

**Welcome to the EBA monthly e-bulletin. I hope you find this helpful in being kept up to date
with
News from around the region and events that are happening.
December 2018**

News

EBA Directory

The trustees have taken the decision not to reprint the EBA directory. The website will be updated with ways to contact your Regional minister. Also on the website is a list of each church in membership with EBA with a link to their website which holds contact details for individual churches. Graeme Ross our new RM has offered to help facilitate a webpage for those churches who do not have a website if they so wish. Please contact him direct if you would like to make the most of this opportunity.

Home Mission Giving

Churches are reminded that any funds designated for Home Mission for 2018 need to be received before 31st December. Churches are also asked to consider for 2019 making the payment of Home Mission funds by monthly/quarterly standing order from January.

New Book

Southend Baptist Minister, Andy Goodliff has edited with his father Paul Goodliff a new collection essays honouring former Spurgeon's tutor John Colwell: Rhythms of Faithfulness (Pickwick, 2018). The book explores the place of Morning Prayer and how the different Christian seasons and festivals can shape our lives and churches. A copy can be brought from Andy for £20 plus p & p or ordered from all good bookstores. <https://wipfandstock.com/rhythms-of-faithfulness.html>

This is my Story – Written by Paul Beasley Murray

A story of life, faith and ministry. A book for pastors - and for any Christian - who want the inside story of the pains and triumphs of a Christian leader. Wipf and Stock ISBN: 978-1532647970. Reviews available on the [BU Website](#)

Making a Splash – Baptism course

Braille and large print versions of 'Making a Splash' and 'Some words for another time' are available for people with sight loss from the Torch Trust at the same price as the print edition. To place an order, please call 01858 438260

Association Events/ Dates

Just a reminder on the EBA website there is a guide to the fees for booking a Regional Minister visit. Find it on the resources page under "stewarding shared resources"

EBA Annual Gathering 2019

28 September 2019, Billericay Baptist Church. Please put this date into your diaries

Ministers Conference 2019

25-27 February Booking forms have all been posted out so you should have received one, if you haven't please contact me and I can send another one.

Safeguarding training

Combined Level 2 and Level 3 Training

Current confirmed dates for 2019 (More coming)

26 January, Dereham Baptist Church, Norfolk

2 February, Leigh Road Baptist Church, Essex

9 March, Romford Baptist Church, Essex

13 April, Bethel Baptist Church, Swavesey, Cambs

7 September, Burwell Baptist Church, Cambs

Cost £10 per person per level attended. Please book with secretary@easternbaptist.org.uk

There is possibility that Level 3, Designed to be attended by your trustees/deacons/ministers and DPS. Could be delivered in an evening especially if you joined up with another one or two churches

local to yourself. For more information or to talk about this possibility please contact secretary@easternbaptist.org.uk

Other Events and Information

Christmas in a box

6-8 December 2018, Clare Baptist Church 10am-5pm. What does Christmas look like for you? Christmas displays from the community and beyond each in a shoebox.

Modern day Slavery community partnership conference

12 December 2018, 1pm The University of Essex in partnership with Southend Against Modern Slavery Partnership is hosting a free half day conference to raise awareness of modern day slavery and what to do about it. The conference will focus on setting the local scene and explaining the key issues; the Modern Slavery Act; the role of the Salvation Army and experience of supporting victims of modern slavery; what is the professional response and experience of social workers, other agencies; what are the indicators; what can you do; the importance of a joined up response across statutory agencies and the role communities in combatting modern slavery in South East Essex today. You can register for this free event at Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/modern-day-slavery-community-partnership-conference-tickets-50439550052>

Modern Day Slavery Community Partnership conference Tickets, Wed, 12 Dec 2018 at 13:00 - [eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk)

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The man who gave us Christmas, Searchlight Theatre Company Production

21 December 2018, 7pm West Leigh Baptist Church. £4 per ticket or £12 per four tickets available from the church office, Julie.firminger@wbc.org.uk

Spurgeon's College Equipped to Minister Course

Leading Worship Module @ Histon Baptist Church, Cambridge

19th January 2019 & 23rd February 2019 (9am – 4pm), Cost: £92.00

Since September Spurgeon's College has been running its Equipped to Minister course once a month at Histon Baptist Church. Equipped to Minister is an ideal starting point for those who wish to deepen their understanding of the Bible, theology, mission, ministry and personal spiritual development. Many participants find the course a significant step towards developing their service God in their churches. They also find their own personal discipleship is deepened through attending the course lectures.

Split over two Saturdays in January and February 2019 we be running our popular Leading Worship module. This module provides an introduction to the theology of worship and to some of the practical skills needed by those involved in leading worship. The module is especially suitable for those who are already leading worship with little formal training, those who would like to develop a new skill in leading worship or those who simply want to reflect on the nature and practice of worship in greater depth. The module encourages students to undertake a practical assignment in worship leading and then to reflect on their practice. Completing the optional assignments will enable students to receive a module certificate.

You can opt to attend only the leading worship module or also further modules of the course.

For more information about the Equipped to Minister course and the various modules please email: admissions@spurgeons.ac.uk or visit www.spurgeons.ac.uk

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To register your interest / apply for the Leading Worship module please fill out our online form: <http://ow.ly/kIVK30kNtqX>

EtM Admissions

ow.ly

View this form on Formsite

Opportunities

Would you like to be Treasurer for Churches Together in Essex & East London (CTEEL)?

We are seeking a new Treasurer to start in 2019 and would welcome expressions of interest from all backgrounds. CTEEL is a small charity that works on behalf of Church Leaders in the region. The new Treasurer will be supported by one of our Trustees who has been the Acting Treasurer for some months. A modest annual fee is payable. If you are interested, please contact our County Ecumenical Officer Jacqui King on Jacqui.kingcteel@gmail.com.

Course in Spiritual Direction

Autumn 2019-Spring 2021, An experiential course for those who listen and pray with others. Based at The Chelmsford Diocesan House of Retreat, Pleshey, Essex. The Aim of the Course is to provide an opportunity for course members to grow in spirituality and personal development. Through shared experience, participants will be challenged to a deeper awareness and effectiveness as they help others discover what God is doing in their lives. EBA Minister Lynsey Heslegrave is one of the facilitators and is available to talk through more details on lynseyheslegrave@aol.com. More information is available on www.cisd-essex.net

Trip to Vellore, India

Cambridgeshire Ecumenical Council are offering a mission trip to Vellore in India for anyone but with special focus on young people. Please contact me for more details and I can send you the leaflet.

Little Thetford Baptist Church have around 70 lovely blue fabric covered wooden chairs that need to be sold/moved. They are asking £10 each. If these can be of use to anyone please contact Tudor Parsons, tudor.parsons@btinternet.com

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