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Weekly update from the Association Administrator, Steph Tidy



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“Rejoice always,
pray continually,
give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus. ”

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18

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 Staff Annual Leave:

Please note Wendy Mann, SEBA's Safeguarding Officer is on leave from Thursday 4 February until Tuesday 9 February - if there are any safeguarding issues during that time, please contact Revd Paul Kerley paul@seba-baptist.org.uk 01580-766020

Creation Care Households

Lowering our carbon footprint is one of the most important and easiest ways we can look after creation and is a great step towards preparing ourselves for a greener future. In this present year our politics will have a focus on climate change, and we will hear many promises from world leaders about what they will do. You may also be familiar with the Eco Church Award Scheme aimed the changes we could make as churches. But what about us and the homes we live in. Creation Care Households encourages us to consider our carbon footprint and the changes we could make. Once you register you fill in a simple questionnaire and in return you receive a breakdown of your overall carbon footprint and you can sign up for regular email newsletters giving you tips about changes you could make. Visit their website at creationcare.org.uk and watch their short introductory video, you could also consider showing this in church.

Trevor Beckett

Baptist Union Environmental Network rep for SEBA

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, **Wednesday 24 & Thursday 25 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.

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

South Eastern Baptist Association Women's Ministry

"Be Still" - SEB Women's Ministry Reflective Zoom Morning:

Saturday 27 February 2021, 10am-12noon

on Zoom

Jesus got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves,
“Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. Mark 4:39

We are all going through difficult times and the storms in our lives are likely to be causing us anxiety and even fear. The only one who can calm our storms is the Lord Jesus.

You are invited to come and rest in his peaceful presence. Come and join us for a reflective Zoom morning hosted by South Kent Baptist Women’s Ministry, a short time to be still and rest with God.

For further information, including the link to join the Zoom meeting, contact Corinne Herrick tel: 01303 812603 email: cch65@hotmail.com

Click here for a [poster](#)

SEB Women's Ministry Newsletter:

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

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 (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.

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>

'Waiting & Accepting' - a Lent online National Quiet Day:

led by Beth Powney & Mark Fairweather-Tall

Thursday 25 February 2021, 10am-3pm

A much-needed opportunity in these troubled times for anyone in the Baptist family to take time out... to pause and rest in the goodness and sovereignty of God.

In this third online national quiet day since the beginning of the pandemic, Beth Powney and Mark Fairweather-Tall, two of our association team leaders, will lead us. They will use an ancient structure for prayer, often attributed to the 14th century mystic, Julian of Norwich. She (or her later followers) proposed a pattern by which we **AWAIT** God's presence; **ALLOW** God to set the terms of his coming to us; **ACCEPT** both our limitations and the nature of his gift to us; and **ATTEND** to what God then calls us to.

For more information, click here https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/601291/Waiting_and.aspx

Seminars & sessions over multiple dates

Big Church Read:

Jeff Lucas will be leading the 2nd National Big Church Read through 'Singing in Babylon'. This timely new book encourages us to thrive when life deals us our second choices. Something we are sure everyone right now can relate to in the current climate. (link below)

The launch of the first-ever Big Lent Read through the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 'Living His Story', starts on 17/2/21. The author Hannah Steele will unpack liberating and practical ways of sharing the gospel story afresh. Hannah will be sharing with us how we can live Jesus' story in our own lives simply by being the people God made us and allowing people to be drawn to him through our natural

gifts. (link below)

On the 18 January, the Big Church Read started on 'Slow Down, Show up and Pray' a new book from Ruth Rice founder of Renew Wellbeing. Ruth is leading us through the books and as she shares about her journey through mental ill health, finding simple habits to renew wellbeing, and how churches can create renew spaces on the high street for the whole community. (link below)

Also the 3rd National Big Church Read will be hosted by Pete Greig through 'How to Pray' that will be starting Pentecost 2021. (link below)

To find out more about all of these go to <https://thebigchurchread.co.uk/singing-in-babylon/>

The 2nd National Big Church Read with Jeff Lucas
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JGzltwfnG8o>

The Big Lent Read 2021
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jma5wnoa-pA>

The Big Church Read through Slow Down Show Up and Pray
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CWg_bVP50B0

The Third National Big Church Read with Pete Greig
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6t5aA4RwNPs>

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).

- 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.

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 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:

- 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.

Advice, Resources & Information

Information & support from the Baptist Union

Coronavirus Essential Guidance:

There were no updates last week - however do please make sure you check out the page, regularly, for any revisions and updates https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/570475/Coronavirus_essential_advice.aspx

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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

Trustee, Retired Baptist Ministers Housing Organisation (RBMHO):

RHBMO is currently looking to appoint new trustees to support the work of the organisation. Its primary charitable objective is to provide housing for retired ministers and their spouses who are unable to secure such accommodation from their own resources.

A profile of the role of the trustee and details of how to make contact are available on the BUGB website at: www.baptist.org.uk/jobs/

The closing date for expressions of interest is 31 March 2021.

Green Pastures - Partner Liaison South:

Part-Time or Full-Time

£26,000 - £28,000 p.a. pro rata

31 days holiday (23 + 8 public holidays) pro rata

Permanent contract (6 month probation period)

Start as soon as possible

We are seeking enthusiastic and dedicated staff to pioneer new Green Pastures' Partnerships in the South. If you want to see change in our nation for the Kingdom of God through the homeless being housed and their lives being restored, this could be the job for you!

Click [here for a job description & specification](#)

Administrator - Baptist Building CIO:

Baptist Building CIO makes loans and grants to Baptist churches throughout the UK and Ireland for building work. We are looking for a new administrator to take over the role on the impending retirement of the current administrator.

Applicants should be able to work independently from home. You should have sympathy with the objects of BBCIO and an understanding of how Baptist churches operate.

You will need to communicate with specialists such as solicitors, property professionals and accountants.

An understanding of the legal and professional aspects of how churches deal with their properties particularly in areas such as new builds, redevelopment and disposals would be very helpful.

An ability to keep financial records is required.

Remuneration £13,000pa based on 15 hours per week (FTE £30,000pa)

For an application pack please contact the Chairman of BBCIO Andrew Burgess by email at burgess683@btinternet.com

Closing date for applications is 28 February 2021

Registered charity no 1185757

Kent Workplace Mission - Team Support Coordinator:

15 hours per week

£15 an hour

The post is currently based at Larkfield and East Malling Methodist Church, but open to this being a Kent or SE London home-based role (all meetings are held at Larkfield and East Malling Methodist Church).

If you are interested in this role, please read the [covering letter](#) and [job description & person specification document](#) - and then complete the [application form](#) (all are also available to download from the resources page of the SEBA website).

Closing date: 19 February 2021

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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