



June 2017

NEWS

BAPTIST PENSION SCHEME. Central Baptist Association is hosting a meeting on Baptist Pension Scheme on Saturday, September 9th at Christ Church, Stantonbury, Milton Keynes. If your church is an employer in the scheme and you would like someone from your church to attend, please get in touch with Stephen Copson to reserve a place.

PEOPLE

- **Norman Harris**, a retired Baptist minister living in Bedford, died in May. We remember Jessie and her family in our prayers.
- **VACANCY: Christchurch, Welwyn Garden City** is seeking to appoint a Youth Worker. See advert here

YOUNG PEOPLE
MATTER TO GOD

Full Time Youth Ministry Leader

Come and join Christchurch Baptist, a growing, multi-site church who believe that people matter to God, and want to share that good news with those in Welwyn Garden City.

We are looking for an enthusiastic, passionate leader who can inspire our teams of youth leaders, head up the discipleship of young people ages 10-18, and develop our outreach strategy to include work in secondary schools in the town.

For more information and how to apply, contact Simon Cragg at pastors.admin@christchurchwgc.org.uk

Salary: 24-27k per year
Deadline: 19th June 2017

Christchurch
Baptist

- **SOUTHERN COUNTIES VACANCIES:**
 - 1) Mission Enabler. See link for details: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B8pwzqkKmWasMFVBZEM0cDZ1S2M/view?usp=sharing>
 - 2) Regional Ministers. See link for details: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B8pwzqkKmWasaWIQSWZHTTVPQ2M/view?usp=sharing>

RESOURCES

HOME MISSION: Giving from CBA churches to Home Mission to the end of April 2017 totalled £86.578, in comparison with 2016 at £91.347. Nationally the figures were £1.107.470 (£1.030.621)

GRANTS: The Association offers a range of grants covering:

- Training

- Small Churches Fabric fund
- Community Mission
- Evangelism

More information can be found about these on the Association website – www.centralba.org.uk – or from Karen Hopkins, the Association Treasurer, on kahopkins66@gmail.com

The next deadline for the Treasurer to receive applications is **Wednesday, 20th September.**

NEED A PLACE TO GET SOME REST? Find Shelter in the Prayer Shed at Bovington.

'Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.'

*If you've heard Jesus' invitation to rest in His presence
-- but you don't know how to stop.*

*If you've heard Jesus' invitation to come away with Him
-- but you're not sure where to start.*

Come and find shelter in the Prayer Shed.

*Our garden summerhouse can be booked for time out with God
from 10--12 am or 1--3 pm during term-time.*

Refreshments or a simple lunch available on request.

Rev Mary & Andy Moody

20 Rymill Close, Bovington, Herts. HP3 0JA

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GALE FAMILY TRUST: Especially for churches in Bedfordshire, the Gale Family Trust offers grants towards (usually) repairs and maintenance of buildings. Contact: Alistair Law, Garner Associates, Northwood House, 138 Bromham Road, Bedford, MK40 2QW on alistair.law@garnerassociates.co.uk or 01234 354508 for further details.

THE PROPHETIC PREACHING MASTERCLASS, being held on the 11th July, is an opportunity for us as preachers or church leaders to invest in our preaching and ask how God might build or strengthen a prophetic edge in our preaching. See more info at <https://goldhillbaptist.churchapp.co.uk/events/shcrsz30>

Prophetic Preaching

a *preaching masterclass* with Malcolm Duncan & Christopher Bird



Tuesday 11th July

10am – 1:30pm
(including Q&A over a light lunch)

£10

www.goldhill.org/propheticpreaching





SOPHIA NETWORK: Vicky Thompson of the Hedgerley Community writes: Today is an exciting day. Sophia Network has launched a ground-breaking research project to capture the experiences, frustrations and hopes of women in the UK Church. We're excited to celebrate 10 years of championing the equality of women by empowering them to use their voices. Please see more info below.

We hope that the research results will help us develop Sophia's vision strategy for the next 10 years as well as encourage and challenge the Church to make positive steps forward to embrace the giftings and abilities of all of God's people. We hope to launch the research results at an event as well as publish them later in the year.

We would be so grateful if you could publicise the survey across your various networks! Here's some suggestions for posts that you could include on twitter and facebook:

Twitter

- Women in the UK Church - @SophiaNetwork would to hear about your everyday experiences via this short survey <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/356GF3M>
- What's life like for women in the UK Church? Give @SophiaNetwork a great 10th bday present by filling out this survey <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/356GF3M>
- Just completed @SophiaNetwork's survey into women in the UK Church - could you spare a few minutes to do the same? <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/356GF3M>

Facebook

- Join me in taking part in this ambitious piece of research by Sophia Network to scope out the landscape of what it's like to be a woman in the Church in the UK & Ireland. It'll take just a few minutes of your time - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/356GF3M>

I hope that you will join us in publicising this survey over the next 8 weeks. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. vickythompson@fhcc.org.uk

CONFLICT: Bridge Builders will be running their next residential ***Transforming Church Conflict*** course on **24 - 29 September 2017** at Felden Lodge in Hertfordshire. Please note the early bird rate offering a **£80 discount** expires on **Monday 31 July**. The course is designed for anyone within a church leadership role (lay or ordained) who would benefit from developing new skills in handling tension and difference within their communities. **Early bird rate** for the course is **£840** which includes all training materials, accommodation, meals and refreshments for the week. If you would like to explore, go to:

<https://www.bbministries.org.uk/course/transforming-church-conflict-a-foundation-course-for-church-leaders-5/>

EVENTS

CBA ASSEMBLY: Central Baptist Association Assembly and AGM on **Saturday June 17th** at Whaddon Way Church Bletchley, Milton Keynes.

FOOTSTEPS: Information about this training and course for church members is now available for the 2017/18 session. Please encourage suitable people in your congregation and consider sponsoring their training.

See www.centralba.org.uk for details.



SAFEGUARDING TRAINING: one summer and two autumn courses.

- Level 2 on **Saturday, June 24th 2017** (9.30-1.00pm) at Little Kingshill Baptist church, Windsor Lane (HP16 0DZ). Cost £5 per person. *(There is parking at the church site)*. Last few places left.
- Level 2 at Southcourt Aylesbury on **Saturday 9th September**.
- Level 3 at Newport Pagnell on **September 30th**

Contact Stephen Copson to reserve places. There is a limit of 50 per event, so book early to avoid disappointment

CONNEXIONS: OCTOBER 13-15 2017: Kings Park, Northampton: With Rupert Lazar. All Change: unpacking the story of Ruth. If you are a minister, please show this to your spouse.

You are invited to join us for our Connexion Weekend later this year where Rupert Lazar will be our guest speaker. This is a weekend exclusively for those married to people in Baptist ministry, mission and training, including those who have retired or been widowed. This is an event which is held only once every two years, and is open to both men and women.

Booking forms and more information can be found on our website www.baptistconnexion.org.uk. We suggest you might ask your church to pay for the weekend, as an investment into your well-being. Feel free to email secretary@baptistconnexion.org.uk if you need more clarification.