




October 2017

NEWS

SAFEGUARDING: There is still time for your church to return the Association Safeguarding questionnaire to Barbara Griffiths or Stephen Copson. If you have not seen a copy, please get in touch with Stephen.

PATHWAYS: NOVEMBER 18th. John Weaver speaks on “Forces of faith: approaching science with confidence”. See Association website for details and booking form.



OPPORTUNITIES TO DEVELOP YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND SKILLS

SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2017

FORCES OF FAITH!
APPROACHING SCIENCE WITH CONFIDENCE

REV. JOHN WEAVER, FORMER PRINCIPAL OF SOUTH WALES BAPTIST COLLEGE,
CHAIR OF THE JOHN RAY INITIATIVE, CONNECTING ENVIRONMENT, SCIENCE AND CHRISTIANITY

Exploring conversations to discover faith's positive answers to the questions raised by science

- In what ways can the Bible and Science speak with each other?
- What does the Christian faith have to contribute to today's 'hot topics' such as renewable energy, fracking and genetic engineering
- Can science offer us an understanding of suffering in an imperfect world?

OPEN TO EVERYONE living out their faith in local churches and communities
£33 [see booking form for concessions] Bring your lunch, drinks provided

The Church of Christ the King, Kents Hill, Milton Keynes, MK7 6HG
9.30 am for 10.00 am till 4.15 pm

Further details and application form on CBA website or from Anne Lane, Tutor in Community Learning, Regent's Park College
www.lane@regents-park.ac.uk 01276 783068 or 07986 323909

a FOOTSTEPS initiative

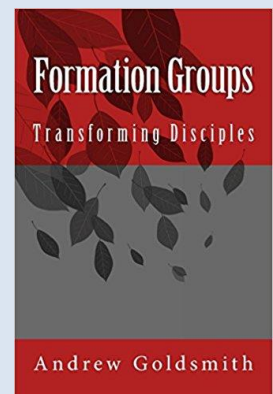
RESOURCES

Andrew Goldsmith, minister of Ampthill BC, has written a book based on 'Formation Groups' as a means of discipleship.

He comments *“It includes 18 Bible studies (3 sets of 6) and 6 more sets of discussion questions which our Formation groups have available already, and some material to explain why discipleship is vital, what Formation groups are, how to set them up, and what we found helpful. I have written this to encourage and equip other churches in new ways as they seek to ‘go and make disciples’.”*

The book is self-published via Amazon and available on Amazon at:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Formation-Groups-Transforming-Disciples-resource/dp/1548217727/ref=sr_1_3?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1506944405&sr=1-3&



FINANCE & GRANTS: As at the end of August the CBA Home Mission giving was £165,169 (49% of annual target). Thank you to all the churches that have contributed to this. As we move into the Autumn and towards the year end, I would like to encourage your church if you have not given this year to Home Mission to consider the valuable work that is funded through Home Mission and look to make a gift.

Home Mission funds the work of the regional ministers, pastoral posts and ministers-in-training in churches and also chaplaincies, as well as the work at the Baptist Union. In 2018 we are looking to support our first pioneer ministry on a new housing development.

For funds to be included in the 2017 target it is important that if paying by cheque these are received by our Treasurer, Karen Hopkins by Friday 15th December in order to clear the account and be transferred to the Baptist Union by year end. All on line transfers should be done by Thursday 21st December.

TRAINING FOR TREASURERS: The Association is hoping to organise training events for Treasurers in 2018. What do you think should be covered in such occasions? Information for new treasurers? To connect people with a similar role? To share working practice? To learn about new requirements? A mixture or something totally different? If you have some idea of the training needs for the treasurer or finance members in your church, please get in touch with Stephen Copson or Karen Hopkins

GRANT AVAILABLE: Application forms for the various grant categories are available on the Central Baptist Association website. The next deadline for applications to be considered is January 5th 2018. Grant areas include training, community engagement, evangelism and bursaries for ministers.

BAPTIST TOGETHER: You can find on the BUGB website the latest issue of *Baptists Together* magazine and the **Transform** insert.

DIGITALVU: is a song projection software for churches.



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Song projection software for churches

DigitalVu is an intuitive and easy-to-learn software package, allowing your church to display not only songs and text on a projector, but also a wide range of other content, from audio and videos (including YouTube clips) to Microsoft PowerPoint presentations, PDF files, and webpages.

The system provides a song database for managing your church's song word collection, easy tools to put together services in seconds, and automatic logs of when songs are used, perfect for CCLI returns. Whether your church needs a way just to show song words on screen, or something more adventurous, DigitalVu can cater for your needs, all at a price of £75.

Visit digitalvu.co.uk for more details, or contact us at joseph@digitalvu.co.uk.

EVENTS

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE: The conference happens on October 9-11 at High Leigh Conference Centre in Hoddesdon.

CHRISTIAN RESOURCES EXHIBITION: Sandown Park, Esher, Surrey 17th to 19th October. See <http://creonline.co.uk/> for details.


Bucks Baptist Forum

THE GATHERING

with President of the Baptist Union

Dianne Tidball

'AS IN HEAVEN'



Union Baptist, High Wycombe
Sunday 5th November 6.30 pm

an opportunity to connect with other friends from local Baptist churches

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BUCKS BAPTIST FORUM GATHERING: with Dianne Tidball, President of the Baptist Union, Sunday 5th November, 6.30pm, Union Baptist Church.

SMALL CHURCHES DAY:
Saturday
November 11th,
Caddington Baptist Church, 9.30am till 3.30pm. Led by Colin Pye & Carol Murray. Cost £5 per head. To book let Colin Pye know or email:



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SMALL CHURCH DAY 2017

Colin Pye will be leading the day with Carol Murray
- a conversation around mission questions faced by smaller churches

Saturday Nov 11th

Venue: Caddington Baptist Church. LU1 4AF
9.30am (for 10am start) - 3.30pm
Cost £5 - please bring your own lunch

let's talk
MISSION

further information from colinpye@gmail.com

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ONE WAY UK EUROPEAN PUPPET AND CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL is for everyone, adults and children, who want to learn how to share the Gospel of Christ using their creative skills. With over 80 exciting workshops, two and a half hours of spectacular main stage performances, six competitions, an enormous range of creative arts resources on display and so much more, it's going to be an incredible two days... and all of this is available from just £35 per person for the full Festival! See <http://www.onewayuk.com/event.php?id=33736>

"THOMAS CROMWELL'S RELIGION REVISITED" a lecture by Diarmid McCullough at St Pancras church, Euston Road in London on Thursday October 19th at 5.30pm. Admission free but book at HonSecFDWL@dwlib.co.uk

1517 AND ALL THAT.... THE RELEVANCE OF THE REFORMATION TODAY.
Saturday 28th October, 10.30am till 3.30pm. Speakers include Rev'd Pat Tooke. £30 (£10 for students) to include lunch. St Columba's College, St Albans, AL3 4AW. To book please call 01727 890290. 1517 and all that.... The relevance of the reformation today.

ACAT TRAINING: We have had a very busy & successful training programme throughout 2017, with many of you benefitting from the courses led by our trainers who continue to work voluntarily for ACAT. You can still be a part of the training this year, with a few courses remaining for this autumn season. The next one is at **Bedford** on Thursday 2nd November and looks in detail at Gift Aid & GASKS, and explores how software can help the treasurer. We are delighted to welcome industry experts for some of these sessions - you can find out more about them here https://www.acat.uk.com/2017_guest_tutors.html. Bookings are being taken for all of the following Course and can be accessed here: <https://www.acat.uk.com/courses.html>.