

Hello,

We hope that things have started well for you this year. Can you believe that it's March already!

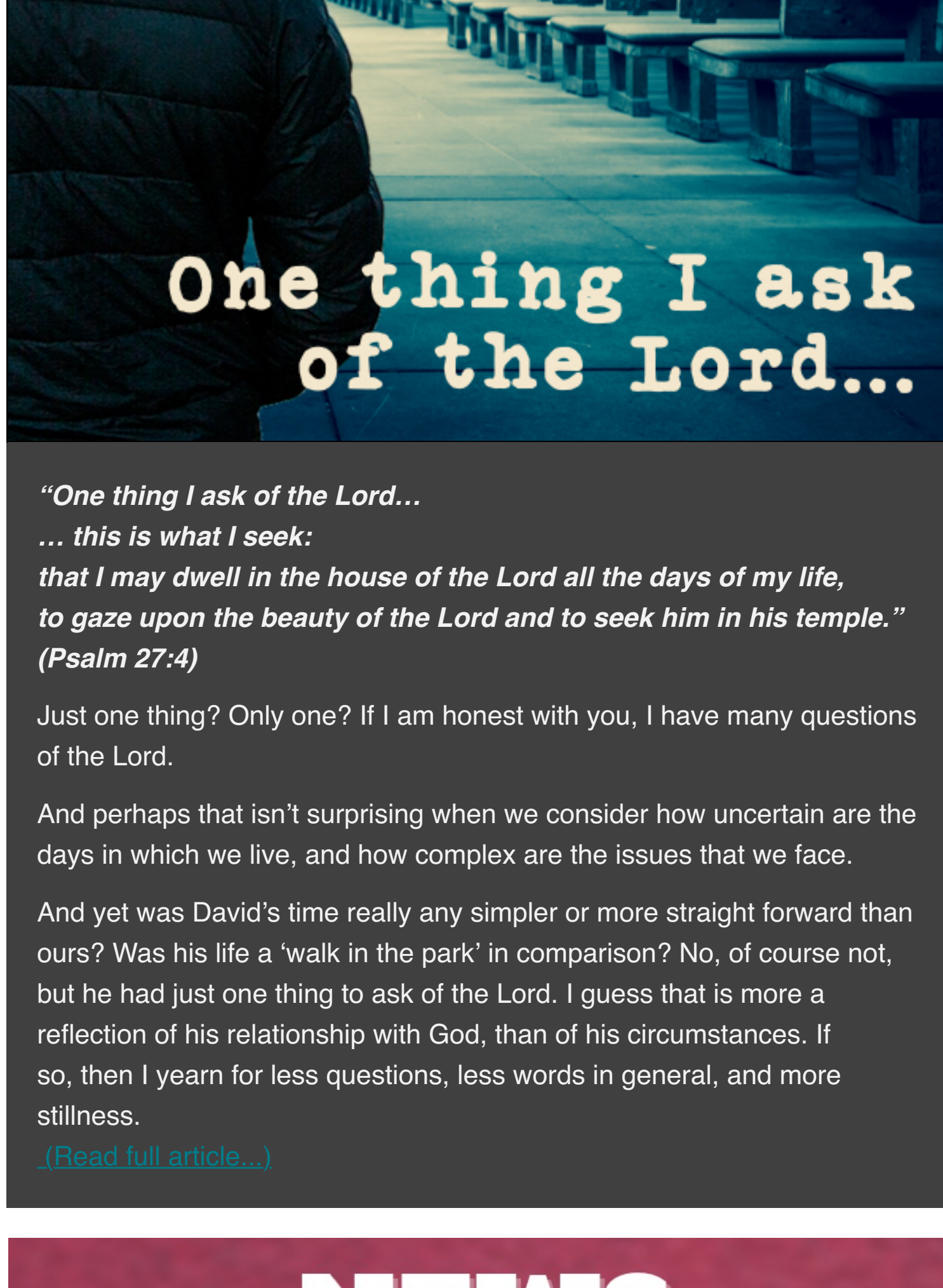
There's quite a lot of information in this issue of Heartbeat and there's more to come next week in HEBA Noticeboard. There's a lot of good things coming up.

Can we particularly highlight the upcoming Baptist Assembly, given that it's nearby this year. We would really appreciate if you would advertise this within your congregations and really encourage your members to attend - particularly if they have not had the opportunity to experience an Assembly before.

Thanks for all your support.

Every blessing,  
Karen

## RM's MESSAGE



**One thing I ask of the Lord...**

*"One thing I ask of the Lord...  
... this is what I seek:  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple."  
(Psalm 27:4)*

Just one thing? Only one? If I am honest with you, I have many questions of the Lord.

And perhaps that isn't surprising when we consider how uncertain are the days in which we live, and how complex are the issues that we face.

And yet was David's time really any simpler or more straight forward than ours? Was his life a 'walk in the park' in comparison? No, of course not, but he had just one thing to ask of the Lord. I guess that is more a reflection of his relationship with God, than of his circumstances. If so, then I yearn for less questions, less words in general, and more stillness.

[\(Read full article...\)](#)

## NEWS



By the end of June this year our friend and colleague David Thompson – Finance & Grants Manager will be leaving us after many years of service to HEBA and I have to say that he will be greatly missed.

He is a man of great integrity and has been a key member of our small team and a vital part of much of what goes on at HEBA. Not only in the work that HEBA does in supporting many of our churches in mission but to the operation of our Association day to day.

We now need to find someone with Financial Management skills to replace him and are looking to the churches to nominate men or women whom they believe to be team players and would have the desire to be a support to churches in mission.

Please make the people in your congregation aware of this opportunity to serve God with the experience and skills that they have acquired in their working lives.

Many thanks,  
Eddy Rye  
Hon. Treasurer

You can find more information on the role and how to apply [here](#).

## Let's Start PREACHING

An exciting new 8-week programme to help those who feel called to a ministry of preaching.

- Entry level – no previous qualifications needed.
- No formal assignments, but plenty of opportunity to take part.
- Exploring a wide range of preaching styles, reflecting the diversity of HEBA.
- Guest input from experienced preachers among HEBA churches.

8 sessions on Tuesday evenings  
from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.  
beginning on 30th April 2019  
at City Road Baptist Church,  
City Road, Birmingham B16 0NE  
(no session on 28th May)

Cost for the whole course  
£80.00 per person.

PLACES ARE LIMITED,  
SO PLEASE BOOK EARLY!

For detailed programme and course outlines see [here](#).  
You can book onto the course [here](#).



Delighted to report on the formation of Open Hands Signing Church.

They are part of Rising Brook Baptist Church.

For more info: <http://www.facebook.com/RBopenhands>

## NOTICES

### CHURCH CLOSURE

We are sad to report that the Dickens Heath Church, Solihull has closed.

Please remember the members in your prayers as they seek new spiritual homes.

### Meredith Road Baptist Church

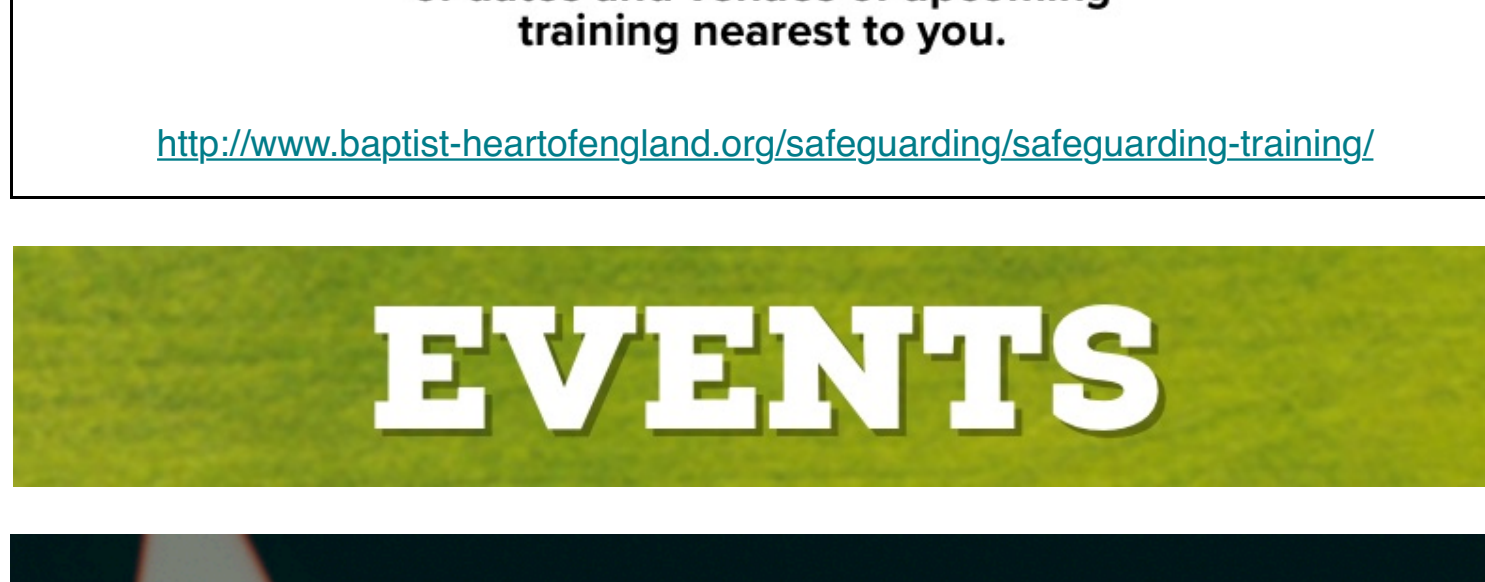
is looking for a **Families Worker**

to engage with parents of children who attend their many regular activities and to help organise some of these.

The successful candidate will work for 20 hours per week and earn between £11,000 - £13,000 depending on experience.

More details from Revd Mike Asbery  
Tel: 024 7798 8035  
Email: [mikeasbery@gmail.com](mailto:mikeasbery@gmail.com)

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[subscribe@baptist-heartofengland.org](mailto:subscribe@baptist-heartofengland.org)

## SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

**This Is Very Important**

Many Churches have rightly been taking Safeguarding seriously and have been making provision for their ministers and volunteers to participate in the safeguarding training provided by HEBA.

Leading by example is one of the most powerful ways of setting and maintaining cultures. Training is a key way of developing your awareness of safeguarding and becoming a culture-changer.

From 1 January 2017, all accredited persons and Nationally Recognised Pastors must undertake the BUGB level 2 and 3 safeguarding training every 4 years, and at least one module per year in the intervening years. This includes those serving as a Moderator or part-time minister.

HEBA has arranged for qualified trainers to deliver the BUGB training at Level 2 and Level 3 for all staff and volunteers.

Click on the link below to see a list of dates and venues of upcoming training nearest to you.

<http://www.baptist-heartofengland.org/safeguarding/safeguarding-training/>

## EVENTS

### FIRESTARTERS

Growing churches, helping grow churches

**1-2 April 2019**  
**Limbrick Wood, Coventry**

Each Firestarter conversation is held over two days with opportunities to hear the stories of growing churches, attend interactive seminars on factors influencing church growth and opportunities to reflect and discuss your own church and it's future growth.

Numbers are always kept low to ensure lots of interaction and support from other delegates and those leading the conversation.

**Each Firestarter is £25 per person which includes the two day event and lunch both days.**

For further information or to book visit [here](#).

## baptist assembly

**18-19 May 2019**  
**The International Centre, Telford**

Baptist Assembly will happen nearby this year and we hope that HEBA churches will take the opportunity to attend.

The Assembly has a very different look and feel this year, which will enable much more engagement with our wider Baptist family and many opportunities to celebrate together.

The event will run from the morning of Saturday 18 May through to the afternoon of Sunday 19 May and will comprise of many different elements.

**There will be lots of great programmes for all children and young people from 0 up to school year 13 and it's all FREE!**

**We need Stewards and Hosts to help at assembly. Are you able to offer assistance in these areas?**

You can find more information on the programme [here](#).  
You can book [here](#).

For more information about being a Host or a Steward contact:  
Rev. Ian Olliver at [ian@dawleybaptist.org.uk](mailto:ian@dawleybaptist.org.uk) or  
Tracey Vallance, Assembly Project Leader on [01235 517711](tel:01235517711)

## HEBAGATHERING

We want to make this event available to a wider audience so we're holding two on consecutive Sunday evenings in the summer!

**30 June 2019**  
**venue to be confirmed.**

**7 July 2019**  
**Tamworth Baptist Church**

**5.00pm for drinks & cakes**

**6.00pm Service**  
**(sharing service, sharing Word, finance report, etc)**

**7.30pm close**

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Help forge a better working world  
- a more inclusive, gender-balanced world.

How will you #BalanceforBetter?

**Join us Friday 8th March 2019 11am-3pm**

As we celebrate Women's Achievements.

**Key Note Speaker: Rev. Cham Kaur-Mann**  
*Cham is a motivational speaker, with a unique and compelling ability to "story a story". She mentors, coaches and supports leaders from a variety of sectors. Cham is the first (and currently only) Asian woman minister within the Baptist Union of Great Britain*

Share together as we celebrate and listen to women's stories.

Artwork on Auction for Women's Aid.

Refreshments on a "Pay as You Feel" basis from TheRealJunkFoodProjectBum.

Full programme available from Janet Nock  
email: [janet.hightatebc@gmail.com](mailto:janet.hightatebc@gmail.com).

To help us with catering please reserve a place. Email Janet or Text her on 07415 275618

Highgate Baptist Church, Conybere St, Birmingham, B12 0YL. Tel: 0121 440 3471  
Closest Bus Stop: No 36 [www.internationalwomensday.com](http://www.internationalwomensday.com)

## Small Churches Connection Day

Saturday 23 March 2019  
@ Highgate Baptist Church  
Conybere St, Birmingham B12 0YL

Guest Speaker for the day:  
**Rev Hilary Taylor**

BUGB Small Churches Connections Co-ordinator

Theme: **I will Build my Church**

Meet at 9:30 for Coffee – till 3pm  
£5 a head - Lunch included.

Please book via the HEBA office.  
On 0121 472 4986.

## RESOURCES

### Do You Have News Or An Event To Share?

We are always happy to share good news stories of what is happening in our churches as well as any upcoming events.

Email us your video or article with accompanying pictures or a flyer for an event

