



November 2016

NEWS

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE: After the enjoyable time we had at High Leigh in October with speakers Lynn Green, Mark Ord and Ruth Bottoms, this is to let all ministers know that the Conference in 2017 will take place at High Leigh on October 9-11.

MINISTRY TO PEOPLE WHO ARE DEAF: Susan Myatt has been ordained in the first deaf Baptist Ministry and she has been appointed, with the help of a grant via Baptist Together Mission Forum, to work 50% of her time developing ministry amongst the deaf nationally. The first thing is to find out what is happening in our churches and what our churches know is happening in their area. Could you please consider the following survey and return to Susan at the email address indicated. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B19iZajJSOVfT0N0OC1uTHpKakE/view?usp=sharing>

JOB OPPORTUNITY: Director of Training. £32,000, London or home based. Are you passionate about equipping church leaders for ministry? Are you an experienced leader and trainer? We are looking for an exceptional individual who will take over the management, development and delivery of our renowned training, ensuring continued excellence across all delivery channels while looking for new opportunities to expand our ability to impact church transformation. Working with a small staff team mostly based in North London, and a wider group of training partners around the country, you will want to take Bridge Builders transformative training into the next chapter of its development. Bridge Builders leads the way in equipping those in leadership roles within the Church to better handle the inevitable tensions of church life. Its acclaimed courses raise leaders' self-awareness, change their attitude to conflict and teach facilitation skills and processes. It teaches that conflict is not to be avoided but transformed; so transforming the Church.

Please pass these details on to anyone you know who might make a suitable candidate for this role. We need your help in getting the word out. Thank you! For an application pack, please email bb@bbministries.org.uk or visit the Bridge Builders website: <https://www.bbministries.org.uk/about-us/news/> .

Informal enquiries to Colin Moulds, Executive Director director@bbministries.org.uk
Closing date for applications: 28th November 2016.

PEOPLE

- **Matthew Archer** has arrived at Cuffley Life Church as associate pastor.
- **Andy Melvin** has left his post with the South Beds Methodist Circuit to pursue pioneer ministry in Sussex.
- **George Mwara**, a URC minister, has been inducted into the ministry team at Christ the Cornerstone, Milton Keynes.
- **Stephen Willis** retired from the Northampton Care Trust and will be succeeded by Nikki Jenkins in 2017

EVENTS

BMS CATALYST *live* – it is not too late to book a place at one of these two events: November 16 (Birmingham) and November 16th (Reading).

<http://bmscatalystlive.com>



FOOTSTEPS PATHWAY: 4th March 2017 - Welcoming People with Additional Needs. Rev. Jonathan Edwards, Ambassador for Prospects [largest Christian Learning Disability Charity in the UK], Transitional Minister of Caversham Baptist Church: Consider what the Bible teaches us about disability and welcome, explore both challenges and opportunities, reflect on a strategy for your local church.

See www.centralba.org.uk and choose Footsteps icon for details and booking form.

RESOURCES

GRANTS:

The next deadline for **training grant applications** is January 6th 2017. Application forms are available from the Treasurer, Karen Hopkins.

Applications for other grants are currently suspended.

The Association is in the process of reviewing the schedule of grants and information about the new range of grants will be available soon.

MARSH AWARDS – for innovative Church projects. Nominations are now open. The aim is to find the Christian congregations running the most innovative community activities in a church building, made possible through the installation of new facilities. Nominations close the 13th January 2017.

<http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/marsh-awards-innovative-projects/marsh-awards-innovative-projects-2017>

CHURCH FOR THE YEAR: Donations are still invited for the 2016 Church for the Year appeal. In Herts this benefits Wigginton and in Northants Gretton. To date, £830 has been received for Wigginton and £550 for Gretton. Many thanks for those who have contributed to this practical expression of associating.

In 2017 the Herts appeal will be in favour of Chipperfield. Watch out for literature outlining the project.

HOME MISSION: Giving from Central Baptist Association churches to the Home Mission appeal amounted to £222.313 to the end of September, with the 2015 equivalent figure being £203.790. Many thanks for your generosity. (This represents about two-thirds of the anticipated total donations to 2016 Home Mission target for Central and, as with most of the country, a lot of donations arrive in the last three months).



MUSIC CD: Dan Foster (minister of Howlands Baptist church) and his jazz ensemble have produced a CD of music, available from the website

<http://www.kairosensemble.com/music> at £5 plus p & p.

INSURANCE COVER FOR CHURCH MEMBERS: We have recently received a numbers of calls from churches asking about insurance cover for church members. If your church is insured with Baptist Insurance then your church members will be covered under the Public Liability section of the policy. That means they are covered if a claim is made against them which arises from an incident that happened whilst they were acting on behalf of the church. It is important to bear in mind that the cover only applies if the member was acting on behalf of the church and authorised to do so. For any incidents where a church member was acting in a private capacity they would not be covered. You can check whether your church has liability cover by looking at your latest policy schedule or by contacting us on 0345 070 2223.

