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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.
- **Revd Andrew Flack (retired)** - Andrew has been diagnosed with prostate cancer with some suspicious areas in the ribs. He began hormone treatment on tablets and is now moving on to a course of regular injections. Treatment to be reviewed in 4-6 weeks following further tests. Please pray for Andrew, for God's healing touch.
- 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.

Please pray for all of our members who have been personally affected by the Covid-19 virus (*we only list by name those who have given their permission, so there are many who are not on the above list*); those newly diagnosed and in fear of whether the symptoms will worsen, those struggling to cope with the symptoms (both at home, and those in hospital), those who have suffered from it (and are still recovering), those who have loved ones currently battling the virus, and those who have lost loved ones to the pandemic.

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 21 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 President Joe Biden as he takes office. Let us also remember all those who serve in government. Let us pray that God will make them men and women of peace, and integrity; that He will grant them wisdom and strength, and that they will lead for the benefit of those they serve, and not their own aggrandisement.

Church of the Week: The Strood "Bread of Life" Project. (This is also SEBA's Church of the Year.) More details available here: <https://www.seba->

[baptist.org.uk/churchoftheyear.htm](http://baptist.org.uk/churchoftheyear.htm)

Scripture for the Month: Galations 5:22-26

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Prayer for the Week:

*Heavenly Father, we thank you for your gracious call to serve as Pastors and leaders within your Baptist family of churches.*

*As we think ahead to the coming year, we offer you our hopes and dreams, our goals and projects, as well as our fears and worries.*

*Guide us, we pray, into the paths you have for us, both as leaders and as churches.*

*Grant us wisdom and strength to be good shepherds to your people during this challenging season.*

*Above all, help us to draw closer to you, and through this year to become men and women deeper in faith, in hope and in love.*

*In Jesus Name, Amen.*



## Day of Prayer for Great Britain

*"There was to be a Day of Prayer for Baptists on 3rd February. I had called for this to be a Day of Prayer and Repentance. Sadly, this has now been postponed. So, if you want to take part with many other Christians in a Day of Prayer for Great Britain, I have had the video above, regarding this Friday, 22nd January, brought to my attention."*

*Stuart*

Revd Stuart Davison (SEBA Regional Minister Team Leader)



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](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](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](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:

Thank God that BMS work in India has a rich legacy of many churches, schools, hospitals, and development projects. Pray that God will enable BMS to support more local evangelists here.

*(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 safe routes for refugees coming to Europe in 2021. Tens of thousands are expected to try to reach safety from conflict and persecution this year, with increasingly few safe routes. We pray for a rise in secure routes to safety for those trying to seek a new life. [#stayandpray](#)

*Read more about this issue: <https://www.theguardian.com/global->*

[development/2021/jan/14/journeys-of-hope-what-will-migration-routes-into-europe-look-like-in-2021?fbclid=IwAR0E\\_G4wd7GdjFLjAxyqSEcOXvMJ9cZnBk-dUbsty6T4gMGL1Rx5yA30qI0](https://www.facebook.com/development/2021/jan/14/journeys-of-hope-what-will-migration-routes-into-europe-look-like-in-2021?fbclid=IwAR0E_G4wd7GdjFLjAxyqSEcOXvMJ9cZnBk-dUbsty6T4gMGL1Rx5yA30qI0)

## Baptist Union prayer diary for week beginning 24 January

This week is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, with resources produced this year by the sisters of the Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland. We are invited into a place of shared prayer and silence together – a place to “be” and be carried by the prayer and the reality that it is God, in Christ and through the Holy Spirit, who carries us and accompanies us. Always.

[www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer](http://www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer)



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