, from the north of England. After the presentation and responses questions were invited from webinar participants and stimulated a lively discussion on dissent today. The second event, last week, was about "Fellowship & Connection" led by Christine Joynes, with historian Stephen Copson and responses from Wale Hudson-Roberts and Andy Goodliff.

Further webinars will be held on Thursdays 8 and 15 October. The theme on the 8th October "discernment" and 15 October "theology and mission".

Contributors include:

Week 3: (8 Oct) Discerning Together — Chair: Mark Ord, Historian: Karen Smith, Respondents: Gale Richards, Ruth Moriarty

Week 4: (15 Oct) Theology to Mission — Chair: Doreen Morrison, Historian: Peter Morden, Respondents: Rosemarie Davidson-Gotobed, Kang-San Tan

People can apply to join the webinars by emailing to the Baptist Historical Society: [baptisthistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:baptisthistoricalsociety@gmail.com)

The first (24 September) and second (1 October) webinars can be viewed subsequently at (the 3rd and 4th will be added too): <https://baptisthistory.org.uk/videos/>

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

YMCA DownLink 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](http://www.ymcadlg.org/sleep-easy)

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### **Catalyst Live!**

*"I write bearing good news of great joy – for a donation of just £5, you can host some of the world's leading Christian thinkers in your front room (and there will be no judgement if you turn up in your pjs!)."*

That's right, BMS World Mission's much-loved Catalyst Live is back – and we're going online for our most accessible and affordable event yet! 'Lite' in length but mighty in stature, Catalyst Lite 2020 boasts some of the world's leading theology and Christian entertainment and you can have it in your home for one unforgettable Friday evening.

You can buy your tickets for Catalyst Lite right [now](#).

It's on *Friday 9 October at 7.30pm*. It's live. And it costs just £5.

What you can look forward to:

- A chance for you to hear from and ask your questions to Stanley Hauerwas – a legend, considered by many to be the world's most influential living theologian
- Wisdom from Professor Anthony Reddie. As Black Lives Matter continues to influence our culture, you won't want to miss out on hearing from an expert in Black Theology and the author of *Is God Colour Blind?*
- An exploration of nationalism and the Christian faith – and whether the two are compatible – from Baptist academic, author and Old Testament specialist Helen Paynter
- A behind-the-scenes look into the work of leading contemporary artist Makoto Fujumura, whose work has been described by the *New York Times* as "a small rebellion against the quickening of time"
- Everyone's favourite musical genre – comedy-rap-jazz – from Harry Baker (World Poetry Slam Champion) and Chris Read (Award-winning song writer), aka Harry and Chris.

I am thrilled to be hosting this year's event, and I would love to see you there! Geography is no longer an obstacle, the price is most definitely right (it's an absolute bargain!), and the lineup is sensational.

Please spread the word and encourage your friends to join you (and me) on the mission of the mind. Get ready to be challenged, entertained and inspired. Let's do this! *Don't miss out, get your tickets today.*

I hope to see you there, "  
Jonathan Langley  
Host of Catalyst Lite and Head of Creative Content  
BMS World Mission

## 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

- **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)
- [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](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

### **Free Quiet Days - for those in Christian Ministry:**

*Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre*

Set aside space & time - every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday our COVID-19 secure Quiet Rooms are free to use for the day. (donations welcome).

With doors opening onto the Freedom Garden our peaceful Quiet Rooms provide the perfect space for undisturbed study, prayer and rest.

For a flyer with more information - [click here](#)

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## Information & support from the Baptist Union

### **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](https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/570475/Coronavirus_essential_advice.aspx)  
The following was updated since the last emailing:

- [Coronavirus - essential advice for churches](#) (updated 1 October)
- [Coronavirus: Guidance on re-opening Baptist church buildings](#) (updated 1 October)
- [Guideline Leaflet L18: Covid-19 Coronavirus Legal Issues](#) (updated 1 October)
- [New Job Support Scheme](#) (29 September 2020)

You can also download sample health & safety posters, to be used in church here [https://baptist.org.uk/Articles/587505/Sample\\_Posters\\_for.aspx](https://baptist.org.uk/Articles/587505/Sample_Posters_for.aspx)

Please take time to read these documents.

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### **Copyright Infringement:**

At the Specialist Teams we're getting contacted by increasing numbers of churches being chased by firms for image copyright infringement. These companies are

genuine and pursue infringements on behalf of the owners. A good article to read is this one <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-53998711> to understand further.

We have already seen BUGB churches paying a significant amount of money because if there has been an infringement there is very little room to negotiate and a legal defence would be expensive and difficult to pursue. We are working on a strategy to educate churches through the autumn. In the meantime please check your digital platforms for any images you have not paid for or using in a way that breaks a licensing agreement. There are many good websites which provide images under a Creative Commons licence or for a small fee. Here are some good examples, but do check the wording of each licence and stick to it.

- <https://www.flickr.com/>
- <http://www.freeimages.co.uk>
- <http://www.rgbstock.com>
- <http://www.pixabay.com>
- <http://www.unsplash.com>
- <http://www.freepik.com>

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**Listening to God (*Hearing God speak during 2020*):**

This autumn in a joint project with the Faith and Society Specialist Team, Baptists Together Mission Forum and The Fuelcast, a series of films are being released where people from all corners of the Baptist Family share how they have heard God speaking during 2020. With one being released each week they are fantastic to use for personal and group reflection. Watch them here: [www.baptist.org.uk/listening](http://www.baptist.org.uk/listening)

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The BU regular 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

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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)

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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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