

Weekly Prayer Diary



Those who know your name trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.

Psalm 9:10

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

- Ian Birrell (husband of Anne Birrell, deacon of Green Fields Baptist Church, Crawley) - Following his recent appointment, Ian has been prescribed some new medication, which means that his forthcoming prostate cancer treatment will be delayed for a couple of weeks to allow the medication to take effect. Please pray that further delay won't be needed.
- Philip Blaney (Revd Darren Blaney's eldest son) - Please pray for Philip, for God's protection over his life, the efficiency of his medication, and that the medical support he needs will be made available.
- Revd David Doonan (Retired Minister at Headcorn Baptist Church) - **update** - please pray for David who has been advised he needs to slow down and take things much easier while on-going heart issues are investigated. He has stepped down from being church secretary. Please pray for David, his wife, Doris, and the fellowship at Headcorn as they support them and seek a new church secretary.

- Reg Hughes (former President and Chair of the Kent Baptist Association, and a member of Gillingham Baptist Church) - Reg has started his course of chemotherapy infusions; they're expected to continue up until July. Please pray that Reg is able to cope with the treatment; that he doesn't suffer from too many side effects; and that the treatment checks the growth of the pancreatic tumour.
- Revd Bill Miles (retired) - Please continue to pray for a successful and full recovery from his recent heart surgery.
- Peter Millard (Elder & Congregation Leader at Rainham Christian Fellowship) - Please pray for Peter, following his wife, Katie's sudden death. Pray for their children, Ian and Hannah; and for the congregation at Rainham Christian Fellowship.
- Revd Christopher & Ruth Russell (Minister, and wife, at Mytchett Baptist Church) - Chris is coping well with the added responsibilities of looking after Ruth. Ruth's recent fall has been a set-back, so your prayers for them both are appreciated. Chris is preaching twice a month at Mytchett Baptist Church, an encouragement to both him and the congregation.
- Revd Seyan Tills (Minister at Walmer Baptist Church) - Please continue to pray for Seyan and the fellowship at Walmer; especially as all seek God's plans and look to the practicalities, moving forward.
- Revd Bob Younger (retired) - please pray for Bob (who has mixed dementia) and the wider family.

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 17 June:

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.*

Pause: to reflect on this week's verse.

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Prepare: take a moment to ask the Holy Spirit to help you (and all of us) to pray

Praise: let us thank God for His mercy

Prayer for SEBA: let us pray for churches looking for a Pastor, and Pastors looking for a church, especially as we come to terms with the new BU Settlement system.

Pastoral: please pray for any or all of those mentioned above on the prayer list.

Public Issues & Power: Please use any or all of the points raised in the BMS, BU & JPIT prayer lists.

Parting: (Blessing) Let us pray for a blessing of peace, calmness and wisdom from God on us and our churches as we make the transition back to public worship. It is proving more challenging for many than was perhaps expected.

Prayers for today

BMS World Mission:

Please pray for the many BMS partners and workers who are suffering from the disabling effects of Long Covid. Pray for a return to full energy and ability.

(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 young people suffering from the economic effects of Covid-19. During the pandemic there has been a big jump in youth unemployment across the world, particularly in 'middle-income countries' like Argentina and South Africa. God, we pray for those who are job hunting or struggling financially, that they might receive the support they need. [#stayandpray](#)

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issue: https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/57406236?fbclid=IwAR21IEX_TOsB9SvC7suolPyjfB5wg-kDAN1oqxr3VHcHEeRQJ96FpoKYjno

Baptist Union prayer diary for week beginning 20 June

As Refugee Week draws to an end, we pray for the migrants, the refugees, the prisoners of war, the victims of hunger, disease, disaster and injustice throughout the world.

*Lord, in destroying the homes of innocent people
– through war or through causing climate chaos
– we destroy the common home you gifted us.*

*Give us wisdom to repair the damage,
and the generosity of spirit to welcome and care
for our sisters and brothers driven in desperation
to step into a lorry,
board a boat,
set out on foot.*

May the Holy Spirit journey with them.

Prayer taken from 'God With Us', worship resources on the theme of refugees, migration and sanctuary published by the Churches' Refugee Network: www.ctbi.org.uk/god-with-us



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