



Dear friends

Welcome to another of the CBA's regular e-mails. Just a reminder that as well as the regular email updates you can keep upto date by visiting the CBA website <http://www.centralba.org.uk/> and facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/centralbap>

Geoff, Stephen, Colin, & Graham
CBA Regional Team

TEAM NEWS Stephen Copson is recovering well from his operation and is on course for a full recovery. He will remain unavailable until the beginning of March. Enquiries by email or telephone will be re-directed in the first instance to Geoff Colmer on geoffreycolmer@gmail.com or Colin Pye on colinmpye@gmail.com.

HOME MISSION GIVING. Thanks to all the CBA churches who have given to Home Mission a total of £320,677 was raised.

CBA Assembly. This will be at Whaddon Way, Milton Keynes, on 20th June 2015. The Speaker will be Rev. Lynn Green, BU General Secretary.

CBA TREASURER The Association is still seeking someone to succeed Chris Winter-Goodwin and David Mead as respectively Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer. For information, please contact Chris on 01582 881743 or Graham Clarke on 01727 857786.

BAPTIST UNION ANNUAL RETURNS. The online Annual Returns system up and running. Church secretaries should have received an email asking them to complete their return online. I have just sent an email to 1860 churches where we have an email address inviting them to complete their return online. If you have not been contacted please follow the following link: http://www.baptist.org.uk/Groups/252424/Annual_Returns.aspx
Please complete the online forms before the end of February.

CBA WEBSITE The Association website carries links to the website of those churches that have them. If your church is not there, or if you have recently changed your website address, please contact Colin Pye to update on colinmpye@gmail.com. Also, it would be very helpful if you could in your turn add a link to the Association website www.centralba.org.uk on your church webpages. And also if your church has a FaceBook page, we can like it on <https://www.facebook.com/centralbap>

CBA SCIENCE FOR MINISTERS WORKSHOP: Dave Gregory from Croxley Green is organising this event on 12th May at Loughton Baptist Church. See link for further details:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B8pwzqkKmWasMko3UmpzNHdsR1k/view?usp=sharing>

SMALL CHURCHES DAY. Blisworth Baptist Church on Saturday May 23rd with Hilary Taylor from the London Baptist Association. See poster:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B8pwzqkKmWasNm5QTEQ2RXpSN2c/view?usp=sharing>

OASIS COLLEGE, based in Lambeth, offer a wide range of training courses which may be of interest, from Engaging in Communities, understanding the Old Testament, to supporting young

people. For further details see the following links:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B8pwzqkKmWasa0Z6NIZjdkZUcDA/view?usp=sharing>

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B8pwzqkKmWasV3JvTIFTT1JZbnc/view?usp=sharing>

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B8pwzqkKmWasamQtQjZxbFNxVFU/view?usp=sharing>

ADVICE FROM THE ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIAN ACCOUNTANTS & TREASURERS:

New Videos on the site. The Trustees are very pleased to share with you a new innovation for ACAT. We realise that not everybody is able to attend our training courses so we have started putting some of the material online for you. There are at present six videos on the website at <http://acat.uk.com/membership/onlinetraining.php> covering budgeting, preparing an annual report and independent examinations. We welcome your feedback, on these videos so please use our contact form <http://acat.uk.com/membership/advice.php> to let us know what you think of these videos.

Advice Line. We would also like to remind you of our Advice Line – if you are struggling with a query relating to your role as a Treasurer, then you can get help from our advice line by telephoning 0845 564 2280 or by filling in the form on our site <http://acat.uk.com/membership/advice.php>.

Replacement Handbooks. We have just taken delivery of a new stock of Handbooks, so if yours has been lost or was never handed on to you when you took over as Treasurer please let us know. The cost of a replacement Handbook is £22.00 including delivery.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING: There will be a morning seminar on Saturday March 21st 2015 at Walsworth Road Baptist Church in Hitchin. This is for new workers and for those who want to freshen up their understandings. Watch out for more details

FAITH IN POLITICS. On Saturday 28th February, Christian Aid, The Children's Society and Greenbelt are bringing people together to find out what our faith has got to do with poverty and public life, why politics matters and how we can create positive change through campaigning. There will be workshops, learning and ideas sharing. Dr Rowan Williams will open the day and there will be many more interesting speakers to share their insights. Venue: City Temple, London EC1A 2DE. Doors: 9.45am, close by 4.30pm. Price: £15 including lunch, under 25s and unwaged tickets available. For more information, and to book

tickets http://www.christianaid.org.uk/ActNow/find-out-more/how-strong-is-your-faith-in-politics.aspx?utm_medium=email&utm_source=JPIT&utm_campaign=5127823_Praxis+December+2014&dm_i=1MV9,31WNJ,97YV0I,AYVMI,1

CBA NEWSLETTER The latest Association Newsletter can be found now at <http://centralba.org.uk/central-talk-spring-2015/>

GRANTS A reminder that there are a number of grants available for CBA churches. These include Mission Initiative Grants, Emerging Leaders Grants and Training Grants. For application forms please contact Chris Winter-Goodwin.

HOME MISSION: please visit the web site <http://centralba.org.uk/mission/home-mission/> for recent videos and a useful presentation for HM promotion/ explanation.