



January 2017

NEWS

SAFEGUARDING FOR TRUSTEES TRAINING on March 4th at Welwyn Garden City is now fully booked. It is hoped to organise another session in the second quarter of 2017.

CENTRAL NEWS, the Association Newsletter will shortly be arriving with you, or you can view it here <http://tinyurl.com/hhadydx>. This colourful communication is the work of Colin Pye. Please take time to feedback to Colin on this material, whether you think this is a helpful publication, useful to your congregation, carrying the right sort of information and being a good ambassador for the Association.

ASSOCIATION ASSEMBLY & AGM in Milton Keynes on Saturday June 17th with Dianne Tidball, incoming President of the Baptist Union of Great Britain.

PEOPLE

- **Andrew Openshaw**, minister at New Mill Tring will also become part-time interim minister at Caddington from January.
- **Colin Cartwright** will be inducted to the pastorate at Carey Hemel on February 4th.
- **Vicki and Roland Solokowski** have been called to joint ministry at Fuller, Kettering.
- **Kevin Price** will conclude his ministry at Leavesden Road, Watford at the end of January.
- **David Gregory (Croxley Green)** has been nominated as Vice-President of the Baptist Union (2017-18).
- **Tom Gillies**, a retired minister living in Chorleywood, died on New Year's Day.

EVENTS

FOOTSTEPS PATHWAYS (day session): Welcoming People with Additional Needs at Christ the King, Milton Keynes on 4th March 2017 with

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The Church of Christ the King,
Kents Hill, Milton Keynes, MK7 6HG

A new name for **FOOTSTEPS3**

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For details and booking form, go to www.centralba.org.uk and click on “Footsteps”

FOOTSTEPS TRAINING COURSE: it is not too early to be thinking about people in your congregation who would benefit from this course held in Milton Keynes. And the enrichment they would bring to your church’s ministry and mission. The 2017/18 session will start in September. Any enquiries to Anne Lane on anne.lane@regents.ox.ac.uk

INTRODUCTION TO CHURCH HISTORY: A ten week course with the Revd Dr Kenneth Padley, Vicar of St Michael with St Mary, St Albans. This course is an introduction to the study of ecclesiastical history, covering the church’s history in a broadly chronological manner. The course will focus on the Western tradition, but include material relating to the Orthodox churches and to Christianity in Africa, Asia and South America, as well as Europe and North America. It may be taken as a module of the *St Albans Certificate in Theology*. Tuesdays 10 January -28 March (excl. 14 February and 21 March), 7.45pm. Cost: £110 at St Andrews, Kimbolton Rd, Bedford, MK40 2PF. Book online at www.stalbanscathedral.org or by calling 01727 890290.

BELIEF RESOURCES: Ethics in our time. Wednesday’s from 26th April 2017 to 24th May 2017. Speakers include: Revd Bonnie Evans-Hills, Inter Faith Advisor Diocese of St Albans - Ethics and Migration; Revd Canon Dr Peter Sedgwick, Retired Principal and Warden of St Michael’s College Cardiff and Ethicist – Ethics & Politics; Sue Richardson, Christian Aid Relations Development Officer - Ethics & Poverty; Rev Dr Nick Goulding, Professor of Pharmacology & Medical Education - Ethics and Medicine. This event will be held at St Andrews Church, Kimbolton Road, Bedford MK40 2PF, between 8pm and 9.30pm. Cost is £5 per person per session (including refreshments) payable on the day. For more information and details of further events please visit our website www.beliefbeds.org

FREE CHURCH SERVICE. You are invited to attend a Free Church Service in the Lady Chapel, St Albans Abbey on Wednesday 1st. February 2017 at 11a.m. Preacher: The Reverend Geoff Colmer, Baptist Regional Minister, Central Baptist Association, Team Leader. The service is followed by a Fellowship Lunch.

RESOURCES

FUNDING: The next deadline for Central Baptist Association **grant applications** is March 16th, 2017. Application forms are available from the Treasurer, Karen Hopkins. See <http://centralba.org.uk/grants/>

NATIONAL CHURCHES TRUST GRANTS FOR REPAIRS: This resource is now available for churches to apply. For qualifications and process, see <http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/our-grants/repair-grants>.

HOLY LAND TOUR MAY 2017: A few places are still available in David Ronco’s next introductory trip to the Holy Land. The nine day tour from 10th to 18th is ideal for first time visitors. As well as exploring key Biblical sites in Galilee, Nazareth, Jerusalem

and Bethlehem the trip also provides unique opportunities to meet local Christians and understand how the Lord is working today through his church in Israel/Palestine. For more information contact David on 01992 420742, email: dcronco@gmail.com. or visit baptistwinningisrael.org.uk