



# BAPTISTS TOGETHER

## monthly information and resource update

### June 2018

Dear Friends

Welcome to this month's Update full of news and resources for your church.

Our **featured Home Mission story this month** is a video from the South West Baptist Association introducing the exciting new work that has just begun on the Littleham estate, Exmouth with **'The Wave'** pioneer Baptist Church. Please be praying for Sam and Jenna Burnett and the church as they build relationships within the community of Littleham.

Friday 22 June marks the **70th anniversary of the landing of the Empire Windrush** at Tilbury Docks carrying over 500 passengers. To celebrate the contribution of the Windrush generation to life in Britain, there is to be a Service of Thanksgiving at Westminster Abbey, with preacher Joel Edwards. Tickets are free, but you will need to **register in advance**.

Our Children, Young People and Families Round Table launched a **CYF Toolkit for churches**, at our Assembly last month. This new free resource will help churches to develop their connections with children, young people and families.

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**Read about our Baptist Assembly in Peterborough last month** and share stories and resources with your church



**The June Prayer Diary is now available to download**  
Please print out a copy for those unable to access it



**Watch a video about 'The Wave'**  
- a new church in Littleham, Exmouth in the South West Baptist Association



### Information from the Legal and Operations Team

Please **click here for information** on:

- New Charity Trustee Welcome Pack from the Charity Commission
- Automatic Disqualification Rules for Charity Trustees – new declaration form
- Data Protection (GDPR) – new legislation now applies
- BUGB CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
- Churches Screening the World Cup – FIFA regulations
- Asbestos in church buildings



## Taxation Alert - Ministers' Tax Returns

Philip J Cooke, our Honorary Taxation Adviser, notifies ministers that the taxation guidance notes **T02: Self Assessment and the Minister** have been updated - particularly to provide details of changes in the completion of the Income from Property pages (SA105) of the annual tax return.



## Baptist Inter Faith Working Group Update

Our Working Group met again on 17 May, and discussed the following topics:

- Considered and commented on the Integrated Communities Strategy Green Paper ([read more here](#)).
- Reflected on how the beginning of the Muslim Holy Month of Ramadan, in which most Muslims fast, challenges us as Christians to look again at the teaching of Jesus on fasting in Matthew 6: 6-18.
- Made plans for encouraging Baptists to be involved in local events for Inter Faith Week from 11-18 November

## This month's featured events:



### Rural Ministries Annual Conference - 8-9 June

We should be challenged to view the culture and community that we are part of through God's eyes - how might that change your church mission activities? Key Speaker at the Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick will be the Revd Canon Dave Male, Church of England Director for Evangelism and Discipleship. Cost £90 per person. Click here for [full details](#).



### Made in whose image? - Saturday 9 June

BRF and Woman Alive invite you to this women's conference at Guildford (Millmead) Baptist Church, exploring how we can grow more like Christ and reflect God's image to others. Guest speaker: Jo Swinney on growing our identity in Christ; seminars; live worship and prayer ministry with Jennifer Rees Larcombe and her team. [Click here for more information and to book a place.](#)



### Germinate Rural Ministries Training Days - 14 June | 10 July

Are you new to rural ministry? Or an old hand in need of a top up? Germinate is working on a new method of providing training for rural ministry and mission, developing a series of 60-90 minute sessions on a range of issues to help you delve deeper into some of the challenges facing lay and ordained rural church leaders. Click here to find out more about the day in [Cumbria](#) (14 June) and in [Salisbury](#) (10 July).



### Fresh Streams Theology School - 14-15 June

Do you wish you had more time to reflect on the key issues of our day? Do you share a passion to do theology well at the coal face of ministry and mission? Would you love to spend two days engaging with eminent theologians who will stretch your thinking, with plenty of time for discussion, interaction, and good food and hospitality? Whether you're a church leader, part of a leadership team, a student, or just interested in theology, you'll love [Summer Theology School 2018](#).



### Firestarter - various dates, starting 14-15 June

A series of 24 hour 'Firestarter' events hosted by Baptist churches experiencing unusual growth have been organised – to see if this accelerated growth can become normal within our Baptist family. Firestarters are conversations involving nine of these fast growing Baptist churches, with each event offering 24 hours to 'learn, expect and act'. Click here [for more details of the dates and venues](#), and book your place.



### Spirit of Windrush Service of Thanksgiving - Friday 22 June

Churches Together in England (CTE) is holding this national event in Westminster Abbey to mark the 70th anniversary of the landing of the Empire Windrush at Tilbury Docks on 22 June 1948 carrying over 500 passengers, and which is recognised as the start of the Windrush era. Admission is free but everyone must register and receive a ticket accompanied by personal ID on the day. The preacher will be the Revd Canon Joel Edwards. [Click here for details.](#)



### King: Montgomery to Memphis - Saturday 23 June

Screenings of this extraordinary film about Martin Luther King Jr are being planned. The first screening will be at Bloomsbury Baptist Church in London, with other dates in Oxford, Manchester and Derby to be confirmed. At each screening, there will be a post-film panel discussion with leading contributors. Click here [for further information and to book.](#)



### Celebrating, Surviving and Thriving - Women in Baptist Ministry - 28-29 June

The Gender Justice Hub and the BME Women Ministers' Network present a 24-hour conference at IMC in Birmingham for Baptist women ministers, non-ordained women in a qualifying office, MITs and those exploring a call to ministry. Click here for a [reflection from Gale Richards](#), one of the organisers, sharing the background to this conference. [Click here for more information and to book your place.](#) Closing date for booking: Thursday 14 June.



### SCBA Gender Identity Training Days - 30 June | 8 September

There are few resources available for those looking to understand and make sense of the gender identity issues children and young people are dealing with. SCBA are running two Building Your Compass training events in Ferndown and Kidlington. Click here for [further information and to book.](#)



### Multiply Learning Community - Wednesday 11 July

Join the next gathering in Birmingham of the Multiply learning community - for Baptist churches exploring a multi-congregational approach to mission and ministry. This time we'll be hearing stories about 'missional communities', and exploring with one another the implications as we consider or move forward with a multi-congregational approach. [Click here for more information.](#)





## Rural Mission Sunday - Sunday 15 July

Rural Mission Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate the life of the rural church. Why not take this year's theme 'Growing Together' as the theme for your service? [Rural Mission Sunday resources](#) include brief reflections on some key Bible passages that explore different kind of growth in church communities, prayers and songs and a suggested service outline.



## Germinate Conference - Saturday 13 October

Through keynote speakers, case studies and workshops, the Germinate Conference, 'More than belonging' in Coventry will explore what it means for rural Christians to do more than belong to their churches and communities. Both inspiring and practical, the day will bring together individuals, churches, agencies and networks involved in rural mission and ministry. Early bird price available until 30 June. [Click here for details.](#)



## Christian Resources Exhibition - 16-18 October

CRE - Britain's leading exhibition of church resources - will be back at Sandown Park, where around 200 exhibitors will be offering resources for every aspect of church life. CRE is developing a fresh and highly-focussed programme of features and seminars to complement their wide-ranging exhibition. [More information is available](#) from the CRE website.



## Sam Sharpe Lecture - Thursday 18 October

Sam Sharpe, born in 1801 in Jamaica, was an enslaved man, a Baptist deacon, a freedom fighter and the main instigator of the 1831 Slave Rebellion in Jamaica which was instrumental in bringing about the abolition of slavery. The Seventh Annual Sam Sharpe lecture will be taking place at the University of Roehampton in London and will be given by Rose Hudson-Wilkin. Please [click here to book your free place.](#)

## This month's featured resources:



### CYF Toolkit

Where and how can we join in with God and connect with children, young people and families today? One new initiative is our Children, Young People and Families Round Table. The group has launched a CYF Toolkit for churches, Joining the dots between church, home and school - [download a copy from our website.](#)



### Visual Reflections

We regularly post visual reflections on our [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) accounts. These high quality images can be used for personal reflection and in churches, with our blessing. Click here to [find the current selection of images on our Flickr account.](#)



## Church Communication Training from CPO

Ever wondered how your church could improve communications within a budget? Would you like some training on social media? Do you make the most of your church website? This summer CPO is offering workshops in central Brighton designed to answer your questions on church communications: why it matters, what to consider first, next steps, a look at your own context and budget and a practical toolkit of ideas and resources. Click here for the [workshop programme and booking](#).



## Safe Car Wash App

Play your part in ending modern slavery by downloading the [Safe Car Wash app](#), which was released on Monday. The app, which enables users to complete a short survey about the working conditions of the car wash, has been developed by the Clewer Initiative, the Church of England's response to modern slavery. There are tens of thousands of people being exploited in the UK, forced to work long hours, for little or no pay, and under threat of violence, some of them being exploited in hand car washes. Many hand car washes are legitimate businesses, but some of them are not.



## Resource from Damaris

Sheila Hancock stars in the film *Edie*, which opened in cinemas at the end of May. This uplifting story is about rediscovering life's joy, and how it's never too late for a new beginning. The team at Damaris Media has produced a free digital Companion Booklet intended to help church groups think about and discuss the issues raised by this heartwarming film. [Download a copy here](#).