

# Weekly Prayer Diary



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seek after:  
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  
inquire in his temple.  
For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of  
trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his  
tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

Psalm 27: 4-5

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

- Ian Birrell (husband of Anne, deacon at Green Fields Baptist Church, Crawley) - **update** - Ian's prostate cancer treatment has been brought forward by two days to Wednesday July 21st, please pray that it will be able to take place on that day, and will be completely successful.
  - Philip Blaney (Revd Darren Blaney's eldest son) - Please pray for Philip, for God's protection over his life, the efficiency of his medication, and that the medical support he needs will be made available.
  - Revd David Doonan (Retired Minister at Headcorn Baptist Church) - **update** - David had a pacemaker fitted last week, he is doing ok but suffering understandable discomfort. Please remember David and Doris in your prayers as David recovers, and Doris cares for him. May God
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bless them both, provide quick healing for David and surround them with His love.

- Reg Hughes (former President and Chair of the Kent Baptist Association, and a member of Gillingham Baptist Church) - Reg has two more chemo sessions, over the next couple of weeks; after that there will be a review, more scans and a decision as to what to do next. Reg describes himself as in 'fair' condition: some days better than others.
- Revd Steve Lomas (Minister at Arundel Baptist Church) - Steve has been told that he has cancer, please pray for Steve and his wife Jill at this difficult time; and pray for the fellowship who are deeply saddened with this news. Pray for his family and for those who will preach over the next couple of months as an operation may be needed or chemo.
- Revd Bill Miles (retired) - Please continue to pray for a successful and full recovery.
- Peter Millard (Elder & Congregation Leader at Rainham Christian Fellowship) - Please continue to pray for Peter, Ian & Hannah and for the congregation at Rainham Christian Fellowship, following Katie's death recently.
- Revd Christopher & Ruth Russell (Minister, and wife, at Mytchett Baptist Church) - Chris is coping well with the added responsibilities of looking after Ruth. Ruth's recent fall has been a set-back, so your prayers for them both are appreciated. Chris is preaching twice a month at Mytchett Baptist Church, an encouragement to both him and the congregation.
- Revd Seyan Tills (Minister at Walmer Baptist Church) - Please pray for Seyan and the fellowship at Walmer; Seyan has let the church know that he is standing down as their Pastor at the end of August. Seyan has battled with multiple health issues, and with the recent diagnosis of heart failure adding to his declining health, after much prayer and consultation with others, has taken this difficult decision. Pray for Seyan, that the peace he feels right now, will continue and the transition, together with moving home, will go smoothly. Pray for the church as they explore the future and seek God's will for what comes next.
- Revd Bob Younger (retired) - please pray for Bob (who has mixed dementia) and the wider family.

If you would like your name added to the prayer list, please email me [admin@seba-baptist.org.uk](mailto:admin@seba-baptist.org.uk)

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

## SEBA Prayers for Thursday 15 July:

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.*

**Pause and reflect on the Scripture for the month:**

*"One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:*

*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 inquire in his temple.*

*For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock." - Psalm 27:4-5*

**Prepare:** Sing, read or meditate on the following:

No refuge will I seek but God alone

No hiding place save only at Your throne

Only the cross, the blood to wash my sin

Only the holy overshadowing

Underneath Your wings, overshadowing

You are my shield, and my glory

You are the lifter of my head

And though the storms may rage around me

I'll be safe within

Beneath the holy overshadowing

**Praise:** let us praise God for His abundant mercy to us.

**Prayer:** for us as Pastors that God's throne really will be our hiding place and our refuge. That during the coming weeks (and months) of further changes and uncertainty we will have God's grace so that we can be people of calm, patience, wisdom and gentle but sure leadership to our flocks.

**Public Issues & Power:** (Government & Rulers)

Please choose one or more of the issues raised in the BU, BMS or JPIT Prayer Diaries. In particular let us remember BMS as they seek to implement a new vision and strategy.

**Pastoral:** Please remember those mentioned in the prayer needs at the top of this email.

**Parting:** (Blessing) *And may the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard our hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.* (from Phil 4v7)

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## Prayers for today

### BMS World Mission:

Pray that BMS workers Peter and Louise Lynch in Bangladesh would have the wisdom and creativity to support and encourage church planters

*(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:

As this week the email was written in advance - we're unable to include today's prayer item from the JPIT - however, for anyone on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter, please check out their pages for today's #stayandpray

<https://www.facebook.com/jointpublicissues>

<https://www.instagram.com/public.issues/>

<https://twitter.com/publicissues>

*For those without the accounts to access those, please continue to pray for yesterday's issue:*

Pray for people experiencing homelessness. Last week, as the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill returned to parliament, leading homelessness charities warned that the bill could criminalise large numbers of people simply for being homeless. God, we pray that those without a place to call home might feel your comfort and protection. [#stayandpray](#)

*Read more about this issue here: <https://www.theguardian.com/society/2021/jul/08/police-bill-risks-criminalising-homeless-people-warn-uk-charities?fbclid=IwAR0wxAmYJCcby3ZkN6Uwtj02OGXYSu7BYECmmc6F8lc-K2Ns3B4TJzS7K7M>*

### Baptists Together Prayer Broadcast - Wednesday 14 July:

The latest in our continuation of Prayer Broadcasts will feature the Revd Johnny Pozzo. Johnny is Pastor of New Malden Baptist Church (NMBC) in south west London - a church of ordinary people on a journey exploring, experiencing and expressing the heart of God. Johnny will be praying alongside our General Secretary Lynn Green, and one of our BSL Interpreters.

Click [here](#) to join the meeting

### Baptist Union prayer diary for week beginning 25 July

This week, we pray for BMS World Mission, and for their new strategy and vision. Pray that God would be preparing paths for all those involved in implementing this, and that this new strategy will be pivotal in carrying out God's work.

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