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## NEWS

**AMPTHILL BAPTIST church** has an opportunity for an employed Children's worker. See link for more details.

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**BMS WORLD MISSION:** We're excited to say that Catalyst Live returns in November this year with the challenging theme of thinking global and listening to the World Church. For details, go to [www.bmsworldmission.org/news-blogs/archive/catalyst-live-is-back](http://www.bmsworldmission.org/news-blogs/archive/catalyst-live-is-back)

### **FINDING SPIRITUALITY in people outside the church ....**

..... is a good definition of chaplaincy. Yes, chaplains are typically people who are paid to offer pastoral care in organisations such as prisons, hospitals, or schools, but many ministers find themselves offering informal ministry outside the local church, in a cafe, with a choir, on the streets, in a workplace, a residential home, or perhaps a shopping centre. The ability to connect with people in other settings and to identify God within them is at the heart of chaplaincy, and it's increasingly a part of ministry for many of us.

Do you do this? Does your ministry take you to surprising places? Do you find God far from the local church? Might you welcome sharing ideas with others who are also identifying spirituality 'in the wild'?

If so, I'd love to hear from you. I have been asked to support and promote chaplaincy in our area. I believe that means not only working with those who are paid as chaplains, but identifying and working with those who do chaplaincy-type work as part of local ministry. If this means you, please tell me about yourself.

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**FOOTSTEPS:** The programme for 2016/7 starts in September. *Footsteps* is a shared learning in community using the expertise of local tutors and experience of learners, that draws upon scripture, spirituality, mission insights, church history and much more to take your people deeper into faith and discipleship. Brochures can be found at <http://centralba.org.uk/ministry/953-2/>.

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**EU REFERENDUM RESOURCE:** Our new resource for the EU Referendum is available to download [here](#). With non-partisan information, reflections and questions on a range of related issues, it aims to encourage individuals and churches to think through Britain's membership of the European Union in the light of the gospel command to love your neighbour. It is perfect for individual study or group discussion. We hope you find it helpful.

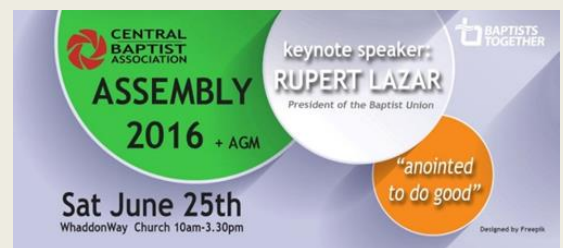
## PEOPLE

- Chris Doig (Whaddon Way LEP) to retirement
- Sue Hardwidge (Great Ashby, Stevenage) to retirement [July]
- David Hazeldine (Totteridge, High Wycombe) to Belvedere [June]
- Andrew McCausland to Seer Green [September]
- Natham Marlam to Associate at Loughton
- Dave Morris (Bunyan, Stevenage) to Hanbury Hill, Stourbridge [July]
- David Newman (retired, Northampton) died
- Ken Payne in retirement to Aylesbury
- Val Pyper (Little Kimble) to Quaystone, Isle of Dogs [summer]
- Steve Summerfield (Shefford) to Whaddon Way LEP, Bletchley [summer]

## EVENTS

**SAFEGUARDING:** The attendance list for the Safeguarding Seminar on the 25<sup>th</sup> June is now closed.

**CBA ASSEMBLY:** The Association Assembly and AGM meets on June 25<sup>th</sup> at Bletchley. The main speaker is the Revd Rupert Lazar, President of the Baptist Union. We hope to see you there but if not remember the Assembly in your prayers.



**COME AND WORSHIP!** You are invited to attend a Free Church Service in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral & Abbey Church of St Albans. Both services are followed by a Fellowship Lunch:

**Wednesday 6th July 2016 at 11a.m.** Preacher: The Very Reverend Dr. Jeffrey John, Dean, St Albans Cathedral.

**Wednesday 3rd August 2016 at 11a.m.** Preacher: The Reverend Fr. Brian Reynolds, Catholic Ecumenical Chaplain, St Albans Cathedral.

**CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ASSEMBLY DAY:** Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup> at Whaddon Way Church, Bletchley with Rupert Lazar, President of the Baptist Union.



**Our second Smaller Churches Day** will be held on Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Abbey Centre Northampton very near J15A of the M1. Please see <http://centralba.org.uk/small-churches-network/> for more details & to download booking form.

**MINISTERS' CONFERENCE:** Information has recently been circulated about the Ministers' conference at High Leigh in Hertfordshire from October 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> 2016. If you have not received information, and think you should, please contact Geoff Colmer.



# RESOURCES

**CHURCH OF THE YEAR:** donations are open to support the Herts and Northants Church for the Year initiatives in Church for the Year. In Herts, the benefitting churches are Wigginton (Tring) and in Northants, Gretton. If you need information about these projects, please contact Stephen Copson.

**GRANT APPLICATIONS:** Deadline for receipt of the next Central Baptist Association grant applications is September 12th. Forms available from the Treasurer, Karen Hopkins.

**HOME MISSION** giving from Association churches to the end of April 2016 was £91.347 as against £89.108 for the same period in 2015. Your continued generosity is a cause for thanksgiving.

**DARING GREATLY.** Did you **“Dare Greatly”** ? What were your thoughts on this initiative? Would you have organised things differently? Have you a good story to tell? Get in touch with Colin Pye on [colinmpye@gmail.com](mailto:colinmpye@gmail.com) with your feedback.

**ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER:** Thanks to Colin Pye for editing this colourful magazine. Do the stories interest your congregation? Is three times a year about right? Do you get too many copies? Would you like more? All feedback to Colin gratefully received. Email: [colinmpye@gmail.com](mailto:colinmpye@gmail.com). A PDF copy can be downloaded here <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B6fLrh-DJAx-NmgzVl9BWnY2MTA/view?usp=sharing>



**VEOLIA ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST FUNDING 2016:** The Veolia Environmental Trust is inviting applications from not-for-profit organisations in England and Wales for grants of up to £75,000 to support their environmental or community-based projects. These include community buildings and rooms and outdoor spaces. *Places of worship are eligible, but applicants must be based within five miles of a Veolia site.* The Trust's website allows you to check whether or not you are in an eligible location: see <http://www.veoliatrust.org/funding/>. The 2016 deadlines for full applications are 27 May and 26 August. [Source: Historic Religious Buildings Alliance – 30 April]