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Weekly Prayer Diary



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Acts 1: 7-9

Please remember in your prayers those, across the Association, who are unwell or in need:

- Philip Blaney (Revd Darren Blaney's eldest son) - Please pray for Philip, for God's protection over his life, that his new medication will work quickly, and that the medical support he needs will be made available.
- Reg Hughes (former President and Chair of the Kent Baptist Association, and a member of Gillingham Baptist Church) - Reg has started his course of chemotherapy infusions; they're expected to continue up until July. Please pray that Reg is able to cope with the treatment; that he doesn't suffer from too many side effects; and that the treatment checks the growth of the pancreatic tumour.
- Revd Bill Miles (retired) - Please continue to pray for a successful and full recovery from his recent heart surgery.
- Revd Christopher & Ruth Russell (Minister, and wife, at Mytchett Baptist Church) - Chris is gaining strength and starting bimonthly maintenance treatment. Ruth is home, with carers coming in four times a day. She is making progress in speech and walking and has a fighting spirit to try to

do things on her own. Please pray that Chris will be able to cope on his own, now his daughter has returned to work.

- Revd Seyan Tills (Minister at Walmer Baptist Church) - Seyan has now completed the course of diabetic injections and is back to controlling it with tablets. There are modest signs of fluid reduction although he still has chronic odema in his legs - and he remains greatly fatigued in the mornings. Please pray for Seyan and the fellowship at Walmer; especially as all seek God's plans and look to the practicalities, moving forward.
- Revd Bob Younger (retired) - please pray for Bob (who has mixed dementia) and the wider family.

Please pray as the restrictions around the pandemic start to be lifted - that this will not result in a further wave of the virus; that people will exercise common-sense and caution; and for the continued protection of our most vulnerable members.

If you would like your name added to the prayer list, please email me admin@seba-baptist.org.uk

(Please note, the prayer list is in alphabetical order, and any new requests or updates are highlighted)

SEBA Prayers for Thursday 13 May:

We are asking everyone who can, to join with us in spirit, praying together at 9.30am tomorrow - *we do appreciate this won't work for everyone, for those who cannot, please join your prayers with ours at a time convenient to you.*

Prayer Focus: Let's be in prayer for the BUGB Annual Assembly this weekend, and for our incoming President. Let's use this as an opportunity to pray widely for the life of our Union, and our churches across Great Britain.

Church of the Week: Beltinge Baptist Church, in Herne Bay, Kent, as they prepare to enter an interregnum.

Scripture for the Month: *He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." After he said this, he was taken up before*

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Prayer for the Week: The website 'The Purposeful Mum' (!) offers many prayers that people can pray for their pastor. Here is one of them, adapted from 3rd person to 1st.

Heavenly Father

Grant to me as Pastor strength of character.

Help me in ministry and in life to maintain godly character even when I am challenged.

Continue to sanctify me and grow me in faith and strong character, so that, as Paul says to Timothy, those who speak against me will be ashamed.

In Christ's Name, Amen.

Prayers for today

BMS World Mission:

Thanks God for BMS' training department and the experienced staff who deliver training. Pray that their work would effectively equip people to bring about community transformation.

(The BMS World Mission daily prayer guide can be downloaded via this link <https://www.bmsworldmission.org/get-involved/pray/prayer-guide/>)

The Joint Public Issues Teams:

Today we pray for India. As coronavirus sweeps the nation, putting huge strain on health services and communities, the Indian government has said that a double mutant variant might be linked to the second wave of infections. God, we pray for healing for those who are ill, and for robustly resourced healthcare globally. [#stayandpray](#)

Read more about this issue: <https://www.independent.co.uk/asia/india/india-double-mutant-third-wave-wave-b1842915.html?fbclid=IwAR0k3kw0f92me2P82Zb4XmPncUzEYTL2PBn7x8Aa9WK7CluAR3ci9NBcc>

Baptist Union prayer diary for week beginning 16 May

This year's Baptist Assembly is taking place online. Please pray for those participating, including this year's keynote speaker Shane Claiborne. Please also pray for our newly inducted President, Geoff Colmer, as he begins his Presidential year focusing on being attentive to rhythms of grace.

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