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SOUTHERN COUNTIES BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



***“GROWING HEALTHY
CHURCHES IN
RELATIONSHIP FOR
GOD’S MISSION”***



2022

ANNUAL REPORT

The Southern Counties Baptist Association (SCBA) is a family of around 145 Baptist Churches and Pioneer Mission Projects, spread mainly throughout Berkshire, Dorset, Gloucestershire, Guernsey, Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Oxfordshire and Wiltshire, covering thirteen counties in total. Each church is independent and self-governing, that work together with each other in unity in the context of the SCBA, encouraging and resourcing each other.



The SCBA aims to:
build strong relationships
grow healthy churches
resource effective mission
enable lifelong discipleship

The SCBA is one of 13 Regional associations which, together with local churches and colleges, makes up to Baptist Union of Great Britain (BUGB)



Charity Details

Charity Name:	Southern Counties Baptist Association
Charity Registration No:	1091066
Company Registration No:	427983
Registered Office and Operational Address;	Baptist House, 129 Broadway, Didcot, Oxfordshire, OX11 8XD
Trustees: Revd Judith Wheatley Mr Andrew Johnson Mrs Ann Andrews Mr John Bragg Mr Peter Brookes Revd Dr Anthony Clarke Mr Jason Collis Mrs Emma Green Revd Martin Hardwidge Revd Jonathan Keyworth Revd Dr Colin Norris	Interim Moderator of the Trustees <i>(from January 2022)</i> Association Treasure <i>(until November 2022)</i> Regent's Park College Representative <i>(from November 2022)</i> <i>(from November 2022)</i> Regional Minister Team Leader
Regional Ministry Team: Revd Dr Colin Norris Revd Stephen Barber Revd Simon Gray Revd Clare Hooper Revd Jonathan Hunt Revd James Thomas	Regional Minister Team Leader Regional Minister Regional Minister/Operations Lead <i>(from September 2022)</i> Regional Minister, Children, Youth & Families Regional Minister <i>(until June 2022)</i> Regional Minister, Mission Development <i>(from September 2022)</i>
Staff Team: Mrs Amy Allen Mr Keith Baldwin Mrs Joy Cheang	Administration Manager Safeguarding Adviser <i>(from July 2022)</i> Safeguarding Adviser <i>(until July 2022)</i>



Meet the Team



Clare Hooper is Regional Minister Co-Team Leader with Hayley and Regional Minister (Children, Youth & Families Missional Developer) for SCBA. As part of her role, Clare represents SCBA on the national CYF Round Table and supports all our CYF workers/ministers.



Hayley Young is the Regional Minister Co-Team Leader with Clare. As well as co-leading the team and representing the SCBA nationally, Hayley also serves the middle part of the Association.



Simon Gray is Regional Minister (50% General RM & 50% Operations Lead). He serves the southern part of the Association from Dorchester to Emsworth.



Steve Barber is part-time (50%) Regional Minister. He serves in the northern area of the association including Reading, Oxford, Banbury and Chipping Norton.



Jim Thomas is part-time (50%) Regional Minister (Mission Development Lead). He serves our pioneers and missional communities. He is also leading the Association through the areas of Mission, Home Mission and Pioneering.



Amy Allen is SCBA's Administration Manager. She manages the administration of SCBA, providing administrative support to the Regional Ministry Team, the churches, trustee board and working groups of the SCBA.



Keith Baldwin is SCBA's Safeguarding Adviser. Keith is here to support our churches and ministers on all things safeguarding. He has the responsibility for working with Designated Persons for Safeguarding in our local churches.



Jane Day is our Tutor in Community Learning. Partnering with Regent's Park College and the Central Baptist Association, Jane works at providing learning for The Learning Collective which is a formative course in Christian discipleship for anyone who wants to deepen their understanding of faith and develop their skills in ministry.



The Aims of SCBA

Short-term:

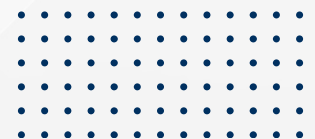
- Co-operate with churches directly and through working groups by passing appropriate resolutions to enable building development projects, including the provision of grants and loans, including Sustainable Energy Funding. Many of these projects are directly aimed at making church buildings more accessible and available to the local community.
- Assist churches and ministers that are seeking new minister through the Baptist Together Settlement process.
- Assist individuals in exploring a call to any Baptist ministry by signposting various routes to recognised Baptist ministry, interviewing candidates , supporting ministerial candidates and providing Baptist Union approved training for lay leaders.
- Encourage dialogue within churches and between churches and their local community.
- Encourage the SCBA Grants Committee as it continues to seek creative ways of supporting churches in their mission using Baptists Together Home Mission, Pioneering and other Association funds.
- Receive and consider reports from the SCBA Strategy Groups and the Regional Ministers, enabling the charitable company to maintain effective governance.

Long-term:

- Make safeguarding training available on a rolling programme, encouraging and enabling members of our churches to receive training at a reduced cost, and ensuring that ministers have completed level 2 & 3 training.
- Ensure, through its Staff, Finance and Administration Group, responsible and effective stewardship of the resources of the charitable company.
- Encourage churches to Support Baptists Together Home Mission and BMS World Mission through prayer, direct partnership with mission personnel and financial gifts, so that the Gospel of Jesus Christ can continues to be shared in the UK and abroad.
- Support the staff employed by the charitable company through the provision of appropriate training and support, and provision of clear and effective staffing and other policies.
- Seek appropriate and timely legal advice on issues having potentially wide-ranging effetc with a view to mitigating risk.

The Objective of SCBA

The advancement of the Christian faith especially by means of and in accordance with the principles of the Baptist denomination, as set out for the time being, in the Declaration of Principles in the Baptist Union of Great Britain.



SCBA Strategy Groups

Southern Counties Baptist Association seeks to carry out the aims and objectives of the association through the support of the following strategy groups:



SCBA Events in 2022

SCBA continued to enjoy being back meeting in person following the pandemic and had a full year of events with our Ministers and Leaders via these events:

Minsters' & Leaders' Conference

In February, 87 ministers and leaders attended our conference in Cheltenham, led by Revd Geoff Colmer. This was our first in-person residential conference after Covid, and it was great to be back together. The first day of the conference was an opportunity for some of our ministers to meet up together, including the children, youth and family workers, newly accredited ministers and chaplains,



Leaders' Days

In June, two, leaders' days, one held in person and one held online, were attended by 65 minister and leaders, led by Jonas Kulberg, speaking on "Digital Theology". In November, the Leaders' Day and AGM was attended by 83 leaders and ministers and was led by Hannah Fleming-Hill and Isabell Senior, speaking on "Building for the Future: Equipping the Church for the Next Generation".

SCBA Safeguarding Training

Safeguarding training is being run across the Association with a trained team of Safeguarding Trainers, who are volunteers, in the light of the national policies and procedures. This is at both level two and level three. In 2022, 35 safeguarding training sessions were held throughout the year training 1,292 ministers, leaders and church members in our Association in safeguarding for children and adults at risk.



Supporting Mission in 2022

Southern Counties Baptist Association supports mission through churches and special ministries through Home Mission Grants in 2022

Home Mission Projects



Anderson Baptist Church, Reading

- Partnership with a Nepalese Fellowship.
- Connecting with the community in Reading
- “To be community which shares Christ, makes disciples and reflects God’s glory”

Barton Community Church, Oxford

- Seeking to be authentic community bringing hope to the heart of Barton through making Jesus known.
- A diverse community of around 40 people who call Barton ‘home’ - an area of real deprivation.
- Planted by Headington Baptist Church in 2010 and continuing to partner with them.



Colwell Baptist Church, Isle of Wight

- A bible-based, family-friendly church in the middle of Freshwater on the Isle of Wight.
- Joining in with the mission of God, in reaching out to make disciples and to make a difference in God’s world.
- Wanting to be a church in the community, for the community.

Freemantle Baptist Church, Southampton

- A small community of Christian believers who try to share the love of God with their local community.
- A growing church made up of all works of life and from different backgrounds and cultures.
- Working alongside the families in the community.



Gosport Waterfront Baptist Church, Hampshire

- Seeking to present the gospel message of love and peace through Jesus Christ to a new generation.
- A rich heritage of long and faithful witness in Gosport.
- Settling into a new building with a new minister



Iford Baptist Church, Dorset

- Knowing and sharing the love of Jesus.
- Creating a loving and nurturing community that seeks to uphold, share and live out the love of God.
- A diverse community of believers, seeking to know God better, encourage one another in their faith, whilst serving their local area.



Shinfield Baptist Church, Reading

- Knowing and sharing the love of Jesus.
- Creating a loving and nurturing community that seeks to uphold, share and live out the love of God.
- A diverse community of believers, seeking to know God better, encourage one another in their faith, whilst serving their local area.



The Meeting Place, Westbourne, West Sussex

- A refurbished Victorian chapel hosting various community activities and a missional community.
- Seeking to build community and provide a space for children and families to 'be'.
- Building relationships with parents and carers of children attending various activities.



Warren Park Café Church, Havant

- A small group exploring life together through the teachings of Jesus.
- Church gatherings starting with food and teaching is creative and relevant to the people on the housing estate in Havant.



Special Ministries Supported by Home Mission

Graven Hill Ministry, Bicester

- A Special Ministry Grant to fund a Pioneer on a new 'self-build' housing estate, having built their own house.
- Pioneer called and financially supported by Orchard Baptist Church in Bicester, Oxfordshire.
- Working together with other denominations in the town to serve the new housing estates being built there.



Missional Listener, Stow on the Wold

- Pioneer Joy Dimond living in Stow on the wold among the community.
- Listening to people's stories, appointed as a school governor with the local primary school.
- Finding ways to join with God in and around the community.



PACE (Programme for Applied Christian Education), Guernsey

- Creating opportunities for children to explore the Christian faith.
- Supporting teachers by leading assemblies, lessons, lunch clubs and Prayer Spaces.
- “Connecting schools & churches, communicating Christian belief & values; creating space to explore faith.”



REInspired, Reading

- Developing creative partnerships between churches and schools.
- Delivering Religious Education sessions from the local RE syllabus.
- “Bringing Religious Education to life!”

Pioneers Supported by SCBA

Acoustic84 Communities, Charlton Down, Dorset

- Revds Ben & Ez Lucas living in Charlton Downs with their four children.
- Felt a strong calling to go and make disciples of people.
- Called to plant missional communities in Dorset.



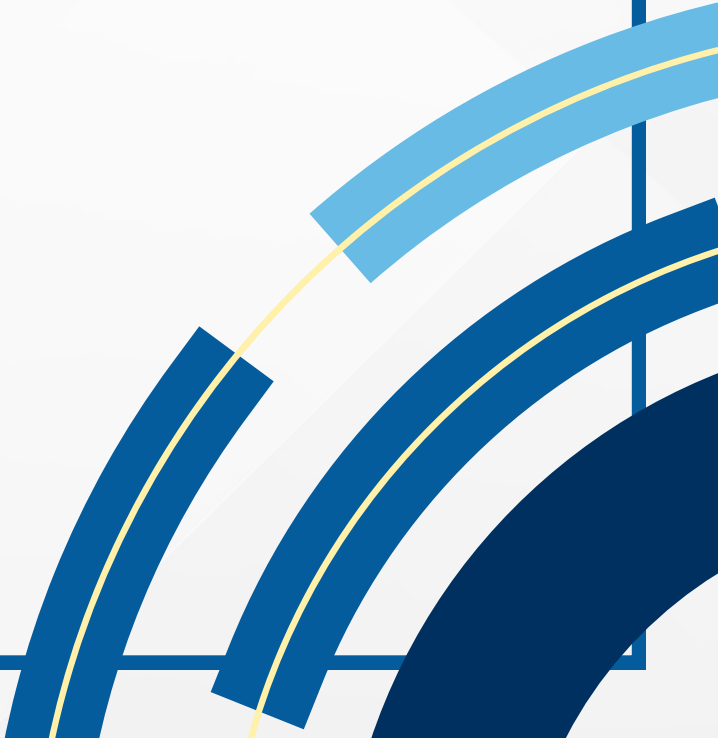
Pioneering in Hamworthy, Poole

- Revd John Good living in Poole with his wife, Mim, and their three sons.
- Pioneering on a growing housing development of 1,200 homes.
- Running a Watersports Library for people living in Poole & Bournemouth who would love to get out on the water.



**The full Annual Report, which
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