



Dear friends

Welcome to another of the CBA's regular e-mails. Just a reminder that as well as the regular email updates you can keep upto date by visiting the CBA website <http://www.centralba.org.uk/> and facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/centralbap>

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CBA Regional Team

CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ASSEMBLY: June 20th at Whaddon Way Church in Bletchley. Speaker Lynn Green, General Secretary of the Baptist Union.

NEWSLETTER: the latest edition of the Association Newsletter will be on the website in a few days.

FOR TREASURERS: did you know that, due to the payment of a bloc grant by BUGB, every Treasurer of a Central Baptist Association church is a member of the Association of Christian Accountants & Treasurers? This includes a handbook for Treasurers, access to advice and guidance, training opportunities and periodic updates. If you are not aware of this resource, go to <http://www.acat.uk.com>. Please get in touch with Stephen Copson if you need passwords to the members' section.

BAPTIST ASSEMBLY: "BUGB writes: We have been really encouraged by the number of bookings we have received for Baptist Assembly this year and with only 150 tickets left, it is likely that we will be full by the end of the bank holiday weekend. If you are planning to come to the Assembly but have yet to book in, please can we encourage you to do so to avoid disappointment. We would love to see you there".

SMALL CHURCHES DAY with Hilary Taylor from the London Baptist Association Small Church Network. Please consider this day if you are part of a small church (under 40) – for encouragement and solidarity! Blisworth Baptist Church, Saturday May 23rd, 9.30am till 3.30pm. £10 per person including lunch. To book a place please contact: sue.barnard@tiscali.co.uk.

BUCKS BAPTIST FORUM CELEBRATION, Sunday 17th May, 6.30pm at Union Baptist Church, High Wycombe. Speaker: Ben Francis, BMS World Mission.

ORDINATION and INDUCTION of Mrs Helen Baker is due to take place on Saturday 25 July at 2pm at Great Missenden Baptist Church. There will be refreshments afterwards. Formal invitations will be sent out nearer the time.

CONNEXIONS - supporting those married to Baptist ministers. Conference on October 9-11 2015 at Kings Park, Northampton: "We are really excited about our Connexion Weekend where Malcolm and Debbie Duncan are our speakers. We encourage you





to come. Members and non-members are welcome. 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 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

BAPTIST INSURANCE: The latest edition of Baptist Insurance's newsletter Expressions is now available to download from Baptist Insurance website. This issue features information about protecting your people from real harm, with practical risk management tips. There's advice to help keep your garden equipment safe as well as some top tips to make sure your church isn't a noisy neighbour. You can read the latest copy of Expressions on the Baptist Insurance website.

HOME MISSION 2015: the total given by Association churches to the end of March amounted to £64.137 as against 2014 total £61.347 (and no, we did not just move the figures around!). With gratitude for your continuing generosity.

CHILDREN'S WORKER VACANCY. Southcourt Baptist, Aylesbury have a vacancy for a children's worker. This role will involve working in the local church whilst gaining a qualification at CYM in Oxford. The role is for 2 years initially starting on September 1st 2015. All college fees and expenses, along with a salary for 14 hours per week will be paid by the church. Closing date: May 15th. For further details contact: liz@southcourt.org or call 01296 480080.

CLIMATE CHANGE & THE LOCAL CHURCH: Saturday 30 May, 9.30am-2.00pm at Holy Trinity Church, Trinity Hall, Leicester LE1 6WY. Hosted by Hope for the Future, the ecumenical campaign to encourage and equip churches to lobby their MPs on climate change. The aim of the day is to help churches or individuals with a passion for climate change to network with each other and to plan how to take action on climate change particularly in the lead up to the COP21 climate negotiations in Paris this December. Local environmental groups and the newly elected MPs will be invited to contribute. Full information and booking details [here](#).

BRISTOL BAPTIST COLLEGE PRESENTS: Glass Half Full: Glass Half Empty? Exploring Bi-Vocational Ministry. Tuesday July 14th – Wednesday July 15th 2015 Trinity College, Stoke Hill, Bristol, BS9 1JP. Cost: £75.00 residential; £45.00 non-residential. Book online at <https://eventbrite.co.uk/event/16232405562/> For further details, or a paper booking form, contact conferences@bristol-baptist.ac.uk or phone 01179 469 209

DNA: A reminder about DNA (Christian internship / A gap year or year-out / Christian leadership training) - see web site <http://dna-uk.org/wp/>. Where they describe it as "a unique Christian discipleship and leadership development year. Also note that they do something specifically for those 50+ imaginatively called DNA50+, which is a six month model (October-March) of DNA; following through the church based discipleship programme focussing on an individual's character, theological and skills development. Targeted specifically at those aged 50 or over, with age appropriate training and input, DNA50+ seeks to bring those maturer in years into greater wholeness and greater usefulness for the Kingdom of God. It's for those who for whatever reason cannot access the existing full year programme.



BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS: The Baptist Historical society is reducing its stock of publications and will to send a copy of the following publications to anyone willing to send me a cheque for £2 per item to cover postage and packaging: Baptists at the Table by Michael Walker; Crossing Boundaries: A History of the European Baptist Federation by Bernard Green; English Baptist Records book 1 Chesham, Bucks; English Baptist Records book 2 St Andrew's Street Baptist Church Cambridge; English Baptist Records book 3 Association Life of the Particular Baptists of Northern England; Probing the Past - by Susan Mills; The Home Mission Story – by Douglas Sparks; Tomorrows Man (Hardback)– by Bernard Green; Tomorrows Man (Paperback) by Bernard Green. All books are as new and unmarked. Cheques should be made payable to the Baptist Historical Society and sent to: Baptist Historical Society Publications, 6 Tracy Close, Whitchurch, Bristol, BS14 0SP. Publications will be dispatched on a first come first served basis while stocks last. If you have any questions or require any further information you can contact admin@baptisthistory.clara.co.uk

LOAVES & FISHES This is a Baptist Union project to consider the funding of the Baptist Union and how best to release resources for mission. You can take part in an online survey as explained at: http://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/434841/Releasing_money_for.aspx