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“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Romans 15:13

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

SEBA Notices

SEBA's Network Ministers:

As part of the structural and organisational changes happening in the Association the [Church] Ministers of each network have appointed their own Network Ministers, across the region. Network Ministers are appointed to assist SEBA in it's vision of mission disciplment and wellbeing amongst the churches, to connect the Ministers in their network and offer support where needed (a full description of the role is available, upon request to admin@seba-baptist.org.uk).

Whilst we are yet to appoint someone for the East Sussex network, the following have been appointed in the rest of the networks:

- East Kent - Andrew Fitzgerald (Canterbury Baptist Church)

- Gatwick - Graham McBain (Redhill Baptist Church)
- Mid Sussex - Tim Vellacott (Holland Road Baptist Church, Hove)
- North Downs - Rob Stevens (Bookham Baptist Church)
- North Kent - Elizabeth Johnstone (Minster Road Baptist Church, Sheerness)
- South Kent - Chris Ruddle (Folkestone Baptist Church)
- West Kent - Steve Collingwood (Paddock Wood Baptist Church)
- West Sussex - Jason Gain (Broadwater Baptist Church, Worthing)

Are you interested in Baptist History?

We would love to have an 'our history' page on the new SEBA website – with details of the roots of the South Eastern Baptist Association (going back through our time as the South East Baptist Partnership, with individual Kent, North Downs and Sussex Associations; and to the time of the Kent & Sussex Baptist Association and Surrey & North East Hants Association and the Home Counties Association) and the churches across the region who have been involved since then, and joined along the way.

We wondered if there is someone out there who would be interested in co-ordinating the collation of this information for us (together with any photos) – and make it into an article?

Please email David Sheldon david@seba-baptist.org.uk for further information or to register your interest.

SEBA Website - logging in:

All SEBA Ministers and Church Secretaries will have received an email inviting them to log into the new SEBA website - and this week, the Secretaries who haven't yet registered, will have had a reminder (as they are the ones who have access to update the 'church' details).

As we are intending to use the membership section of the website to replace the old SEBA directory, we would really encourage you to sign on to ensure that the details are correct, and to be able to update them when necessary.

If you have any questions about access or logging in please [email Steph](#).

Working it out together - A series of three conversations resourcing pastors & leaders for what's next:

on Zoom - Thursdays 23 September, 21 October & 25 November 2021, midday

As we emerge from a complex and challenging 18 months our churches face complex and challenging conversations and decisions. We want to open a space for ministers and congregational leaders in which we can hear from one another, reflect and learn together so that we can glorify God and see his Kingdom come across our region.

- Conversation 1 - 23rd September: Biblical priorities with Pieter Lalleman
- Conversation 2 - 21st October: Pastoral priorities with Graham McBain

- Conversation 3 - 25th November: Missional priorities with Kate Whiting

All these conversations are hosted by Rob Stevens (North Downs Network Minister) and start at 12 noon for an hour

If you would like to register to attend, please click [here](#) to book a place (the zoom access codes will be emailed to you a few days before hand).

SEB Women's Ministry

SEBWM Newsletter:

The latest newsletter is available to download - click [here](#)

SEBA Training

Safeguarding Training - new system:

Until we are able to return to face-to-face training, the Baptist Union have produced an Excellence in Safeguarding Update film. To book onto the training, please go to our [new website](#) and follow the instructions

Events (in date order)

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.

Relaunch – a bespoke retreat for Youth, Family and Children’s Workers:

Wednesday 25th August (PM) to Saturday 28th August (PM)

Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre, TN33 9AD

book before the 30th June to received the early bird price of £190 which includes accommodation and all meals

At Crowhurst we recognise that some time away to re-focus on God and His priorities for ministry is essential. This summer we are offering space to be with God on our bespoke retreat “Re-launch”. Re-Launch will have a focus on 'Being in the glory of God, working in the glory of God and bringing in the glory of God'.

We are thrilled that Daniel Miles will be leading the retreat. He has a heart for prayer ministry and for seeing the power of God move in people’s lives through healing miracles and the prophetic.

To book call 01424 830204 or <https://www.crowhursthealing.org.uk/retreat.php?retreat=588>

Encouragement for Leaders (E4L) Conference - 'Keeping Going':

Tuesday 21-Thursday 23 September 2021

Ashburnham Place

Speaker: Revd Graham Jefferson

The 'Encouragement for Leaders' (E4L) Conference is a three-day mini-break for Christian leaders and spouses. The aim is to allow you to come away for a while and have time to rest, relax and be refreshed.

If you lead a church, or you are in a leadership role in your church or you are in mission and you are looking for a retreat, offering a place to worship, to receive from God and be prayed for and pray for others in ministry and be encouraged in your spiritual journey, then come and join us.

There will be opportunities to worship together, to enjoy Bible teaching, to relax and to enjoy the hospitality of Ashburnham Place in East Sussex.

For more details and to download a booking form, click [here](#)

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Advice, Resources & Information

Kent Workplace Mission:

Click [here](#) for the latest quarterly newsletter from the KWM, involved in Chaplaincy in the workplace, in Kent.

Information & support from the Baptist Union

Coronavirus Essential Guidance:

The guidance has been updated, and the following has been added/amended:

- [Guideline Leaflet L18: Covid-19 Coronavirus Legal Issues](#) (updated 12 August)
- [Guidance on re-opening Baptist church buildings](#) (updated 12 August)
- [Guidance on church worship](#) (updated 12 August)
- [Advice for ministers – pastoral visiting](#) (updated 12 August)
- [Coronavirus advice: Children's, youth and families ministry](#) (updated 12 August)

Please do keep checking back on the essential guidance page, to ensure the advice you are using is the most up-to-date

https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/570475/Coronavirus_essential_advice.aspx

Jobs & Vacancies

Families & Children's Pastor - Milford Baptist Church:

Salary from £25,000.

Milford Baptist Church, near Godalming in Surrey, is seeking to employ a full-time Families & Children's Pastor.

This is an exciting period for the church as we develop a new vision for a new decade. We've reviewed and renewed our Church Values to reflect this. Throughout the Covid 19 lockdown and restrictions our volunteers have maintained contact with 19 mostly unchurched families via weekly craft packs for the children, as well as meeting with the young people, with social distancing, whenever this was possible. What is clear is that children, youth and families are at the heart of our new vision.

We are seeking someone with a passion for Jesus and a real desire to work with children and families:

- As a member of the Church Leadership Team, to play a key part in devising and delivering a strategy for the growth of the families and children's ministry
- To develop and foster relationships with families in the community and create opportunities for them to find and grow in faith
- To support and engage parents and carers in the life of the church
- To nurture families and children in their spiritual walk
- To network with the local community through other local churches, schools and other agencies to provide outreach activities and develop new ones.

It is an occupational requirement that the post holder be a Christian.

For more information about our church or to download a copy of the application information pack and an application form, please visit our website: <https://www.milfordbaptistchurch.org.uk/>

Closing date for applications: *20th August 2021*

Vacancies to represent SEBA across the area:

SEBA have some vacancies on groups that you may be interested in (see list below).

- Three 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 Medway](#) and [West Sussex](#)- 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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