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NEWS

FRUITFULNESS: If you are using the material created by Colin Pye, please let him know how the process is going. Or if you would like to talk to Colin about how to use the fruitfulness indicators for a healthy church, then get in touch with Colin. Or if you would like more leaflets.

PENSIONS MANAGER: The Baptist Union of Great Britain and the Trustee of the Baptist Pension Scheme are seeking a full-time Pensions Manager to oversee the operation of the Scheme. This is an exciting opportunity to take the Scheme through the next stage of its journey. There will be opportunity to work alongside the existing Pensions Manager, Mark Hynes, for a transition period. The ideal candidate would be someone with experience in the pension's field, preferably as a pension's manager, alongside an understanding of the Baptist church family. The role covers a wide range of financial and legal areas. Liaison with all of the Trustee's advisers and service providers is required, as well as providing support to the Trustee, to members and to employers. We are looking for someone who is able to combine administrative efficiency with inter-personal skills.

Attendance at Trustee meetings and meetings with advisers will be required, typically in London, Birmingham, Didcot and Bristol. Otherwise it will be possible to work from home, although the option of working at Baptist House in Didcot may be beneficial. Computer equipment and training will be provided.

The closing date for applications is Monday 19 November and interviews will be held on Thursday 29 November in Didcot. For an **information pack** with further details on how to apply, please see our website at www.baptist.org.uk/jobs

If you would like an informal conversation to discuss the role before expressing your interest, please contact either Mark or Chris below:

Mark Hynes, Pensions Manager: mhynes@baptist.org.uk Tel: 07879 690918

or **Chris Maggs**, Trustee Moderator cmaggs@baptist.org.uk Tel: 07864 515865

PEOPLE

HOT(TISH) OFF THE PRESS!

Central Baptist Association has appointed to fill a part time post (8 hours) as Safeguarding Officer. The new person is Mrs Joy Cheang of Luton. More details to follow.

CHURCHES

- **Charmaine Mhlanga** is starting in December as minister-in-training at Sundon Park, Luton
- **Heather McIntyre** concluded her ministry at Speen at the end of October
- **John Good** has moved from Luton Stopsley to a pioneering project in Poole.
- **Richard Lake** will conclude his in-pastorate training at Lavendon Baptist church
- It was sad to note the death of **Brian Barker**, a retired minister in Northamptonshire. We remember his widow Janet and the family in our prayers.

CBA COUNCIL

As Andrew Openshaw, the Herts residence representative on Council, has left during his term of office, the Council has appointed Mr Alan Kerry of Croxley Green to fill the place for the remainder of the three year period - until Assembly 2020.

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

RESOURCES

GRANT APPLICATIONS: The next deadline for Central Baptist Association grant applications is January 7th, 2019. Application forms are available from the Treasurer, Karen Hopkins. Forms are also downloadable from the Association website – www.centralba.org.uk

ASSOCIATION DIRECTORY: The 2018/19 Association Directory is now available. Each church receives a free copy. If you would like a copy for yourself or an extra copy for your church, please contact Stephen Copson. The price is £3.50 incl p&p.

EVENTS

FOOTSTEPS in Milton Keynes

Anne Lane, Tutor in Community Learning write: "Footsteps Pathway Day: November 10th. A number of you will have heard Ruth Bottoms before and know how inspiring and creative she is. For anyone who wants to go deeper with Scripture, this is a brilliant day. It is also particularly helpful for people in your church with responsibilities such as preaching, leading worship and leading housegroups, as it is designed to build confidence and stimulate new ways of thinking". I really hope you can come and bring someone else with you. Booking form can be found here - <http://centralba.org.uk/ministry/953-2/>. It will really help Ruth to know how many people to prepare for if she has an idea of numbers.

I've attached a flyer for the next Pathway Day, on 9th March. This is another stimulating day - on Prayer. You might like to pencil in 8th June, which may be a Pathway Day - or a half day [afternoon] - followed by the Open Evening and Footsteps celebration at which Dave Gregory [by then former-President of the Baptist Union] will be speaking and Colin Pye leading worship. More on this later...