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Weekly update from the Association Administrator, Steph Tidy



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“I know who holds the future,
And He’ll guide me with His hand;
With God things don’t just happen,
Everything by Him is planned.
So as I face tomorrow,
With its problems large and small,
I’ll trust the God of Miracles,
Give to Him my all.”

Alfred B. Smith

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



Day of Prayer

"There was to be a Day of Prayer for Baptists on 3rd February. I had called for this to be a Day of Prayer and Repentance. Sadly, this has now been postponed.

So, if you want to take part with many other Christians in a Day of Prayer for Great Britain, I have had the following YouTube video, regarding this Friday, 22nd January, brought to my attention."

Stuart

Revd Stuart Davison (SEBA Regional Minister Team Leader)

SEBA Notices

SEBA Ministers' Conference 2021 - online webinars:

In the absence of a SEBA Conference at Ashburnham this year we are planning to put some webinars on over the two days, **24th and 25th February**. These will include sessions with Yinka Oyekan (present BUGB President) and Commissioner Anthony Cotterill (leader of The Salvation Army in the United Kingdom Territory with the Republic of Ireland) and hopefully others. More details will follow soon.

SEBA Vacancy - Operations Manager:

Please note, the deadline for applications is midday, this coming Friday, 22 January 2021.

If you need a 'visiting' speaker:

SEBA Regional Minister, Revd Paul Kerley, is available to preach (via a pre-recorded video) from mid-February this year, should any church be needing pulpit cover.

He is open to preach on a particular subject, theme, or text / passage that the church choose, or can offer suggestions.

Please contact Paul via e-mail at paul@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.

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.

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.

Induction - Knaphill Baptist Church, Woking:

Saturday 30 January 2021, 3pm

Online, via Zoom

You are invited to join with the church for the induction of Pieter Lalleman to the office of Minister, and Hetty Lalleman to the office of Community Pastor, at Knaphill Baptist Church.

If you would like a greeting to be read out at the service, or presented to Pieter and Hetty as a record of the day, please contact Eric Moore, Church Secretary (secretary@knaphillbaptist.org.uk) direct, and let him have your greeting by Wednesday 27th January. They hope to invite a few to share in the service, and all will be collated into a book of greeting.

If you would like to join the induction service, please contact the SEBA Administrator for the details admin@seba-baptist.org.uk (please note, you will need to request the login details before 3pm on Friday 29th)

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

Introducing Encounter:

"My wife, Gill, and I are passionate about bringing the Bible to life by me speaking out

Scripture word for word from memory, enhanced by Gill's viola improvisation. This arose out of a recent period of recovery from major surgery by resting in John's Gospel and hearing God speak through the experience. Our first project, therefore, is a series of videos from John's Gospel, to enable viewers to encounter the Jesus of the New Testament for the very first time, or reconnect in a fresh way.

We know that SEBA is committed to training pastors in making the gospel relevant to both church goers and non-Christians. We think these presentations would be helpful to enhance these objectives by providing a resource to encourage people in their Christian walk and also reach out to the wider community.

The videos can be accessed on

YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/encounter4life>

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Encounter-108754670947216>

We are available for live presentations (depending on lockdown restrictions).

We can offer a series of questions based on each video for follow up and discussion in a small group setting.

Initial contact details: Kevan Sutton; 07793 750420; kevan.sutton@hotmail.com. We can arrange a Whatsapp call or Zoom link to discuss further as appropriate."

Kevan Sutton

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.

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 14 January)
- [Guidance on church worship](#) (updated 14 January)
- [Coronavirus advice: Children's, youth and families ministry](#) (updated 14 January)
- [Guideline Leaflet L18: Covid-19 Coronavirus Legal Issues](#) (updated 11 January)

Baptists Together magazine & Transform:

The latest edition of the Baptists Together magazine, and copies of Transform, have been sent to all Church Secretaries and Ministers.

You can download Transform (full of useful information for Church Administrators, Secretaries, Treasurers and Ministers) from the Resources Library

at: www.baptist.org.uk/transform57

You can also find past editions here at www.baptist.org.uk/transform

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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