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Weekly update from the Association Administrator, Steph Tidy



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“Devote yourselves to prayer,
being watchful and thankful.”

Colossians 4:2

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 Training

Safeguarding Training:

As a temporary measure (until we are able to return to face-to-face training) the Baptist Union have brought out an Excellence in Safeguarding Update film.

The Safeguarding Update film covers the key points of both Level 2 and Level 3

training and is accompanied by a Resources Pack that you can download as a PDF. It lasts for 90 minutes and there is a break point in the middle.

This film is for everyone. If you have attended one of our training courses before, we hope that you find the film of help as an update and reminder. If you are new this will get you started in understanding Safeguarding in our Churches.

We ask Churches to pay an administration charge of £5 per person. To access this opportunity please let your church administrator/ treasurer know that you wish to undertake this training and they can then send a cheque addressed to 'South Eastern Baptist Association' to Pam Kerley, 58 Henley Meadows, Tenterden, Kent TN30 6EN or pay by BACS to Reliance Bank, Sort Code: 60-01-73 Account number: 00218212 Ref: 'SGT update'

Please then ask your church to email pam.admin@seba-baptist.org.uk your name and your church and your own email address. On receipt of your booking fee and your name and email address Pam will send you the link for the on line training, resource pack and a feedback form, which we need you to complete after you have watched the training video, and return to Pam so that we can note you have completed the update training, and send you your update certificate.

In addition to the training we will be running optional Question and Answer sessions which will last for 45 minutes and have 6 – 10 participants. This will be done over Zoom. Details of accessing these will be given if you contact Pam to register your interest in this additional Session.

Please do take this opportunity to access the training. The coronavirus pandemic continues to affect us all and we need to ensure that our Churches understand how important Safeguarding is in all the situations we find ourselves in.

Update on First Aid certificates:

Here is the latest from the HSE. They are now suggesting you need to show you are planning for the future - with that in mind, would any churches needing either new, or to renew, First Aid at Work certificates, please contact Pam Kerley (pam.admin@seba-baptist.org.uk) to register their interest in obtaining the training once it becomes available, as we are looking at provisional dates with our trainer (clearly demonstrating the first criteria - as outlined below - if you are relying on the extension from the HSE):

"FAW or EFAW certificates that expired after 16 March 2020 can remain valid until 31

October 2020 or 6 months from date of expiry, whichever is later. All requalification training for these certificates should be completed by 31 March 2021.

To qualify for the extension, employers must be able to demonstrate that:

1. *they have made every effort to arrange requalification training as soon as possible and can explain in detail why they have not been able to do so. For example, they must show evidence that staff with expired certificates are booked on to EFAW or FAW requalification courses, if requested by an inspector*
2. *they have adequate and appropriate equipment and facilities to give first aid to any employee who is injured or becomes ill at work*
3. *the level of first aid cover provided remains appropriate for their particular work environment"*

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.

Spurgeon's College Live Virtual Open Day:

Saturday 23 January 2021, 10am-12 noon

Ministerial/leadership training courses, Pastoral supervision course, Counselling courses, Lay training courses are just a few of the courses Spurgeon's College will be offering from September 2021.

Join us from the comfort of your home on Saturday 23rd January

There will be online presentations as well as academic and professional staff to answer your questions.

Please register via our website <https://www.spurgeons.ac.uk/open-events/>.

Leadership Training & Coaching for people who want to make a lasting impact:

(recommended by Tonbridge BC)

One-day Leadership Courses in:

- Introduction to Team Leadership
- Leading and Managing People

- Introduction to Self-Leadership
- The Foundations of a Successful Team
- Leading a Virtual Team

All the above courses can be delivered to your organisation face-to-face for £500 per day or across an equivalent number of hours over Zoom*

*plus travel expenses for face-to-face training. Max group size of 16.

- Introduction to Leading Teams 20, 27 Jan, 3, 10, 24 Feb 9.30-11.30am
- Introduction to Self-Leadership 15-18 Feb 9.30am-12pm
- Leading & Managing People 8-12 March 9.30-11.30am

www.moringaleader.com/book-a-session

ACAT Training:

ACAT is running more online training sessions for church treasurers in January and February from our popular Being a Treasurer: The Basics course. Places are currently filling up 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 £12 each. We recommend booking one each of sessions one, two and three, but booking individual sessions is also possible.

The first session will cover charity law and the role of trustees and the bookkeeping and finance processes in a church:

- Saturday, January 23, 10am to 12noon
- Monday, January 25, 6pm to 8pm

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

- Saturday, January 30, 10am to 12noon
- Monday, February 1, 6pm to 8pm

The third session will delve into the topic of year-end reporting and independent examination:

- Saturday, February 6, 10am to 12noon
- Monday, February 8, 6pm to 8pm

The training will be provided by Zoom Webinar, with full instructions for accessing the course included in your joining instructions. To book a session go to <https://www.acat.uk.com/training-events/>.

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.

Emotional Rollercoaster training:

Wednesday 10 February 2021, 10am-1pm

The online training offers therapeutic responses, approaches and activities to explore emotional health - it is especially relevant for supporting children who may be experiencing emotional distress, particularly during this difficult time of lockdown and COVID-19. During our time together will be looking at the following:

- What is emotional health?
- How can we handle big emotions?
- What does effective Emotional First Aid look like?
- How can we learn to reduce stress for ourselves and others?

TLG has over 21 years' experience equipping churches to understand and walk alongside children and families who are struggling with their emotional and mental wellbeing. We have taken this knowledge and turned it into our comprehensive 'The Emotional Rollercoaster' resource to equip your Church to support children in your community during this difficult season.

To book yourself on the training, click here <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-emotional-rollercoaster-south-eastern-ba-private-event-tickets-130001936291>

Advice, Resources & Information

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - Churches Together in England:

As we turn our attention to the forthcoming Week of Prayer for Christian Unity we write to ask for your help.

The CTE comms team are looking for inspiring examples of WPCU activities from across the country to feature in the next edition of CTe-News. If you hear of an ecumenical event, which you think would be of interest to the wider CTE audience, please contact Sarah Ball sarah.ball@cte.org.uk with the details. Just a brief

summary of what's happening and the e-mail and phone details of who to contact is all that's needed. The next CTe-News will be coming out right at the start of February, hard on the heels of the WPCU, so we are trying to gather leads in advance.

Sight Loss Friendly Church Taster sessions for the New Year:

Torch Trust, the Christian sight loss charity, are holding free 30-minute Taster sessions about becoming a Sight Loss Friendly Church (SLFC).

- Thursday 21st January 2pm
- Tuesday 26th January 2pm
- Tuesday 23rd February 7pm
- Wednesday 24th February 2pm
- Thursday 18th March 2pm
- Tuesday 23rd March 2pm

These interactive Zoom sessions offer an opportunity to hear about all the benefits of this free resource, as well as a chance to meet the SLFC team and ask questions.

Visit sightlossfriendlychurch.org.uk or email slfc@torchtrust.org for more information & to book your place.

Information & support from the Baptist Union

Coronavirus Essential Guidance:

The essential guidance was updated last week, details are below. Please do make sure you check out the page, regularly, for any revisions and updates https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/570475/Coronavirus_essential_advice.aspx

- [Guidance on re-opening Baptist church buildings](#) (updated 7 January)
- [Guideline Leaflet L18: Covid-19 Coronavirus Legal Issues](#) (updated 7 January)
- [Guidance on church worship](#) (updated 7 January)
- [Advice for ministers – pastoral visiting](#) (updated 6 January)
- [Coronavirus advice: Children's, youth and families ministry](#) (updated 6 January)
- [Coronavirus: closing church buildings](#) (5 January)

Racial Justice Blog:

Baptists Together has started a Racial Justice Blog, a new space to hear from and

reflect on a range of Christian voices on issues of racial justice. The idea for this series of reflections was conceived by our Racial Justice Hub in the wake of the murder of George Floyd and the worldwide protests that followed.

New blogs will be published every Thursday throughout Autumn 2020, all future blogs, plus those already produced, can be viewed via https://www.baptist.org.uk/Groups/350290/Racial_Justice_Blogs.aspx

Jobs & Vacancies

Book-keeper (East Kent):

Whitstable Baptist Church are looking for a book-keeper - please contact Church Secretary, Andrew Frame andrewframe1947@gmail.com for more information.

Children's & Families' Worker - Eden Church, Edenbridge:

The Eden Church, Edenbridge are seeking a children's' and families worker to engage and lead activities with parents/carers and younger children. This position is initially for six months, on a 3 days per week basis, but with scope to extend to a permanent role. Please contact Jessica Martin (Trustee) for further details jessicaamartin07@gmail.com.

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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