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Weekly update from the Association Administrator, Steph Tidy



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"When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God,
whose word I praise—in God I trust and am not
afraid."

Psalm 56:3-4

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



Home Mission Focus - May 2021

Hear the latest news from Revd Jonathan Hardwick, about Earlswood Baptist Church

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

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.

Join the Baptist Assembly service:

Sunday 16 May 2021, 10.30-11.30am

Online

Speaker: Shane Claibourne

Churches are encouraged to join together with the Baptist Assembly Sunday morning service to share together in worship as one whole Baptist family.

To register your church to take part, please click on this link to register https://www.baptist.org.uk/PaymentGroup/Registration.aspx?group_id=358303

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

Survey - Domestic Abuse and Preaching - your help please:

Susanna Morris is studying towards an MA in Domestic Abuse at the University of Worcester, and is choosing to focus her studies on the Church. For the dissertation,

she is looking at the role of preaching in addressing Domestic Abuse, particularly in Baptist settings. She has developed a short survey to gather the views of anyone involved in preaching in Baptist Union churches. If you would be interested in completing this survey, she would be very grateful and the link is below. It is completely anonymous. She would also welcome any help with distributing the survey more widely to anyone who preaches in a UK Baptist setting (it is not restricted to full-time Baptist Ministers).

<https://ucw.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/domestic-abuse-and-preaching-uk-baptists>

Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre:

Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre are re-opening their Café, Howard's Well from 4th May. Howard's Well will be open Monday to Friday 8.30am-3.30pm and now includes the option of a cooked breakfast before 10.30am. There will be an optional public act of worship daily at 10am in the large chapel. We are also accepting residential bookings from 18th May. Please see our website for more information and to book a stay www.crowhursthealing.org.uk

Important changes to the registration of marriages!!!!

The Civil Partnerships, Marriages and Deaths (Registration etc.) Act 2019 - the Act had successfully completed its passage through Parliament and attained Royal Assent on 26 March 2019.

The House of Lords approved the draft Registration of Marriages Regulations 2021 on 23 March 2021 - and the new regulations will come into force on 4 May 2021; meaning as from 4th May 2021, the registration of marriages will become electronic

If you are the Authorised Person at your church, you should have been receiving the regular newsletters, however, if you haven't, details of how to access the training information, can be found

here https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/970238/Authorised_Person_Newsletter_14th_Edition_March_2021_V1.pdf

All of the newsletters can be accessed

here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/authorised-persons-newsletters>

Information & support from the Baptist Union

Coronavirus Essential Guidance:

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

- [Guidance on church worship](#) (updated 29 April)
- [Coronavirus advice: Children's, youth and families ministry](#) (updated 29 April)
- [Advice for ministers – pastoral visiting](#) (updated 29 April)
- [Guidance on re-opening Baptist church buildings](#) (updated 29 April)

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

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 will 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.

Part-time Safeguarding Officer - South Wales Baptist Association:

South Wales Baptist Association is seeking a part-time Safeguarding Officer who will take a lead on issues relating to safeguarding and the protection of children, young people and adults at risk.

This person will work closely with the Regional Team to provide good quality safeguarding guidance and support to churches within the Association.

This will be achieved by making provision for regular safeguarding training at BUGB level 2 and 3 across the Association; compliance with the BUGB safeguarding policies and procedures; adhering to legal requirements on all matters of safeguarding; providing good quality advice, guidance and support regarding safeguarding concerns raised by a church or individual and by selecting and supporting others responsible for safeguarding in the Association.

The postholder will be joining a thriving team and an important work in supporting, resourcing and providing encouragement for the local church.

This role will be mainly home based for an average of 8 hours per week (ca 0.2 FTE), £5,000 p.a.

Full details are available on the SWBA website www.swba.org.uk/jobs. For any enquiries or to apply please contact Revd Emma Mohr emma@swba.org.uk. To apply please email your CV including details of three referees (one to be from a church minister) and a statement describing how you are able to fulfil the role description.

Closing date for applications is 15th May 2021 with shortlisting the following week. 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>

Pastoral Care Assistant St Barnabas House hospice, Worthing:

Hours: 20 hours per week

Salary: £12,080 - £13,002 p.a depending on depth and variety of experience in a similar role (F.T.E. £22,650 - £24,380)

Closing date: Thursday 6 May

Interviews expected: Monday 17 May

St Barnabas House provides specialist palliative care to adults in the Worthing, Adur, Arun and Henfield areas through a range of services, including in-patient care and community living well services.

We are looking for a theologically and pastorally competent person, who is grounded in their own faith tradition. You will need to be theologically inclusive, to assist in the provision of spiritual and emotional support to patients who are under the care of the hospice, together with their families and carers.

This role will include:

- Assessing the spiritual, psychological and religious needs of patients, their family members and carers, planning interventions accordingly
- Providing spiritual and pastoral support and advice to patients, their family members and carers
- Providing religious services within the hospice
- Participating in and, where appropriate, taking responsibility for events linked to the hospice's provision of bereavement support
- The provision of emergency chaplaincy cover to Chestnut Tree House

For informal conversation please contact Stephen Gurr (Lead Chaplain) on 01903 706374.

Check out <https://www.stbarnabas-hospice.org.uk/jobs/pastoral-care-assistant/> for an application form, job description and staff benefits.

An enhanced DBS will be sought, if you are successful in this role. The safe recruitment of staff at St Barnabas Hospices is the first step to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults in our care. As an employer we expect all staff and volunteers to share our commitment to safeguarding.

Baptists Together Hong Kong Response Co-ordinator:

Last year the UK government made a pledge to the people of Hong Kong after the introduction of new security laws following pro-democracy demonstrations. That promise came into effect at the end of January 2021 and it is estimated that between 130,000 and 300,000 people from Hong Kong will be arriving in the UK over the next year. Whilst many of those arriving will be leaving Hong Kong as economic migrants there will be some who will need to leave for their own safety. As Baptists Together we want to respond in a way that is both welcoming to Baptist ministers needing to leave Hong Kong, as well as encouraging our churches to become centres of welcome for those arriving in the country.

We have secured three years of funding from the Baptists Together Strategic Mission Budget for a Response Co-ordinator. This person will be responsible for: liaising with church leaders seeking to leave Hong Kong, connecting them with local Baptist congregations; encouraging Baptist churches to be places of welcome for migrants from Hong Kong; networking and enabling training for the migrant ministers and the churches involved in offering welcome.

This is a post within the Baptists Together Faith and Society Team for approximately 14 hours per week (0.4fte) at £24,500 pro rata.

Click [here for the full job description](#)

Please apply by sending a copy of your CV along with the names of three referees and a covering letter that explains why you are applying, to Rachel Stone at: opportunities@baptist.org.uk

The closing date for applications is Friday 7 May 2021.
Interviews will be held on Wednesday 21 May 2021.

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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