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## Weekly update from the Association Administrator, Steph Tidy



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"Those who know your name trust in you,  
for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who  
seek you."

Psalm 9:10

### 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](mailto:admin@seba-baptist.org.uk)

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## Home Mission Focus - June 2021

Hear the latest news from João Bolzan, Minister in Training, at Chiddingfold Baptist Church

## 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](mailto:safeguarding@seba-baptist.org.uk) 07545 686143

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## 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:**

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).* Anyone who has already signed up, paid and received the link to

the film but has not emailed the feedback form back to Pam needs to do so by **Friday 11th June** in order to be able to receive a confirmation certificate.

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.*

### **New Housing Conversation webinar:**

Thursday 10 June 2021, 12-1.30pm

An amazing opportunity to connect, contribute and learn, building on the new housing part of the Archbishop of Canterbury's (ABC) Commission on Housing, Church and Community.

The New Housing Hub, Churches Together in England in partnership with Fresh Expressions are hosting 3 conversations to explore the 'How to...' of missionally engaging within new housing. This is our second conversation.

Content - Using the recently published ABC's Commission Booklets this second conversation will help us explore the practicalities, planning and evaluation of mission in a New Housing context. Please see Section B - How to deal with practicalities and Section D - How to plan and evaluate - found by following this link: <https://newhousinghub.org/the-archbishops-commission-on-housing-church-and-community-information-and-resources/>

Who is it for? People with experience (or wanting experience) in engaging in mission within new housing as a practitioner and/or enabler

Aim - to enable relationships and networks to develop around new housing engagement across denominations to make a difference at both strategic and grassroots levels. We hope to strengthen and encourage one another in our mission and ministry and inspire and equip others to join in sharing God's love with new housing areas around the country.

Vision - working together to share God's love in every new housing area

To register for the event click here <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/new-housing->

[conversations-the-nuts-and-bolts-tickets-154378292629?](https://www.seba-baptist.org.uk/conversations-the-nuts-and-bolts-tickets-154378292629?)

For more information, please email Penny Marsh [penny@seba-baptist.org.uk](mailto:penny@seba-baptist.org.uk)

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### **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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*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. Zoom link to be sent out nearer the time.

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### **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>

## 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](mailto:jday@baptist.org.uk)

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



*Hi SEBA colleagues,*

*I wanted to have a meaningful talk around the 1st anniversary that George Floyd was killed which was on 25th May 2020. We wanted someone who would help us at Tunbridge Wells Baptist Church to continue to move forward with Racial Justice; being in both a white majority church in a white majority town. On this occasion due to studying and implementing a number of recommendations in Ben Lyndsay book Lets talk about race, thought he would be best suited and knowing he is unlikely to speak to an unknown church with an unknown Pastor asked him to record for SEBA and TW churches. So below is a 24 minute talk should you find it useful to use in your church. You have both Ben and our authority to up load it and put it on line. I am happy for you to edit it . There is no mention of TWBC. Unfortunately left out SEBA but mentioned Sussex, Kent and Surrey churches . Once again you can edit it further and can own it for yourself. Also included 4 studies based on the eight chapters in his book where he speaks for 5 minutes with questions.*

*Blessings*

*Duncan Threshie*

Link to the message from Ben Lindsay: <https://youtu.be/-p0DKK82wtE>  
<https://homegroups.org.uk/series/we-need-to-talk-about-race/>

If anyone should want to edit the video, please contact [office@twbc.org.uk](mailto:office@twbc.org.uk) for an editable version.

Please note Duncan removed the Bible readings (as when they used it, they had someone from their own church do the readings).

## Advice, Resources & Information

***Journey of the Magi – a festive, light-hearted, joyful event with a moving and profound message:***

Following a sell-out year in 2019, Journey of the Magi is back, for churches to host for Advent 2021. Share the joy and wonder of Christmas with your church and local community through this exhilarating, critically acclaimed performance. The show offers a bridge between contemporary life and Jesus's birth, comparing our own personal journey to Christmas day with the journey that the wise men took. With sparkle and songs to keep the children entertained and bags of good humour for the grown-ups, Journey of the Magi delights audiences of all ages and offers a chance to reflect and refocus.

*“Absolutely fabulous show. Wonderful mix of fun, wit, and meaning. It made me laugh and it made me cry all in a couple of minutes. (Hope you'll come back.)”* Richard, Poynton Methodist Church

Springs is inviting churches to host a performance of Journey of the Magi, which we are planning to tour nationally in December 2021. If the tour cannot go ahead due to Covid-19, bookings will be postponed until Advent 2022 or will be fully refunded .

Further information can be found on the Springs Dance Company website page <https://springsdancecompany.org.uk/productions/journey-of-the-magi/>, by emailing [touring@springsdancecompany.org.uk](mailto:touring@springsdancecompany.org.uk) or by calling 07876 752 910

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#### **Quiet Rooms - Crowhurst Healing Centre:**

A reminder that we have FREE bookable quiet rooms available Monday to Friday (8.30am-3.30pm) for anyone who would benefit from some quiet space here. If they wish, anyone visiting can attend our optional service at 10am, receive prayer and order food and drink from our Howard's Well café. To book a room call 01424 830204.

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#### **Providing hope in the midst of anxiety and depression:**

Hope in Depression is a Christian charity on a mission to provide education, support and, most importantly, community for people suffering with depression and/or anxiety – and for their supporters. To this end, the charity has developed the highly acclaimed Hope in Depression course, which has already helped hundreds of people – with over 95% of attendees reporting an improvement in their mental health as a result of attending.

Typically delivered over six weeks – either in person (as Covid restrictions allow) or online via Zoom – courses are delivered by local church partners, who integrate them into their programme of activities. The format is similar to that of the Alpha Course, with each two-hour session including videos, small-group discussions, plenary discussions and the opportunity to share stories and experiences.

Hope in Depression is aware of increasing levels of anxiety and depression in society – not least because of the Covid pandemic – and it's looking to ramp up its provision. In support of this, the charity is actively looking to expand its network of church partners, and SEBA have been asked to encourage local Baptist churches to prayerfully consider their involvement. Church partners used to have to pay a fee to run the course, but it's now free of charge as part of the charity's Covid relief strategy; all that's needed is a willing course leader and enough facilitators for the number of attendees. Full training is provided – also free of charge.

If this is something you would like to explore further, Lisa Owens – the charity's

founder and CEO – would love to hear from you! Lisa is planning a short Zoom call with any interested church leaders, to provide more information and answer any questions. To register your interest, please e-mail [lisa.owens@hopeindepression.org](mailto:lisa.owens@hopeindepression.org). For more background information, please visit the charity's web site: [www.hopeindepression.org](http://www.hopeindepression.org).

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## Information & support from the Baptist Union

### **Coronavirus Essential Guidance:**

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

- [Advice for ministers – pastoral visiting](#) (updated 3 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](https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/570475/Coronavirus_essential_advice.aspx)

## Jobs & Vacancies

### **Lead Trust Chaplain - Medway NHS Foundation Trust:**

*Contract:* Permanent

*Hours:* Full time - 37.5 hours per week

*Town:* Gillingham

*Salary:* £38,890 - £44,503 per annum/pro rata

We are recruiting for a Lead Chaplain who shares our ambition and vision to deliver the Best of Care by the Best People and has the drive to take us forward, by ensuring that the Trust continues to be the first choice for patients and our staff.

*Closing date for applications:* 08/06/2021, 23:59

*Interview date:* 16/06/2021

For further information (including full job description) please check out [https://www.nhsjobs.com/job/UK/Kent/Gillingham/Medway\\_NHS\\_Foundation\\_Trust/Chaplaincy/Chaplaincy-v3153871](https://www.nhsjobs.com/job/UK/Kent/Gillingham/Medway_NHS_Foundation_Trust/Chaplaincy/Chaplaincy-v3153871)

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### **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](http://www.themeetingplace.org.uk)

To indicate your interest in this post please email [elaine.crutchley1@gmail.com](mailto: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.**

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**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

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**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](mailto:lydia@hhbchurch.org.uk)

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

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:admin@seba-baptist.org.uk)

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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](mailto: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.