



CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

walking together in ministry & mission

Email Update

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NEWS

ASSOCIATION WEBSITE: Do you follow the prayer focus on the Association website? See what is happening and share in the fellowship of prayer. Use the stories or the short videos to stimulate prayers for the churches across our Association.

CENTRAL NEWSLETTER: The latest edition should have dropped through your letterbox recently. Make sure that these are used and are not left as pretty decorations on a shelf at the back of your building!! Alternatively it can be viewed at: <http://centralba.org.uk/news/central-new-editions/>

LATEST PRAYER FOCUS 8: BREACHWOOD GREEN BAPTIST. Located near to the perimeter of Luton Airport, the church is a C19th listed building, and the congregation's roots are linked with the activities in the area of John Bunyan in C17th. Congregations usually number between 16 and 25 with a mix of ages. Café Church is a more recent occasional experiment, and Christingle and Toy Sunday services are shared with the local Anglicans.... cont'd here <http://centralba.org.uk/prayer-focus-8-breachwood-green/>

PEOPLE

- **Alistair Jones** was inducted to the pastorate of Broughton in September.
- We welcome **Alan Dinnie**, a retired Baptist minister, who has moved to Bromham.

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH WORKER VACANCY: Loughton Baptist Church, Milton Keynes are looking to appoint a Children's and Youth Worker. The post is permanent and full time (40 hours per week), but can be offered as two part time job share positions. Salary: £22,000 to £26,000 pro rata depending on experience.

Further details here: <http://centralba.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Childrens-and-Youth-Worker-1.pdf>

RESOURCES

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS: As many churches move towards their end of year, you might be interested to know that the Charities Commission has updated its information on Independent Examiners. For details, go to: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/independent-examination-of-charity-accounts-trustees-cc31>

HOME MISSION GIVING 2019 – YEAR END DEADLINES: To ensure Home Mission from your church is accounted for in 2019 please can you ensure that cheques are sent to be received by the Treasurer, Karen Hopkins, **by Wednesday 18th December**. Online giving needs to be set up to be in the CBA account **by Monday 23rd December**. Thank you to all for your continued support for Home Mission.

Home Mission giving from the Association for the period to the end of July was £164,563 as against the equivalent period in 2018 of £164,976. Thanks to God and to the generosity of our churches for this practical expression of partnership in the mission of God amongst our family of Baptist churches.

CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION GRANT OR LOAN APPLICATIONS: The next deadline for Central Baptist Association **grant or loan applications** is January 10th, 2020. Application forms are available from the Treasurer, Karen Hopkins or downloadable from the website.

EVENTS

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING:

- *Excellence in Safeguarding level 3:* October 19th at Rockingham Road, BC, Kettering
- *Excellence in Safeguarding level 3:* November 23rd at Welwyn Garden City.

Bookings are well advanced. Please get in touch with Stephen Copson swiftly to guarantee a place. Details and booking information are available on the Association website.

CRUCIBLE COURSE: The **fifteenth** year of the Crucible course begins this autumn, with modules for the first time available in four different cities – London, Exeter, Manchester and Southampton.

‘**After Christendom**’ will be taught in **Manchester** and **Southampton** (our new venues).

‘**Restoring Hope**’ will be taught in **Exeter** and **London**, after running three modules in these cities last year. The six modules can be taken in any order, so you can start in your most local centre with whatever module is running there (and if you are willing to travel, different modules can be taken in different centres).

After consulting with local partners, we have decided to reduce the cost of the modules for the coming year to £35 per day (£70 per two-day module) in Exeter, Manchester and Southampton. The modules in London remain at £46 per day (£92 per two-day module). **Bursaries** are still available on application for those who need these.

The course is open to anyone interested in thinking afresh about discipleship, mission and church in a changing context. For more information or to book your place, please go to www.cruciblecourse.org.uk or contact Rachel Jay: rachel@urbanexpression.org.uk

Jointly sponsored by **Urban Expression**, the **Incarnate Network** and **Rural Ministries**, the course is also recognized as a major component of BUGB's 'Equipped to Pioneer' track.

HOLY LAND TOUR 2020: David Ronco (Hertford) is leading another of his popular introductory trips to the Holy Land next year from November 4th to 12th. This nine day tour is ideal for first time visitors, exploring key Biblical sites in Galilee, Nazareth, Jerusalem and Bethlehem. As well as walking where Jesus walked, the trip also provides unique opportunities to meet local Christians and understand how the Lord is working today through his church in Israel/Palestine. For more information, visit www.baptistwinningisrael.org.uk or contact David on dcronco@gmail.com.