

# RESOURCES



## Slow wisdom - Baptist discernment at the Church Meeting

An offering of qualitative research to our denomination by Baptist minister Ruth Moriarty, which shows how Baptists can discern together well and identifies positive opportunities change at the Church Meeting. *Slow Wisdom* is both a book, and a free five-session video course to help Baptists engage with the topic.

[baptist.org.uk/slowwisdom](http://baptist.org.uk/slowwisdom)

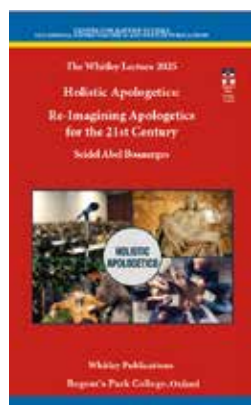
## Radical Roots

A series of films and accompanying course from the Baptist Historical Society and Church from Scratch telling the stories of five Baptist figures from the past.

Discover Baptist distinctives and examine themes of continuity and change in our history.

Six sessions, each including a dramatic video featuring a character from Baptist history, accompanying questions and activities.

[www.radicalroots.uk](http://www.radicalroots.uk)



## Whitley Lecture 2025

### *Holistic Apologetics: Re-Imagining Apologetics for the 21st Century*, by Seidel Abel Boanerges

A lecture (also available as a book) arguing that contemporary apologetics must move beyond the intellectual side of apologetics, and instead include and actively demonstrate the value of:

- Spiritual apologetics (healing, miracles and prophecy)
- Artistic apologetics (literature, painting, drama and film)
- Action-oriented apologetics (fighting injustice, solidarity, compassion) in our contemporary practice of apologetics.

Access the book and lecture dates here (Online lecture Monday 13 October)

[baptist.org.uk/whitley25](http://baptist.org.uk/whitley25)

## Doing Church Differently

A new video-based resource designed to help Baptist churches reflect on their mission and ministry through the lens of other churches.

It highlights the stories and reflections of three churches and a chaplain - it is hoped there will be something that speaks to your context.

[scba.org.uk/differently](http://scba.org.uk/differently)



## Visions of Colour



A resource designed for Baptist ministers and Baptist ministers in training to develop an awareness of, sensitivity to, and action towards issues of racial, ethnic and cultural discrimination in Baptist churches in Britain.

[baptist.org.uk/visionsofcolour](http://baptist.org.uk/visionsofcolour)

# DELVING DEEPER INTO BAPTISM

Want to explore more about baptism?

Some of the books highlighted in Andy Goodliff's article on page 9

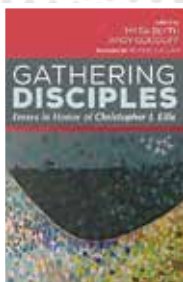


***Baptism in the New Testament***  
by George Beasley-Murray (1962)

Prominent Baptist scholar George Beasley-Murray presented a critical defence of the doctrine of believers' baptism on the basis of the New Testament evidence.

***Living the Christian Story***  
by John Colwell (2001)

Aims to consider and set out a theological basis for Christian ethics in today's world. Includes a section on baptism as indwelling Christ's story.

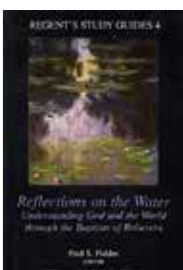
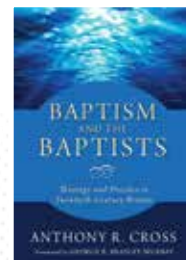


***Gathering Disciples - Essays in Honour of Christopher Ellis (2017)***  
See essay: 'The Water Buries Like a Tomb' by Sally Nelson

Fourteen essays, each beginning with one of Chris's hymns, which address one or more of the themes touched on by the song. Explores our Baptist way of being church.

***Baptism and the Baptists: Theology and Practice in the Twentieth Century, by Anthony R Cross (2000)***

A definitive work which examines the theology and practice of believers' baptism among 20th century Baptists. Emphasises the sacramental understanding of baptism.



***Reflections on the water: Understanding God and the world through the baptism of believers (Regent's study guides, 1996), edited by Paul Fiddes***

See essays by:

Paul Fiddes, 'Baptism and Creation'

Chris Ellis, 'Baptism and the Sacramental Freedom of God'

Brian Haymes, 'Baptism as a Political Act'

Hazel Sherman, 'Baptized – in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit'