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Weekly Prayer Diary



"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting
Father, Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end"

Isaiah 9: 6-7a

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 Christopher & Ruth Russell (Minister, and wife, at Mytchett Baptist Church) - please pray Christopher, who is awaiting results from a scan and other tests and is very poorly; and for Ruth, who had a bad stroke recently, and is hospital.
- 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

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

SEBA Prayers for Thursday 3 December:

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: For all our churches within SEBA as we emerge from Lockdown 2 into Tiers 2 & 3. For wisdom to know how to respond to the new restrictions and

their impact on our congregational life.

Church of the Week: This week, in a slight change, let us remember our SEBA Regional Ministry Team, both Ministers and Staff

- Thur: Stuart Davidson
- Fri: Paul Kerley
- Sat: Penny Marsh
- Sun: Steph Tidy
- Mon: Pamela Kerley
- Tue: Michael Fanstone
- Wed: David Sheldon & Malcolm Browning

Scripture for the Month: (with thanks to Rev Sandra Platford) *"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end,"* Isaiah 9:6-7a

Prayer for the Week: John Calvin is often represented as a dire, cold and hard man. Yet the truth is far different. He was actually a shy, retiring and scholarly man who was thrust into pastoral leadership against his better judgement. He could often be short, as like many scholarly types, his people skills were not always the best. However his testimony is one of how Christ softened his character and made him a Pastor of compassion, with a heart for God and an empathy for his people. He defined true piety as *"that reverence joined with love of God which the knowledge of his benefits induces"*. After conducting an Old testament lecture on the book of Daniel, he concluded with prayer, part of which we offer as our prayer together for the week:

Almighty God,

*May we be prepared, whatever happens, rather to undergo a hundred deaths than to turn aside from the profession of true piety, in which we know our safety to be laid up. And may we so glorify Thy name as to be partakers of that glory which has been acquired for us through the blood of Thine only-begotten Son,
Amen.*

Prayers for today

BMS World Mission:

Give thanks for Valerie, a BMS-supported worker in Uganda, giving schools child protection training. Pray that cultural norms would change and that girls would be valued as much as boys.

(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 the changing lockdown situation across the UK. Each of the nations in the UK have announced changing rules and guidelines for Christmas, and England leaves national lockdown today. We pray for the mental health of people struggling with regulations and a safe and peaceful Christmas season. [#stayandpray](#)

Read more about this issue: https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/explainers-52530518?fbclid=IwAR1qVG8RnZr3qIP6GWS-KkYe_IGXnwdJBwwJGVkDnfjId7NOUeipIMFHyl

Baptists Together Prayer Broadcasts

Wednesday 2 December

The latest in our series of Prayer Broadcasts will feature Gavin Calver, CEO of the Evangelical Alliance, ordained evangelist, a regular public speaker, and has authored five books.

Previously spending 14 years with Youth for Christ, six of which were National Director. Gavin came to the Evangelical Alliance as Director of Mission and had been in that role for 5 years until he took the role of CEO in 2019.

Gavin will be praying alongside our 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=aeva44JbyQ4&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 6 December

Please pray for London Baptists - who support the mission and ministry of around 300 Baptist churches across the greater London area. They exist to encourage and equip their member churches as they pursue their own distinct vision and calling to the local communities in which they're based.

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