



## January email from the CBA team

Dear friends

New Year Greetings to you all. Welcome to another of the CBA's regular e-mails.

Geoff, Stephen, Colin, & Graham  
CBA Regional Team

**TEAM NEWS** As he recuperates from an operation, Stephen Copson will not be available until the beginning of March. Enquiries by email or telephone will be re-directed in the first instance to Geoff Colmer on [geoffreycolmer@gmail.com](mailto:geoffreycolmer@gmail.com) or Colin Pye on [colinmpye@gmail.com](mailto:colinmpye@gmail.com).

**CBA TREASURER** The Association is still seeking someone to succeed Chris Winter-Goodwin and David Mead as respectively Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer. For information, please contact Chris on 01582 881743 or Graham Clarke on 01727 857786.

**HOME MISSION:** please visit the web site <http://centralba.org.uk/mission/home-mission/> for recent videos and a useful presentation for HM promotion/ explanation.

**CBA WEBSITE** The Association website carries links to the website of those churches that have them. If your church is not there, or if you have recently changed your website address, please contact Colin Pye to update on [colinmpye@gmail.com](mailto:colinmpye@gmail.com). Also, it would be very helpful if you could in your turn add a link to the Association website [www.centralba.org.uk](http://www.centralba.org.uk) on your church webpages. And also if your church has a FaceBook page, we can like it on <https://www.facebook.com/centralbap>

**OASIS TRAINING:** the accredited CPD training course in *Contemporary Chaplaincy* running at Oasis College from February 2015. This course addresses the growing interest in contemporary forms of Chaplaincy across new and traditional settings. It is designed to equip participants with a greater understanding of Chaplaincy as a distinct ministry and support participants to develop a vision for Chaplaincy in their specific context. The course is fully accredited by Staffordshire University and participants can choose to be assessed at level 4 (undergraduate level) or level 7 (postgraduate level). Postgraduate credits can be carried forward to a full Masters level award. The course runs over 4 months with attendance at Oasis College in central London on one day each month in February (13<sup>th</sup>), March (13<sup>th</sup>) and April (24<sup>th</sup>). A further tutorial is offered in May as participants work towards their final assessment. Full details of the course are available by following the link <http://www.oasiscollege.ac.uk/course/contemporary-chaplaincy#course->

[content](#). Open Days are Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January & Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March. Full information about the courses that Oasis runs is available on the College website [www.oasiscollege.ac.uk](http://www.oasiscollege.ac.uk).

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING:** There will be a morning seminar on Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup> 2015 at Walsworth Road Baptist Church in Hitchin. This is for new workers and for those who want to freshen up their understandings. Watch out for more details

**FAITH IN POLITICS.** On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February, Christian Aid, The Children's Society and Greenbelt are bringing people together to find out what our faith has got to do with poverty and public life, why politics matters and how we can create positive change through campaigning.

There will be workshops, learning and ideas sharing. Dr Rowan Williams will open the day and there will be many more interesting speakers to share their insights. Venue: City Temple, London EC1A 2DE. Doors: 9.45am, close by 4.30pm. Price: £15 including lunch, under 25s and unwaged tickets available. For more information, and to book

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**CBA NEWSLETTER** The latest Association Newsletter can be found now at <http://centralba.org.uk/central-talk-spring-2015/>

**CONNEXION** is the organisation that networks those whose partners are in Baptist ministry. There is an annual get-together for support, encouragement and fellowship and the event is open to those who are not members. In 2015 this will happen at Kings Park, Moulton, Northampton from October 9-11. "We are really excited about our Connexion Weekend later this year where Malcolm and Debbie Duncan are our speakers. We encourage you to come. If you are uncomfortable coming alone, then why not bring a friend? Booking forms can be found on our website [www.baptistconnexion.org.uk/news](http://www.baptistconnexion.org.uk/news) We encourage our churches to pay for the weekend, as a kind of investment into our wellbeing. For more information about us, just visit our website or email [christina@revmatt.org.uk](mailto:christina@revmatt.org.uk) So, if you are in ministry and you have a partner and they might be interested, then pass this on!

**GRANTS.** A reminder that there are a number of grants available for CBA churches. These include Mission Initiative Grants, Emerging Leaders Grants and Training Grants. For application forms please contact Chris Winter-Goodwin.