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Weekly Prayer Diary



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And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited,

provoking one another, envying one another.”

Galations 5:22-26

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 . Please pray for Charlotte, for her healing, and for strength & energy for each day and task.
- Revd Robin & Marion Brenchley (Minister & wife at Ferring Baptist Church) - Robin and Marion have Covid-19, please pray for them - and their son, Sam, who has also been diagnosed with the virus.
- **Reg Hughes (former President and Chair of the Kent Baptist Association, and a member of Gillingham Baptist Church)** - Please pray for Reg, he has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and surgery is not an option.
- **Revd Bill Miles (retired)** - please pray for Bill who has recently undergone surgery; pray for a successful and full recovery.
- Revd Sandra Platford (Minister at Godalming Baptist Church) - please continue to pray for Sandra's health, for strength and healing for her.
- Revd Christopher & Ruth Russell (Minister, and wife, at Mytchett Baptist Church) - Chris is being treated for lymphatic cancer of the thyroid and Ruth is slowly recovering from a stroke. 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 14 January:

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 grace and peace to all of us during this lockdown period that is starting to develop something of an edge to it and feel 'nasty' to many people.

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

Scripture for the Month: Galations 5:22-26

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Prayer for the Week:

A Prayer from Truo Cathedral

*Ever present God,
be with us in our isolation,
be close to us in our distancing,
be healing in our sickness,
be joy in our sadness,
be light in our darkness,
be wisdom in our confusion,
be all that is familiar when all is unfamiliar,
that when the doors reopen*

*we may with the zeal of Pentecost
inhabit our communities
and speak of your goodness
to an emerging world.
For Jesus' sake.
Amen.*



As Covid-19 threatens to overwhelm our health service and continues to inflict pain and loss, we stand together with many others and renew our commitment to sustained prayer.

This interview is with Lou Adams, the Matron of an A&E Department at a major teaching hospital (The Royal Sussex Hospital, in Brighton). She shares some of her recent experiences and the power of prayer in the midst of incredible strain and difficulty.

It is available to download from

https://www.mediafire.com/file/8i1tckzewd7xjor/Lou_Adams_interview.mp4/file

You may also wish to see the full interview which is available at

https://youtu.be/uFiuVsxl_LE

You may like to join virtually with friends to pray, perhaps in small groups or as a wider congregation. You might like to spend time in solitude praying for our nation at this time of crisis.

Here are some pointers to help you and your friends as you pray.

- Pray for all the NHS staff for their own safety, energy and peace in dealing with each and every patient.
- Pray for those in hospital leadership, for wisdom and for good decisions to give the best outcomes for patients.
- Pray for patients; for healing, for peace and ultimately to fight this disease and get home and pray for their relatives who feel helpless.
- Pray for the vaccine, that it will and is working against this latest strain of Covid-19.
- Pray for a reprieve and an end to Covid-19. You may know people who are currently working in the NHS in your area, please let them know you are praying for them and ask them how you can pray specifically.

You may be someone who is working in a healthcare setting. If you would like to share your story of what you are seeing and hearing in these days, please click here https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/599642/Faith_and_Society.aspx. Please do not include any identifying details, for example names of patients or staff, but your stories will help us all to pray in the coming weeks.

Prayers for today

BMS World Mission:

Pray for BMS mission worker Rose* teaching classes for children with special learning needs, in Kosovo. Pray that classes would prepare these children for local schools and deepen community relationships.

*Names changed for security reasons.

(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 Niger. At least 100 people are now known to have been killed in attacks by suspected jihadists on two villages. We pray for peace in the country, and safety & security for those caught in the middle of violence. [#stayandpray](#)

Read more about this issue: https://news.sky.com/story/niger-death-toll-from-suspected-militant-attacks-rises-to-100-pm-says-12178924?fbclid=IwAR07HKXweg0noZ08rvXrMZ4Ywut_3DAum2kvio3rI9MooW9jmq3Qf1kJI3A

Date for your diary: Wednesday 3 February 2021 Baptists Together Day of Prayer 2021 (more information to follow, when available).

Baptists Together Prayer Broadcasts

Wednesday 13 January

The latest in our series of Prayer Broadcasts will feature Andy Glover and members of the Fresh Streams Leadership Team alongside General Secretary Lynn Green. With the NHS in crisis and Baptists Together calling for us to persevere in sustained prayer. We pray we will fix our eyes of Jesus in worship and intercede together in this crisis.

The Prayer Broadcast simultaneously will be on our YouTube channel and at the Fresh Streams Online Conference.

To watch the broadcast live, and comment, click here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JEnPNTGmE6U&feature=youtu.be>

Previous prayer broadcasts can be viewed by going to

<https://youtu.be/hDXPsysuETM>

Baptist Union prayer diary for week beginning 17 January

This please pray for the South West Baptist Association as they seek to support, encourage and enable the 90 churches in the South West to tell people the good news that Jesus changes lives.

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