



central baptist association
walking together in ministry & mission

email update

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NEWS

GDPR: As I am sure you are aware new **Data Protection regulations (GDPR)** come into force on 25 May. We therefore wanted to take this opportunity to clarify why you receive this '**Monthly Update**' email each month. We use information that you have given to the Baptist Union, this being regarded as in our legitimate interest and necessary for our key role of supporting and resourcing our member churches. We send you this email because you are a Minister, Church Secretary, Church Treasurer, Regional Minister or Association Administrator and this email is the main way we inform you of matters which are likely to affect your church and/or events which you or people in your church might be interested in. Please note that you can choose to unsubscribe from this mailing at any time as there is always an 'Unsubscribe' option at the end of each email. Our website will carry our new Privacy Policy which will explain about the personal information we hold, why we are holding it and what your rights are under the GDPR.

HOME MISSION: Churches in Central have contributed to the end of April £78,211 to Home Mission (£86,758 in 2017). Many thanks for your continued generosity to support the work of ministry and mission.

SITUATIONS VACANT:

VOLUNTARY ASSISTANT TREASURER: The Central Baptist Association is looking to appoint a voluntary Assistant Treasurer with the requisite skills and experience. For more information and a job description, please contact Karen Hopkins on kahopkins66@gmail.com

FINANCE GROUP MEMBER: The Central Baptist Association is also seeking a suitably experienced person to join the Finance Group. This group meets three times a year during the day and supports the Treasurer and monitors finance and associated areas of the Association life. For more information or to submit a note detailing your background that makes you a good candidate for this responsibility, contact Stephen Copson on stephen.c@centralba.org.uk

YOUTH & FAMILIES WORKER (MATERNITY COVER FROM OCTOBER 2018): Holmer Green Baptist Church. 24 hours a week (annualised hours). Pay negotiable dependent on experience. The role includes:- organising Messy Church; Leading assemblies & school club; Running a weekly Youth Club; Managing the Sunday School rota; Leading Christmas Unwrapped, Easter Cracked and It's Your move presentations with year 6 pupils. For further details contact: Anthony@holmergreenbaptist.org.uk. Closing date for applications: 16th June 2018.

CHURCH OPERATIONS MANAGER: Union Baptist Church, High Wycombe is prayerfully seeking an energetic and enthusiastic committed Christian with excellent management skills who will wholeheartedly embrace our vision to see the town of High Wycombe transformed by God through our loving, serving, worshipping church community and be dedicated to bringing that

vision to fruition. The church has a pattern of team ministry and employs two pastors, a trainee youth ministry worker and a ministry trainee. You will be supported by two part-time administrators. The position offered is full-time and permanent (min. 37.5 hours per week), salary in the range £29k - £35k dependent on experience, 25 days annual leave plus bank holidays. If you believe you have the qualities and skills we are looking for to take up this position, please contact the church office on administrator@unionbaptist.org.uk for the application form, job description, person specification and other information. Application should be via application form and detailed CV, together with a covering statement which shows how you fit the requirements of the post. Closing date: 6th June 2018. Interviews 18th June 2018.

PEOPLE

- **JOHN WEAVER** is the lead person for the Baptist Union of Great Britain on environmental concerns and care of creation issues. He is available to talk to meetings at churches or lead worship with these themes in mind. If interested, contact John Weaver on jdweaverswbc@yahoo.co.uk.
- **Dan Foster** leaves in the summer for Pembury (Kent).
- **Maureen Hider** has accepted the call to Leavesden Road in Watford, induction in September.
- **Chris Short** has left Park Street, St Albans for Victoria Road Eastbourne
- **Phillip Staves** has retired, whilst at the moment still acting part time as a chaplain at Kettering NHS Trust.

SABBATICAL: Stephen Copson will be on sabbatical from July 1st to August 31st. Please contact Geoff Colmer or Colin Pye with your queries. In particular, Geoff Colmer will take the lead on responding to Safeguarding queries.

RESOURCES

TO ENHANCE SOMEBODY'S WORSHIP: Fuller Baptist church in Kettering has a surplus set of Braille books for Baptist Praise & Worship. If interested, contact Jackie Pentlow on secretary@fullerbaptist.org.uk

ACCOUNTANCY PACKAGES: The new Treasurers at Cornerstone Thame Baptist church are interested to know if other churches use accountancy software and what has worked well. If you have any experience to share, contact Anthony Clarke on anthony.clarke@regents.ox.ac.uk

GARFIELD WESTON ANNIVERSARY FUND FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS: As 2018 marks 60 years of grant making by the Garfield Weston Foundation they have set up a special Anniversary Fund that is open to applications until 30 June 2018. Capital grants between £30,000 and £150,000 are available to UK registered charities, places of worship and state schools. For more information, including a quick quiz to check your church's eligibility, please go to <https://anniversary.garfieldweston.org/weston-anniversary-fund>

GRANTS: The next deadline for Central Baptist Association **grant applications** is Friday 28th September. Application forms are available from the Treasurer, Karen Hopkins or via the website.

HOLIDAY CLUBS DBS CHECKS: Is your church running a holiday club or Holiday At Home event this year? Don't forget to make an early start on the DBS checking process for all those who will be leaders and helpers. Some points to remember:-

- Any leader or helper who has a current DBS check in place for other work with children or adults at risk will not need a new check if the current one is still in date.
- A check done by another organisation, e.g. for a teacher or a nurse, will not be valid for church work unless the individual is registered with the update service.
- You don't need to carry out DBS checks for 16 or 17 year olds helping with holiday clubs, but remember that they must be supervised at all times and do not count towards your supervision ratios.

For more information on who needs to be checked, please go to our DBS guidance note using the following link: https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/452419/BUGB_Guide_to.aspx

EVENTS

FOOTSTEPS: An invitation to an open evening on Saturday June 30th at Christ the King, Kents Hill, Milton Keynes. See the CBA website for details.

It is not too early to be thinking of engaging with the Footsteps training course held in Milton Keynes starting in September 2018! This will be of interest and use to leaders, emerging leaders and generally anyone keen to explore their faith more deeply. Come and learn together about life, discipleship and God.

If you would like someone to come and speak in your church about the course, please get in touch with Anne Lane on anne.lane@regents.ox.ac.uk

CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ASSEMBLY: June 16th at Whaddon Way Church, Bletchley with key speaker the Revd Dr David Gregory of Croxley Green Baptist church and President of the Baptist Union 2018/19 on "Divine Windows"

PASTORS' STUDY TOUR TO ISRAEL 4th-11th October 2018: Rev Stuart Davison, Team Leader of the South Eastern Baptist Association, is leading another small (12) group tour to Israel for pastors and church leaders. In addition to visiting key Biblical sites in Nazareth, Galilee, and Jerusalem this trip will include meeting with Arab Pastors and visiting Baptist churches. This is a unique opportunity to understand more about the complex situation in Israel/Palestine and see how the Lord is working there today through his church. To make it more available Baptist Twinning in Israel has kept the cost cheaper than general Holy Land tours. For more detail visit www.baptisttwinningisrael.co.uk and to express interest contact liz-admin@seba-baptist.org.uk

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING:

LEVEL 2 COURSES: For new workers or those wishing to refresh skills.

- **Saturday 6th October** at Houghton Regis Baptist Church
- **Saturday 13th October** at Olney Baptist Church

LEVEL 3 COURSES: For trustees and church leaders.

- **Saturday 24th November** at Little Kingshill Baptist Church, Bucks

See Association website for details and how to book.