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Weekly update from the Association Administrator, Steph Tidy



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"The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who
call on him in truth."

Psalm 145:18

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

New Website:

We have launched our new website - do please take the time to check it out, if you haven't already - www.seba-baptist.org.uk. The new site is mobile friendly too.

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.

(details of the Zoom meeting are listed below)

Trevor Beckett – SEBA/BUEN representative.

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

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

Safeguarding Question and Answer Sessions:

Wednesday 21 July 2021, 10am

If you have completed the online Excellence in Safeguarding Training and have any

questions that you would like answered this is an opportunity to ask them.

I am running 45-minute sessions on Zoom to talk through any questions you may have. There will be a maximum of 20 places for each session.

Please register your interest now (this can be booked online, once you've watched the film) - I look forward to meeting with you.

Wendy Mann

First Aid Training:

Saturday 17 July 2021, 9.30am-4.30pm

Headcorn Baptist Church, TN27 9SB

AND

Saturday 24 July 2021, 9.30am-4.30pm

Emmanuel Baptist Church, Gravesend, DA12 1BB

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 quickly 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).

Please note, there are no other planned dates until the Autumn.

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.

SEBA – BUEN zoom meeting:

Wednesday 7 July 2021, 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. The Zoom link for the meeting is listed below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82817977311?pwd=MUUrL0g5TIZKZINUR3R5UEhrRThLdz09>

Meeting ID: 828 1797 7311

Passcode: 163697

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

Spurgeon's College - Taster days:

Taster Day for Postgraduate Courses:

3 August, 5-6pm

You are invited to come and enjoy a virtual taster day with staff from Spurgeon's

College. You will be able to meet our tutors and learn more about the postgraduate courses we offer. You can also enjoy a partial sample lecture as well as take part in a Q&A session. All you need to do is register via email: admissions@spurgeons.ac.uk

Taster Day for Undergraduate Courses:

5 August, 5-6pm

You are invited to come and enjoy a virtual taster day with staff from Spurgeon's College. You will be able to meet our tutors and learn more about the undergraduate theology courses we offer. You can also enjoy a partial sample lecture and take part in a Q&A session. All you need to do is register via email: admissions@spurgeons.ac.uk

Look forward to seeing you!

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

New webinar - Hybrid Church:

Churches going online has been a major feature of the pandemic lockdowns. Many churches are asking whether they ought to continue to have an online presence and if so, what should it look like...

SWBA recorded their recent webinar, led by Hannah Fleming-Hill (Digital Missioner with the South West & East Midlands Baptist Associations) to allow everyone to hear ideas about how hybrid church can be delivered!

Go to the SWBA YouTube channel to watch the video <https://youtube.com/c/SouthWestBaptistAssociation>

Advice please - lightning conductors:

Gillingham Baptist Church are interested in hearing from churches that have recently had upgrades or improvements made to their lightning conductors. We have recently had a survey carried out which indicated we need to expend large amounts of money bringing our lightning conductor up to current standards. We would be keen to hear from other churches who may have gone down this road and who may have found more cost effective ways to meet the requirements. Contact Stephen on 01634 324275 or email stephengreasley@btopenworld.com

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 5 July)
- [Guidance on church worship](#) (updated 1 July)

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

Team Leader (Retail Chaplaincy) - Canary Wharf Multifaith Chaplaincy:

The Canary Wharf Multifaith Chaplaincy is seeking applications for this post as Team Leader to provide chaplaincy to shops, cafes and restaurants (over 300 retail outlets). We are looking for someone to join us as chaplain to the retail tenants and who will recruit, train and manage a team of volunteers within the retail team. The post is for 2 days a week (paid). The successful candidate must have a minimum of three years' chaplaincy experience or equivalent and be self-motivated.

Further info & application pack please contact:

Jane Tappenden, Office Manager Canary Wharf Multifaith Chaplaincy

Email: jane@canarywharfchaplaincy.co.uk Tel: 020 7418 2444

Closing date for completed application forms is 9th July

Interviews: 19th July 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.