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“As for me, I call to God, and the Lord saves me.
Evening, morning and noon I cry out in distress
and he hears my voice.”

Psalm 55:17

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 BUEN zoom meeting:

Following to our meeting on zoom earlier in the year we will be hosting a further meeting on Wednesday 7 July, at 2pm. The focus will be how we might make our church buildings and surrounds more environmentally friendly.

In addition we will take the opportunity to focus on COP 26 in Glasgow with some prayer suggestions for our churches. Please do put the date and time in your diary. A zoom link will be sent out nearer the time. Please remember that the involvement with the Baptist Union Environmental Network is open to anyone in our churches or association, so please advertise it widely.

Trevor Beckett – SEBA/BUEN representative.

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

SEB Women's Ministry

'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

First Aid Training:

Saturday 17 July 2021, 9.30am-4.30pm

Headcorn Baptist Church, TN27 9SB

Now that covid restrictions have been lifted slightly and we are able to resume some of our training albeit in smaller numbers due to restrictions, we have a First Aid

Training day arranged at Headcorn Baptist Church. This is a full day's training for an "Emergency First Aid at work" qualification.

The course:

- Takes about 6 hours, 9.30am – 4.30pm
- Costs £50.00 per person. Please pay by BAC Payment to Reliance Bank, Sort Code 60-01-73 Account number 00218212 Ref Your name, FA July 17
- Can cater for a maximum of 12 candidates, although during covid restrictions we are only having 8 Candidates so that we don't share dummies.
- Qualifies you for three years although changes in regulations do encourage annual refresher training to be held as well.
- Covers basic first aid suitable for volunteers / staff who are helping with events etc. (Understanding the role of a first aider / dealing with unconscious casualties / basic CPR / Wounds and bleeding / choking / shock / minor injuries)
- Please note the course includes both lecture style learning and also practical physical elements (e.g. CPR, and recovery position). You need to physically be able to complete both aspects in order to be able to pass the course. Please wear loose clothing, and trousers, not skirts as you will be down on the floor at times!
- Candidates need to be over 16 years of age.

Please note, spaces are limited, so booking quick is essential - to book a place, please contact Pam Kerley asap pam.admin@seba-baptist.org.uk (if you are unable to pay via BACS, you can also pay by cheque - please ask Pam for the details).

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)

- We have had a huge response to the Excellence in Safeguarding Training Update which has been very positive. This will continue to be available to all who require training for safeguarding going forward. For us to be able to manage this we will be changing the booking system. After May 31st you will not be able to book training through Pam, whilst we transfer the access to an on line booking system. *This means there will be no availability for booking the training during the whole month of June (this does not affect the viewing availability of the training video, for those who have already*

*booked it). As the 11 June deadline has now passed, anyone who returns a feedback form (under the old system) will not receive a confirmation certificate. **The new online booking system will launch on 1 July.***

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.

Taster Days MA in Digital Theology - Spurgeon's College:

22 June 19.30 or 26 June, 11am

You are invited to join a meeting: Exploring Digital Theology at Spurgeon's. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email about joining the meeting.

What have we learned during the Pandemic? Listen to Dr Pete Phillips on Missional Digitally with a Q&A with current Digital Theology students. Dr Jonas Kurlberg will introduce the MA in Digital Theology and Linda Campbell will share how to apply with Spurgeon's. Register here: [22 June](#) or [26 June](#)

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](#).

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The focus will be how we might make our church buildings and surrounds more

environmentally friendly. In addition we will take the opportunity to focus on COP 26 in Glasgow with some prayer suggestions for our churches. Zoom link to be sent out nearer the time.

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

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

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>

Advice, Resources & Information

Halton Baptist Church - New Minister:

We are pleased to announce as from the 1st of June the appointment of Simon Evans - White to be our new Minister, along with his wife Rachel and 3 boys.



Simon's Ordination and Induction will be held on the July 10th, with Covid restrictions limiting our numbers.

Participate in research into Christian views of LGBT+ people & issues:

If you are a *UK-based Christian* of any denomination and are *aged 18+*, we would like to hear your views about LGBT+ people and the Christian faith.

By filling in a brief online survey (10-15 minutes) you can help us to map out attitudes towards LGBT+ people and issues across Christian denominations. A range of views is sought and *all views are treated equally and confidentially*. All responses will be anonymous and all data will be treated confidentially.

The survey can be found

at: https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ext4fyb7tA4Ep9Q

If you have any questions, or would like further information about this research, please contact Ellen Taylor-Bower at eat37@cam.ac.uk

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 June)
- [Guidance on church worship](#) (updated 17 June)
- [Guidance on re-opening Baptist church buildings](#) (updated 17 June)

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

Operations Lead - Bookham Baptist Church:

Salary: £32,000 per annum

Hours of Work: 37.5 hours per week, Monday-Friday

For the full details about the role, check out

<https://www.flipsnack.com/DawnCollin/operations-lead.html>

How to apply: To request a full job description and to request an application form please email reception@bookhambaptist.org. For an informal conversation about the role please contact robstevens@bookhambaptist.org

Subject to a basic DBS check

Application closing date: Sunday 11 July 2021, 12pm

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

Closing date for applications: 2nd July 2021. Interviews will be held on 19th July 2021.

F/T Families & Children's Pastor - Milford Baptist Church:

Salary: from £25,000.

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: 25th June 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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