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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.
- 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) - Chris has been diagnosed with low grade lymphatic cancer of the thyroid stage 3B which is treatable and has started weekly treatment. Ruth is making progress (having suffered a stroke) although progress is slow, but encouraging. Please pray for them both
- Revd Bob & Pam Younger (retired) - Bob and Pam have moved into a nursing & residential home, as Pam needed extra help for looking after Bob (who has mixed dementia), and with her own health - please remember them both in your prayers.

If you would like your name added to the prayer list, please email me

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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 17 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: Let us pray that wisdom, common sense and a concern to protect others will cause people to obey the Covid Rules this Christmas, and keep contact

to a minimum.

Church of the Week: Westerham Hill Baptist Church [West Kent Network]

Scripture for the Month: "*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:

*Heavenly Father,  
as we prepare to celebrate Christmas in the midst of unusual times,  
give us grace to proclaim the gospel of Your Son with fervour and conviction  
and to celebrate His birth with joy.  
In His Name we ask it, Amen*

## Prayers for today

**BMS World Mission:**

Pray that God would encourage many young men and women to respond to his call and train with BMS partner the Christian College of Theology, Bangladesh.

*(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 Andhra Pradesh in India. Cases of a mystery illness started arising last week, with one dead and more than two hundred hospitalised, with symptoms including nausea and convulsions – possibly caused by metal poisoning. We pray for understanding of these new symptoms and relief for those who are suffering. [#stayandpray](#)

*Read more about this issue: [https://news.sky.com/story/andhra-pradesh-mystery-illness-kills-one-and-leaves-200-in-hospital-in-india-12154221?fbclid=IwAR0NHGit5fjO4In93PjcBT\\_2Aw4r8DogpyLKxJ1IP\\_-WJ7v4oT613Z8xpM](https://news.sky.com/story/andhra-pradesh-mystery-illness-kills-one-and-leaves-200-in-hospital-in-india-12154221?fbclid=IwAR0NHGit5fjO4In93PjcBT_2Aw4r8DogpyLKxJ1IP_-WJ7v4oT613Z8xpM)*

## Baptists Together Prayer Broadcasts

### Wednesday 16 December

The latest and the last in our series of Prayer Broadcasts will feature Geoff Colmer is the Regional Minister Team Leader of the Central Baptist Association, a role he has exercised for over sixteen years. In May 2021 he will become the President of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and his theme will be 'Attentive to Rhythms of Grace.' Geoff will be praying alongside General Secretary Lynn Green and one of our BSL interpreters.

This will be the last Prayer Broadcast in it's current state. It will be continuing but in different formats and different ways throughout 2021, just not the weekly Broadcast we have come to know and love.

To watch the broadcast live, and comment, click here <https://youtu.be/VZIHqwy0l6k>

Previous prayer broadcasts can be viewed by going to <https://youtu.be/hDXPsysuETM>

## Baptist Union prayer diary for week beginning 20 December

As we look towards Christmas, we rejoice in God's sustained presence, even when things are not easy. This Christmas will be different for all of us, but we remember that God is always with us and the story we share and celebrate is a story that is our gateway to eternity.



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