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"When we walk with the Lord,
In the light of his word,
What a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will,
He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey."

John Henry Sammis

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

We are sad to announce the sudden passing of Katie Millard, wife of Peter (Elder at Rainham Christian Fellowship, Gillingham). She died,

suddenly, on Thursday morning, of a heart attack. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Peter, their children, Ian & Hannah; and the fellowship at Rainham - who will all greatly miss her.

SEBA Notices

Safeguarding Note

Coronavirus – safeguarding considerations for Baptist churches as restrictions start to relax:

As we begin to move out of Covid restrictions the Baptist Union have written a very helpful guidance note for Churches (click [here](#) to download the guidance).

If Wendy (SEBA's Safeguarding Officer) can support in anyway please do get in touch with her safeguarding@seba-baptist.org.uk 07545 686143

Home Mission

Home Mission Grant Applications 2022:

The application packs for the 2022 Home Mission grant applications are now available from Revd Paul Kerley - for any churches wanting to apply, please email him, paul@seba-baptist.org.uk

For any churches have not previously had a Home Mission grant, please [download this guide](#), before requesting all the paperwork - and feel free to call Paul if you have any questions (01580-766020 or 07821-550038).

All application paperwork needs to be returned to Paul by 31 May 2021.

SEB Women's Ministry

Newsletter:

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

'Sitting At Jesus' Feet' - Weekend Retreat:

Friday 15-Sunday 17 October 2021

Oast Houses Christian Retreat Centre, nr Northiam, East Sussex

A retreat weekend for those who, like Mary, wish to sit at Jesus' feet and fix their eyes on him.

The cost is £160 per person, payable on booking.

Click [here to download a flyer](#)

Click [here to download a booking form](#)

SEBA Training

Mental Health First Aid training:

MIND West Sussex have launched a number of bookable places on their full, 2-day, Mental Health First Aid training course - further details are available via these leaflets - [Adult Mental Health First Aid training flyer](#) - [Youth Mental Health First Aid training flyer](#).

They also have licences for the LivingWorks START programme, on suicide prevention - which are being made available for a donation only - for more information on the programme, check out their website <https://www.livingworks.net/start>

For details on other courses, please go to the SEBA website training page <https://www.seba-baptist.org.uk/training.htm>

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 (+ optional 45-minute Q&A session, via Zoom, for those who would appreciate the opportunity of the extra support)

For more details about booking, please go to the [training page](#) on our website.

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.

"I can't breathe" - A time for justice - a service of Reflection on the Anniversary of the murder of George Floyd:

Tuesday 25 May 2021

Churches in Britain and Ireland have come together to organise an ecumenical service marking the first anniversary of the murder of George Floyd on 25 May 2021.

The service, called Doing Justice: A Service of Reflection on the Anniversary of the murder of George Floyd, will be broadcast on 25 May 2021 at 7pm on YouTube (<http://youtube.com/ctbimedia>) and other social media platforms. BBC Radio 4 will subsequently broadcast the service on Sunday 30 May for its Sunday Worship programme.

The socially-distanced service, which takes place at the New Testament Church of God Church in Brixton, south London, will feature many leading figures from the churches in Britain and Ireland such as Archbishop Stephen Cottrell, Pastor Matthew Ashimolowo, Bishop Rose Hudson-Wilkin, Pastor Agu Irukwu, Bishop Sarah Mullally, Revd Inderjit Bhogal, Archdeacon Rosemarie Mallett, Lynn Green et al. They will encourage listeners to remember the tragic death of Mr Floyd, and to stand up for justice, and against intolerance.

The service was initiated by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI), an ecumenical organisation that encourages Christian unity, and the service will reflect that accord with contributions from Christians and churches from all traditions and denominations both in this country and abroad (see below).

For further information, please contact communications@ctbi.org.uk and see the CTBI website: <https://ctbi.org.uk/service-marks-anniversary-of-george-floyd-killing/> CTBI YouTube (<http://youtube.com/ctbimedia>)

The list of churches and organisations participating include: The Church of England; The Baptist Union Of Great Britain; The New Testament Church of God; The Redeemed Christian Church of God; The Evangelical Alliance; The United Reformed Church; The Methodist Church; The Church of God of Prophecy; Kingsway International Christian Centre; Churches Together in Britain and Ireland; Churches Together in England; Church of Scotland; Cytûn – Churches Together in Wales; Irish Council of Churches; Diocese of Southwark

The service will be pre-recorded during a closed event at NTCG Brixton Community Church in Brixton, London, adhering to current COVID-19 restrictions and regulations.

Walking The Parables of Jesus:

Wintershall (Bramley, GUILDFORD, GU5 0LR)

Friday 2 (10am-2.30pm) & Saturday 3 (10am-12.30pm & 2-4.30pm) July 2021

(each session on 3 July is followed by a 'bring your own' picnic, in the grounds)

Our powerful biblical outdoor drama takes you back in time to just after Jesus' death recreating his life changing teachings.

Walk from scene to scene through the beautiful grounds of the Wintershall estate with its lakes and ancient woodland, witnessing the re-enactment of the remarkable and unforgettable Parables of Jesus.

Tickets: Adult: £20 / Student (19-25): £12 / Child (3–18 yrs): £10
Family (2 adults and 2 children): £50

Click [here for a flyer](#).

Seminars & sessions over multiple dates

The Reading Room - a place for women in ministry/leadership to discover and talk about books:

8 June 2021, 11am - 'Invisible Women' by Caroline Criado Perez

20 July 2021, 11am - 'Theology Brewed in an African Pot' by Agbonkhianmeghe E Orbator

The purpose of the reading room is to build community and learn together. Reading is a beautiful practice and books invite us to explore and to bring into question other worldviews. Our hope is that the reading room will broaden your resource base and creativity in a way that will help you in your own ministry. We recognise that everyone will have their own response to what they read, and we want this to be an activity and community that serves you in your ministry.

Each meeting will last for one hour. For more information, and details on how to join the zoom call, email Jane Day jday@baptist.org.uk

Click [here](#) for a flyer with more information

Advice, Resources & Information

Changes to the registration of marriages:

The government have published a guide, for all authorised persons, on the changes to the way marriages are registered - to view the guide, click on this link <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/a-guide-for-authorised-persons>

DNA Leadership Training:

Please click [here](#) to download a PDF with a brief overview of each course - or click on the individual course, to go direct to DNAs webpage with greater detail on each one.

- [DNA Year 1](#)
- [DNA Lite](#)
- [DNA Online Conferences](#)
- [DNA Teach](#)
- [DNA Mentoring](#)
- [DNA Mark's Gospel](#)

If you're interested in finding out more, you could try one of their Taster Days, click here for more details <https://dna-uk.org/taster-days-england/>

Information & support from the Baptist Union

Coronavirus Essential Guidance:

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

- [Coronavirus advice: Children's, youth and families ministry](#) (updated 17 May)
- [Guidance on church worship](#) (updated 13 May)
- [Advice for ministers – pastoral visiting](#) (updated 13 May)
- [Guidance on re-opening Baptist church buildings](#) (updated 13 May)

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

P/T Church Administrator - Haywards Heath Baptist Church:

This post is key in enabling growth in the ministry and mission at Haywards Heath Baptist Church (HHBC), in line with our vision.

The purpose of the role is administration and to enable the delivery of operations of the church in close co-operation with the Minister, Staff team and the Officers of the Church.

The postholder will ensure effective administration within the church, fulfil administrative procedures that enable the church to align with the regulatory environment the church now operates within.

This position requires professionalism and the ability to work in an ever-changing environment, where flexibility, multi-tasking, sound decision making, self-motivation and discretion are essential. The post-holder will need confidence and proven organisational, communication and interpersonal skills. It is important to have technical competency with IT systems and the ability to learn skills required to use software packages and comfortable to generate social media content etc.

The role is part time (20 hours per week), preferably over 5 days.

As this is a new role for the church this appointment is for an 18-month fixed term. The expectation is that the role will become a permanent position.

Please click here to download a [recruitment pack](#) and [application form](#) - reply to lydia@hhbchurch.org.uk

Closing date for applications: Friday 11 June 2021, midday
Interviews will be held w/c Monday 21 June 2021

Redhill Baptist Church - multiple vacancies:

Redhill Baptist Church's vision is to reach out to the local community to share God's truth and show God's love. We are a welcoming, diverse evangelical church. The successful candidates will have the opportunity to achieve positive results and gain a high sense of purpose and job satisfaction.

Operations Manager:

As a member of the staff team, you will oversee the organisation and smooth operation of the church.

The successful applicant will contribute to the strategic oversight of the ministry of the church; manage support staff and volunteers and hold significant responsibility for leading projects, managing systems, facility management, compliance and HR.

The ideal candidate will be experienced, highly motivated, flexible, innovative with a can-do approach. Experience in leading and managing projects, a systematic approach and ability to quickly establish effective working relationships will ensure that your focus and problem-solving will enrich the ministry and impact of the church

in serving the community.

If you can ensure the day to day operations of a busy church community are managed and performed effectively, go to www.redhillbaptist.org.uk for further information and application form.

An Occupational Requirement exists for the post-holder to be a Christian in accordance with the Equality Act 2010.

Closing date 31 May 2021

Selection, including a panel interview, to take place on w/c 07 June 2021

Church Administrator:

As a member of the staff team, you will be the public face of the church, facilitating an effective centre for coordination, information, communication, and administration in the church office. You will represent the church throughout the week, dealing with the general enquiries.

The successful applicant will be responsible for the day to day running of the church office, contributing practical administrative support to the ministry team.

The ideal candidate will be experienced, highly motivated, flexible, innovative with a can-do approach. Experience in office management, organising volunteers and church community life alongside, a systematic approach and ability to quickly establish effective working relationships will ensure that your focus and problem-solving will enrich the ministry and impact of the church in serving the community.

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Hospital Chaplain - Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust, Maidstone:

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust has an exciting opportunity for a person-centred Chaplain to join our small dedicated team. You will join a friendly,

collaborative, team who seek to provide high quality pastoral, spiritual, and religious care to patients, visitors, and staff of all faiths.

Salary: £31365.00 to £37890.00 a year

Posted: 11/05/2021

Job Type: Permanent

Closing Date: 24/05/2021

If anyone is interested in this role, please contact Revd Paul Kerley paul@seba-baptist.org.uk

P/T Children & Families Worker - Freedom Church, Bexhill:

Freedom Church is seeking to employ a Children & Families worker, part-time up to 18hrs/week, Salary in the region of £19,000-£21,000 per annum (pro-rata).

Our desire and mission at Freedom Church, Bexhill reflects the heart of Jesus to bring real freedom and wholeness to us all — spiritually, emotionally, and physically. We are excited about the time of Church growth and renewal we are entering into, and we are seeking to invest in our children and their families to ensure further growth. We are seeking a pioneering person of initiative who can help us establish and then grow a thriving families ministry. This person would work as part of our ministry team alongside our Lead Pastor and Community Pastor.

The role would focus initially on leading and resourcing our Sunday School as well as gathering, training and inspiring a team of volunteers. The ideal candidate should also have a passion to run mid-week activities to reach out to local, non-church children and families.

Experience and/or relevant qualifications would be desirable.

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

To download a copy of the job description/person specification, please click [here](#).

For more information about our church please visit our website: <https://www.freedomchurchbexhill.com/> or email Jenny for a job description: jenny@freedomchurchbexhill.com

Closing date for applications: 1 June 2021

F/T Youth Pastor - Guildford Baptist Church:

Guildford Baptist Church is seeking to appoint a Youth Pastor (full-time). We have a thriving youth ministry, with around 50 young people from school years 7 upwards and an enthusiastic and experienced youth team leading a range of activities. We are looking for someone to join the pastoral leadership team at the Church and lead the youth ministry - someone with a passion for discipling young people.

Do you have proven experience of working with young people, building relationships and teaching them?

- Do you have a vision to facilitate youth ministry within the context of the whole church?
- Do you have the passion, energy and personal qualities to lead a committed team of people in realising that vision?
- Do you have good theological understanding and appropriate training in youth work?

If so, we would like to hear from you!

For more details and an application pack, please contact Duncan Stonehouse on 01483 575008 or email duncan.s@guildfordbaptist.org <https://www.guildfordbaptist.org/get-involved/job-vacancies/>

Closing date for applications: 26 May 2021

Anna Chaplain - The Meeting Place (Bookham):

The Meeting Place(TMP) has worked for over 10 years from its base in Bookham to support those who are isolated in our community. We are now taking an exciting step forward to extend our work and, in conjunction with local churches in the area, to develop a chaplaincy to reach out to older people in Bookham and District.

We are looking for someone who loves working with older people. For someone with Christian faith who will work ecumenically across all church traditions, with people of other faiths and with no faith.

We want to recruit to a new post: Anna Chaplain for Bookham and District

- The post is for 20 hours a week
- Salary from £14,000 to £15,600 per annum depending on skills and qualifications.

- Flexible working with be required involving the occasional Sunday and evening responsibility.
- Annual leave is 28 days including statutory Bank Holidays.

Your office base will be at Eastwick Road Church, Eastwick Road, Great Bookham, KT23 4BE.

TMP has been authorised by the **Bible Reading Fellowship** (BRF) to establish this post, which is one of a growing number of Anna Chaplains across the country, with a specific ministry to older people. Our Anna chaplain will join a team of volunteers who are already working in the local care home and in a telephone befriending service.

Your responsibilities will include:

- Offering spiritual support to older people whether they are living in their own home, care homes or sheltered housing.
- Supporting and training family and professional carers in the delivery of spiritual care as part of an old person's care needs.
- Advocating for the needs of older people across our churches and the wider community

The appointment is subject to a medical, and an enhanced DBS check from the Disclosure and Barring Service.

For more information about TMP and a Job Description please visit our website www.themeetingplace.org.uk To download a PDF of the advert (to use in your church notices) please [click here](#).

To indicate your interest in this post please email elaine.crutchley1@gmail.com An application form and CV will be required.

Closing date for applications: 31st May 2021. Interviews will be held on 10th June 2021.

Full-Time Children's, Youth and Families' Worker - Pembury Baptist Church:

For this role we are hoping to find:

- A prayerful follower of Jesus
- A person of integrity able to relate to all ages
- A leader with initiative able to inspire others

- Someone organised, committed and able to delegate/work well alongside others
- Someone with relevant experience

Deadline for applications: 23rd May 2021

For more information and to download the job description and application form:

<https://www.pemburybaptistchurch.org/Connect/Vacancy>

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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