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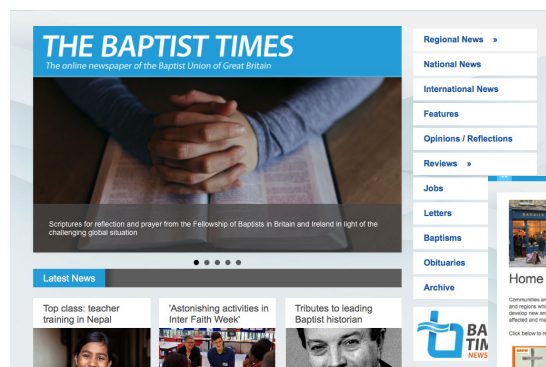
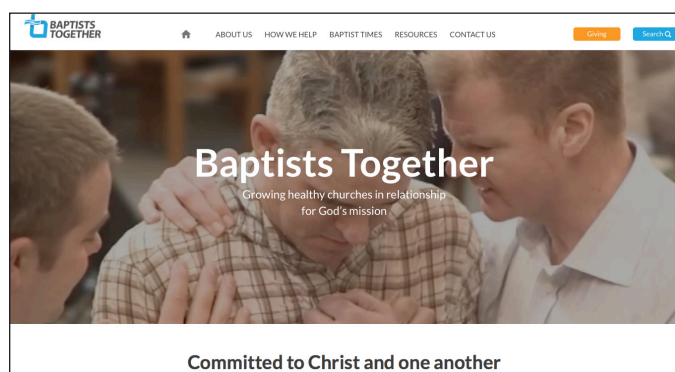
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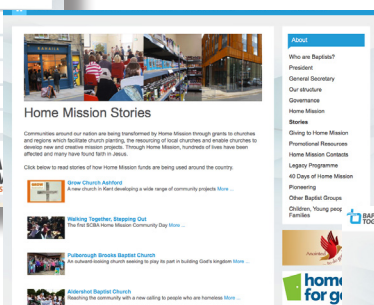
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As part of Baptists Together, there are a number of ways to keep in touch with what's happening in other churches, through our Baptist Associations, and nationally. Join the 1000s of people that interact with us each day.

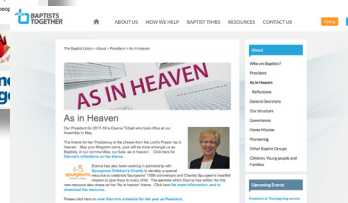
Firstly, there is the **Baptists Together website:** **www.baptist.org.uk**. This is the number one place to go to for information on all our activities – local, regional, national and international. It is mobile and tablet friendly and you can:



Read and comment on the online Baptist Times articles and stories,



Access Home Mission resources and stories,



Catch up with the regular blogs and hear from our President.



Shop for books and other publications



Download the monthly prayer diary and other resources for prayer

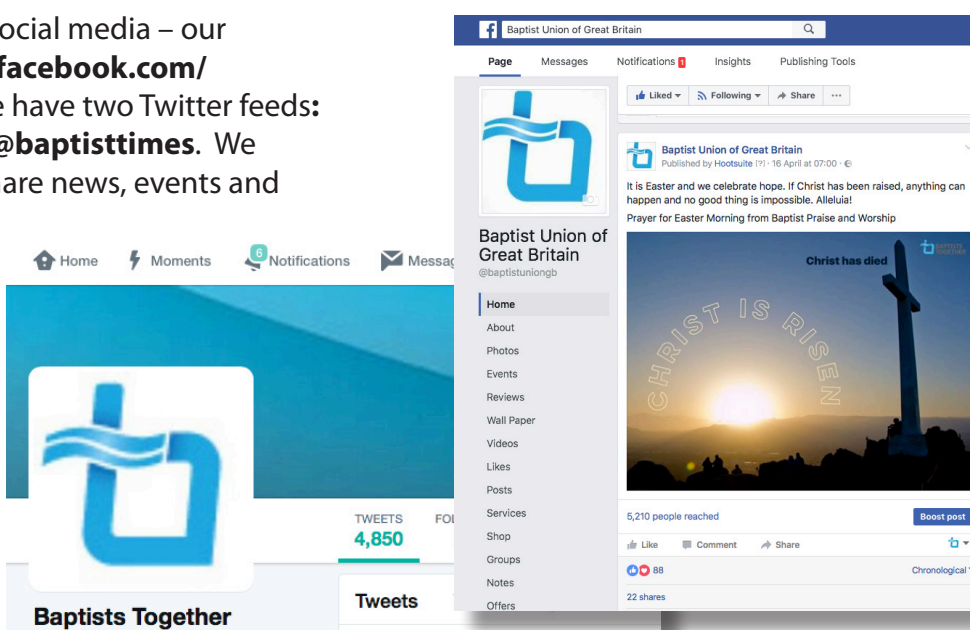
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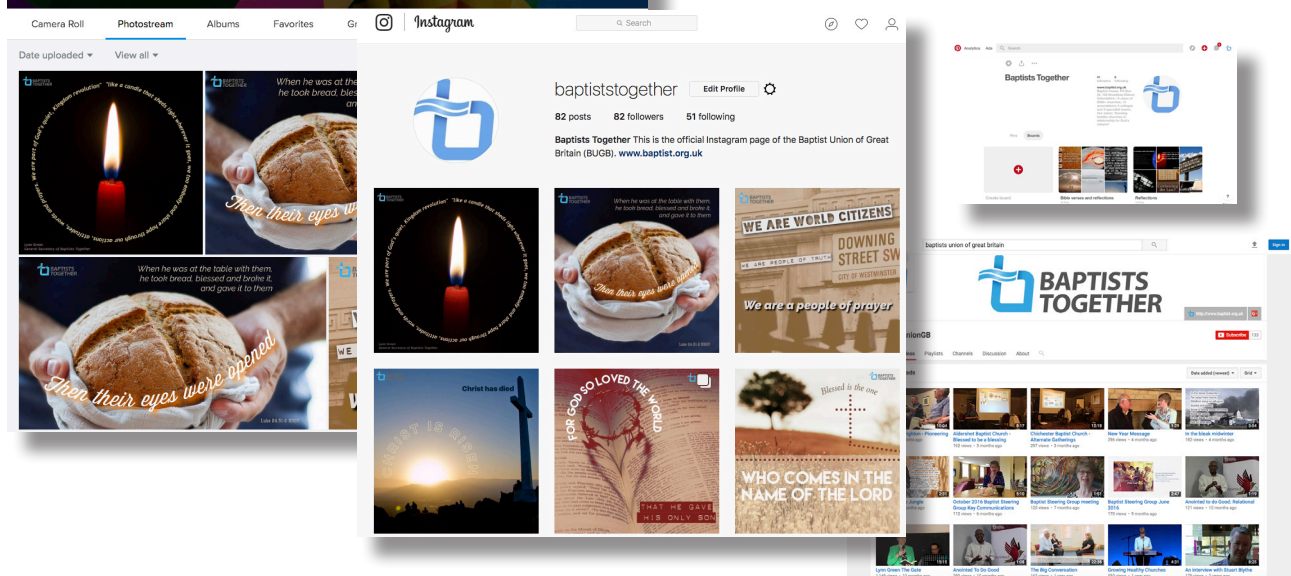


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We are also present on social media – our Facebook page is www.facebook.com/baptistuniongb and we have two Twitter feeds: [@baptistuniongb](https://twitter.com/baptistuniongb) and [@baptisttimes](https://twitter.com/baptisttimes). We use these channels to share news, events and resources daily.



We also have Instagram, Pinterest and Flickr accounts for more image based resources.



Please tell us your stories of encouragement so we can share with the whole of Baptists Together. Contact Mike our Communications Enabler at mlowe@baptist.org.uk

And YouTube for our videos

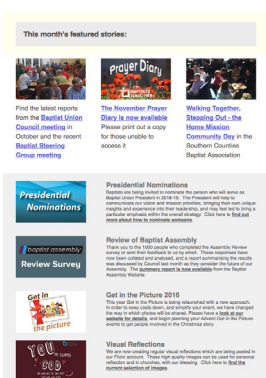
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Through our website you can sign up to receive updates direct to your email inbox. We send regular e-news emails:



The Monthly Update is sent on the first Wednesday of every month and is a round-up of the latest events and resources.

To sign up, visit our website and fill in your details at the bottom of the page.



Welcome to the Baptist Times News Round-up, which features recent stories and opinion pieces from the Baptists Together website, as well as baptism news, death notices, news, events and resources.

The edition features tributes to a Baptist historian and former Principal of Regent's Park College, a snapshot of the recent Catalyst Live events, continuing reflections on the year's election results, plus much more.

With all good wishes,
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The Baptist Times News Round-Up is sent on the second and fourth Wednesday, with links to news stories and comment articles that have appeared in the Baptist Times online, plus news of baptism, deaths, events and general notices. This email is also available to download as a word document – perfect for church newsletters!



Baptists Together Magazine is published in January, April and September, and four copies are sent to every church via the Church Secretary or Administrator.



You can read the magazine for free online, or take out an individual subscription for £6.60 a year and it will be sent direct to your door. Full of news, interviews, comment, events and resources, this really is a must for interesting thought-provoking articles.

We really do want our Union to feel like one team – and hope these ways of communication can help to ensure everyone feels included.

baptist assembly

We also gather together nationally as Baptists for our annual Assembly, which we share with BMS World Mission. The Assembly provides a wonderful opportunity to meet up with hundreds of other Baptist brothers and sisters and we do hope that you will be able to join us. The Assembly is an inspiring time of worship, discussion, bible teaching and fellowship and I am sure that you would enjoy it. Your church, like every Baptist church, is invited to send delegates, however the event is open to anyone and it would be wonderful if your church could be well represented. For more information please do visit the Assembly website at www.baptistassembly.org.uk.



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Resourcing

It will not be news to you that the kingdom of God needs resourcing! We are very keen to ensure that all that we do is clearly focused on the mission of God to his world, and we ask you to contribute in two ways. Firstly, every church in membership with the Baptist Union is required to pay a small annual subscription (currently £4 per member). A request for this will be sent to your Treasurer around April each year.



Also, we invite you to give at least 5% of your general annual income to support the work of Home Mission. Home Mission is focussed on mission and at present about 400 missional leaders within Britain are directly supported through this fund. In addition all our churches benefit from the help, equipping and support provided by Associations and the Specialist Teams at Baptist House – all of whom are funded by Home Mission. It is a wonderfully exciting expression of our life together and hope that you will find great joy as you share in this aspect of our Baptist family life.

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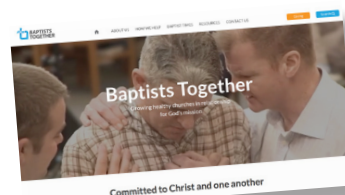
Your Regional Ministers in the Association Team have been set aside to offer support and encouragement and to equip you for your ministry. I hope that you will draw them into the life of your fellowship whenever possible.



Our Colleges prepare women and men for ministry in all its forms in partnership with others through an integrated approach including nurturing discipleship, theological teaching and reflective practice. Our Colleges also take the lead in supporting and encouraging research.



Our Specialist Teams offer specialist guidance, support and accountability to Baptists Together in matters that concern us all. They also enable the voices of Baptists to be heard nationally and internationally.



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