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## Weekly Prayer Diary

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."

Ephesians 6:18

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

- Charlotte Bolzan (wife of Minister in Training, Joao Bolzan, at Chiddingfold Baptist Church) - Charlotte has ME (the same condition as Liona Platford - mentioned below). Please pray for Charlotte, for her healing, and for strength & energy for each day and task.
- Pastor Andy Eyre (Minister in Training at Dormansland Baptist Church) - please continue to pray for Andy, for a full recovery.
- Revd Sandra Platford, Bryan, Aaron and Liona (Minister, and her family, at Godalming Baptist Church) - please continue to pray for Liona's health, for strength and healing; also for Aaron following his health issues.
- Revd Bob Younger (retired) - please pray for Bob, some years ago Bob was diagnosed with mixed dementia (a combination of Alzheimer's and vascular dementia). The condition has advanced with time, and Bob, and his wife Pam, would value your prayer support.

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)

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

## SEBA Prayers for Thursday 5 November:

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*)

Due to unforeseen circumstances we do not have the usual prayer focus for this week; however please join together with us. and Baptists worldwide, in praying this week.

### **Baptist World Alliance prayers for this week:**

#### Fiji

*Praise:* Please join us in thanking God for the commitment to prayer and mission within the Baptist churches of Fiji.

*Prayer:* Please join us in praying for continued efforts to stand against racism and segregation.

#### Papua New Guinea

*Praise:* We give thanks for the Team Blaze worship team and their contribution to the BWA "Standing Together at Pentecost" Service this year. [Click to watch now.](#)

*Prayer:* Join us in prayer for the fruitful impact of a BWAid emergency grant sent in response to COVID-19. Pray that those who received food will continue to be nourished both physically and spiritually during this challenging time.

We also join us in prayer this week for the people of American Samoa, Cook Islands, French Polynesia (Maohi Nui), Kanaky, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.

Please join us in prayer for those impacted by the 7.0-magnitude earthquake in Ismir, Turkey, last week. More than 50 people lost their lives, and many are now left without shelter. Pray for Baptist leaders in the area who are responding to the needs within their communities.

This month we are hosting a series of orientations for BWA Commission Members who are beginning their new five-year terms. Please join me in praying for these 200+ global leaders who are serving on 14 Commissions working to address critical issues including evangelism, mission, religious freedom, creation care, and racial justice.

#### A Prayer from Fiji

*Loving God, provide a voice for our struggles.*

*Provide extra paddles to bring us together.*

*Grant peace to our hearts, our ears and our eyes*

*to forgive and to love our neighbours and our enemies.  
O Lord, give us a chance to redeem the Fonua\*  
and to reclaim paradise.*

\* "land and people" in Tongan language

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## Prayer resources for Remembrance Sunday online services

Vine Baptist Church have made their 2 minute silence video available for churches to use, free, for Remembrance services. The video is on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wiNat1JO3x8&t=106s>

With the latest government lockdown preventing churches across England from meeting physically on Remembrance Sunday, SASRA (The Soldiers' and Airmen's Scripture Readers Association) have video resources for your online Remembrance Service - please email [remembrance@sasra.org.uk](mailto:remembrance@sasra.org.uk).

## Prayers for today

### BMS World Mission:

Please lift up the work of BMS partner the Baptist Union of Albania. Pray that £3,600 will be provided to support an administrator who is helping to co-ordinate outreach and fellowship with them.

*(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 asylum seekers crossing seas to reach safety. Last week, two children died in the Channel and more than 100 drowned off Senegal after an explosion.

We pray that safe ways to cross seas would be available to asylum seekers and pray comfort for those who have lost loved ones as they sought safety. [#stayandpray](#)

*Read more about this issue: [https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/migrant-boat-sinks-drowning-english-channel-france-uk-asylum-rescue-b1372991.html?fbclid=IwAR0Bqlu9YZ597Wa-7HjMm7xP3e1U1QZ\\_JR-cqJIrr0Nly8DFUyHBqYMYSwg](https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/migrant-boat-sinks-drowning-english-channel-france-uk-asylum-rescue-b1372991.html?fbclid=IwAR0Bqlu9YZ597Wa-7HjMm7xP3e1U1QZ_JR-cqJIrr0Nly8DFUyHBqYMYSwg)*

## Baptists Together Prayer Broadcasts

### Wednesday 4 November

The latest in our series of Prayer Broadcasts will feature Steve Chalke, Senior minister of Oasis Church Waterloo, central London, author, speaker and former UN Special Advisor on Human Trafficking. In 1985 Steve founded the Oasis Trust with a vision to build inclusive local communities. Oasis is now one of the largest charities in the UK, as well as working in a host of other countries. It provides housing, education through 53 schools, healthcare, various other community-building initiatives and is now working with the Ministry of Justice to create the UK's first Secure School. Steve will be praying alongside General Secretary Lynn Green and one of our BSL interpreters.

To watch the broadcast live, and comment, click here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vaFr3oP0ryU&feature=youtu.be>

Previous prayer broadcasts can be viewed by going to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oKBKzWkIN3E&feature=youtu.be>

## Baptist Union prayer diary for week beginning 8 November

*Ever-living God  
we remember those whom you have gathered  
from the storm of war into the peace of  
your presence;  
may that same peace  
calm our fears,  
bring justice to all peoples  
and establish harmony among the nations,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

Prayer taken from an Order of Service for Remembrance Sunday published by CTBI  
[www.ctbi.org.uk/remembrance-sunday](http://www.ctbi.org.uk/remembrance-sunday)



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