

# Weekly Prayer Diary



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Matthew 4:8-10

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 Andrew Flack (retired) - After exhaustive scanning and testing it has now been confirmed that the prostate cancer has caused the small spots of cancer in the ribs. On the positive side there is nothing in the lymph glands and other major organs. They are now able to target the treatment appropriately. In this case it's an ongoing combination of hormone injections and a course of a type of tablet which has recently shown good results and to be a viable alternative to chemotherapy. Andrew thanks you for your continued prayers.
- 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.
- Revd Christopher & Ruth Russell (Minister, and wife, at Mytchett Baptist Church) - Chris is gaining strength and Ruth has been discharged from hospital; she is at Collingwood Grange nursing home for at least the next 6 weeks, or until Chris is strong enough to help in her day-to-day care.
- 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; 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](mailto: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 March:

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: In the light of recent events let us pray for a just and safe society where women feel safe and not objectified. Let us pray for both wisdom and courage for all those (including police, politicians and campaigners) who are trying to find effective solutions for these challenges. Let us ask God to show us how our churches can be part of the answer, and never part of the problem.

Church of the Week: Rather than focusing on one church, let us remember all the female Pastors within our SEBA family and the particular challenges and pressures that they face.

Scripture for Lent: Jesus in the Wilderness (part 4)

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Prayer for the Week:

*Heavenly Father*

*We know in ministry that so many things shout out to us,  
"all this can be yours...if you will bow down and worship me."*

*Help us, we pray, to resist the siren-calls of popularity,  
of acceptance by the world,  
of a growing church,  
of fame and of power.*

*By your Spirit may the words of Christ be written deep within our hearts,  
'worship the LORD your God and serve Him only.'*

*May this be our creed, our aim, our only drive.*

In His Name we ask it  
Amen

## Prayers for today

### BMS World Mission:

Pray for the work of BMS surgeons Andrea and Mark Hotchkin in northern Chad, perhaps the most fragile location where BMS operates. Pray that they would be able to offer effective healthcare in this challenging context

(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 people facing redundancy. As more chains including John Lewis announce further store closures as a result of the pandemic, more jobs are put at risk throughout the supply chain. God, we pray for your comfort for those who are facing job loss and for just and adequate support schemes. [#stayandpray](#)

Read more about this issue: [https://news.sky.com/story/covid-19-john-lewis-warns-of-more-store-closures-as-pandemic-deals-hammer-blow-to-sales-12242423?fbclid=IwAR2GWBOjO194ndprDWjvqpitZUWfL9YZDpoCCog01SLAYtIs3WwiX5KH\\_eU](https://news.sky.com/story/covid-19-john-lewis-warns-of-more-store-closures-as-pandemic-deals-hammer-blow-to-sales-12242423?fbclid=IwAR2GWBOjO194ndprDWjvqpitZUWfL9YZDpoCCog01SLAYtIs3WwiX5KH_eU)

## Upcoming Prayer Events:

### Friday 26th March: Reset The Debt Day of Prayer & Action

On Friday 26th March, we're joining together in prayer for just and compassionate solutions to the household debt crisis brought on by Covid-19.

We're also joining in action, to call on our government to support families weighed down by debt because of Covid-19. Could you take a moment to join us? Put it in your diary now and join us to pray and act for change.

### What to expect

*Pray throughout the day:* Practical and thoughtful prayer prompts throughout the day.

*Pray Together:* Join us at 12:45-1:15 for a live prayer broadcast with Church leaders and MPs, as we hold those weighed down by debt in prayer. More details to follow on <https://resetthedebt.uk/prayandact/>

*Take Action:* Speak up for change with our quick but powerful actions. Sign the petition, share with friends and start a conversation. <https://e-activist.com/page/77548/petition/1>

*Webinar:* 18th March 2-3:30pm

Haven't had a chance to engage with Reset The Debt yet? Now's your chance! We're hosting a

webinar on Thursday 18th March at 2pm with the HeartEdge network. Come along and dig into Reset The Debt. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/reset-the-debt-a-fresh-start-for-families-in-britain-in-debt-by-covid-19-tickets-142516415435?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch>

For more information and stories, check out <https://resetthedebt.uk/>

## Baptist Union prayer diary for week beginning 21 March

The Baptist Union Council meets online later this week. Please pray for the Council members as they look to set the broad strategic direction for Baptists Together.

[www.baptist.org.uk/council](http://www.baptist.org.uk/council)



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