

Weekly Prayer Diary

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Matthew 4:1-2

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 Allan Finnegan (Minister at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Liverpool and comedian) - a number of you will remember Allan from when he came to entertain us at our Ministers' Conference, a few years back; others will have seen him on Britain's Got Talent) - please pray for Allan and his family, as Allan is seriously ill with Covid-19.
 - 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.
 - Alison Hills (wife of Revd Derek Hills) - please pray for Alison and family, Revd Derek Hills (previously Senior Minister at Tonbridge Baptist Church) passed away last week. Pray for them all at this difficult time.
 - 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 continue to pray for a successful and full recovery from his recent heart surgery.
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- Revd Ian Phillips (Minister at Crawley Baptist Church) - Please continue to pray for his full recovery. *They have requested no telephone calls - but cards would be appreciated instead.*
- 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 responding well to chemotherapy and immunotherapy for the lymphatic cancer, and is gaining strength and looking well. Ruth's speech is improving and she is learning to walk again, although progress is slow, but encouraging (Ruth suffered a stroke last year). 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.

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. Pray for our healthcare and prison chaplains - the pandemic is taking a hard toll on them. Pray for their health, for strength of body and of spirit, for rest and peace - and that Jesus will shine through them, to all they minister to.

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 18 February:

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: As we prepare to meet online for our Association Ministers Conference next week let us pray for one another as Pastors, in particular that Lent will be a time of devotion and growth for each one of us.

Church of the Week: John Western and the "Bread of Life" project in Strood.

Scripture for Lent: Jesus in the Wilderness (part 1)

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Prayer for the Week: Something different, for those who like Spiritual Disciplines, here is an Examen to use each evening for the First Week of Lent.

1. Give Thanks. I thank God for this day, for my life, for all I am and have, and for His Word.
2. Pray for Light. I ask the Father to let me see my day as the Holy Spirit sees it, and to show me what I need to see.
3. Find God. I look at my day in the light of the Spirit. I look back over the morning, the afternoon, and the evening.
**Who talked with me or worked with me?*
**Did I get done what I meant to do or leave things out?*
4. Anything Wrong?
**Do I trust that God is with me when I fail?*
**Where I was ungrateful, I repent and offer thanks.*
5. What Now?
**I look forward in hope.*
**What have I to do now? What have I to avoid?*
6. Commit to God. I offer all this into the Father's hands

Prayers for today

BMS World Mission:

Every year, countries around the world face multiple crises. BMS World Mission's partners based in and near affected communities are quick to respond, ensuring the right support is given at the right time. Pray for those responding, both in prayer and action, that they would have wisdom, energy and sufficient resources.

BMS is part of the Baptist World Alliance Forum for Aid and Development (BFAD), which reached over one million people in response to Covid-19. Pray that the Lord will continue to provide resources to this collective.

(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 areas relying on tourism for prosperity. Last week the Health Secretary cast doubt on the holiday season, a blow for towns and villages relying on tourism for their local economy. We pray for business and workers struggling to stay afloat in the pandemic and for proper financial support for tourism. [#stayandpray](#)

Read more about this issue: https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-56022858?fbclid=IwAR2YLA20bdUViXNV8Ci9p4HFFbrkkAFco5iqiikwx8elb_7MfaiJc3-E8Pk

Baptists Together Prayer Broadcast

Wednesday 24 February, 7pm

The latest in our continuation of Prayer Broadcasts will feature Matt Noble, Pastor of City Life Church, Turo. City Life is a church that has an amazing team, who (working together with those who are part of our church family) focus on young people, children and families, whole life discipleship and caring for all. Their prayer is to be 'a thread of gold' that runs through the fabric of the whole church as we seek to be a 'the display of the manifold wisdom of God' (Ephesian 3:10), and to see the Kingdom of Heaven come in Truro and the surrounding area. Matt will be praying alongside General Secretary Lynn Green, and a BSL Interpreter.

To watch the Broadcast live (and comment) click here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0hLSlbu-aRg&feature=youtu.be>

Baptist Union prayer diary for week beginning 21 February

Please pray for the Core Leadership Team - an expression of covenant and interdependence for us as Baptists. It draws together many of those offering leadership across our Movement and its purpose is to perceive what God is doing, to encourage flourishing across Baptists Together and to model together what it means to be a Kingdom Movement.

www.baptist.org.uk/coreleadershipteam



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