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Weekly Prayer Diary



'In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.'

Acts 1: 1-3

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

- Ian Birrell (husband of Anne Birrell, deacon & sole representative of Green Fields Baptist Church, Crawley) - Ian's minor operation for prostate cancer last week went smoothly, and we give thanks for the skill and compassionate care that he received from the NHS during his time in hospital. He feels fit and well, please pray that this will continue while he awaits his next procedure in ten weeks' time.
 - Philip Blaney (Revd Darren Blaney's eldest son) - **update** - Philip, had an emergency admission to hospital on Sunday morning, but they have changed his meds and sent him home again. They have told him there is
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no prospect of a psych bed, in Kent, within the immediate future, even though Philip has told them he is feeling suicidal, and overwhelmed by his schizophrenia. Please pray for Philip, for God's protection over his life, that his new medication will work quickly, and that the medical support he needs will be made available.

- Revd Andrew Flack (retired) - **update** - Andrew's treatment is ongoing. He is grateful to God and to people for their prayers, in getting him through these last months.
 - 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.
 - Revd Christopher & Ruth Russell (Minister, and wife, at Mytchett Baptist Church) - **update** - Chris is gaining strength and will be starting bimonthly maintenance treatment in the next few weeks. Ruth returned home a week ago with carers coming in four times a day. She is making progress in speech and walking and has a fighting spirit to try to do things on her own. Please pray for them as their daughter, who has been with them for two weeks, has returned to her own family commitments; pray that Chris will be able to cope on his own.
 - Revd Seyan Tills (Minister at Walmer Baptist Church) - Seyan is now home from hospital, The district nurses are coming in, each day, to administer his diabetic medication (something he was able to manage himself, with tablets, prior to the latest hospital admission) and his GP will be reviewing Seyan situation in the coming weeks; whilst Seyan has a list of symptoms, to look out for, in case there are signs of heart failure again.
Please pray for Seyan and the fellowship at Walmer; especially as all seek God's plans and look to the practicalities, moving forward.
 - Revd Bob & Pam Younger (retired) - Bob and Pam have moved into a nursing & residential home, as Pam needed extra help for looking after
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Bob (who has mixed dementia), and with her own health - please remember them both in your prayers.

Please pray as the restrictions around the pandemic start to be lifted - that this will not result in a further wave of the virus; that people will exercise common-sense and caution; and for the continued protection of our most vulnerable members.

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 22 April:

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.*

We do not have the usual prayer focus for this week; however please join together with us. and Baptists worldwide, in praying this week.

Baptist World Alliance - Pray around the World

Please pray for:

- Belarus
- Moldova
- Russian Federation
- Ukraine

For more information on Prayer and Praise for each country listed, please check out https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Baptists-One-in-Prayer---April-18-2021.html?soid=1102288672315&aid=y_YYsg3ATaQ

Aid, Relief & Community Development

The eruption of La Soufrière, a volcano on the Caribbean island of St. Vincent, has caused layers of ash to blanket the island. Almost 20,000 people across St. Vincent and the Grenadines have been evacuated from their homes in what is now the red zone. In addition, three of the seven churches in the St. Vincent Baptist Convention

have been evacuated.

There is extensive damage to property and crops, which is expected to impact the economy in the upcoming months. Access to clean water has also become a challenge as the water sources are now polluted and the power supply has been cut off in the northern part of the island.

The St. Vincent Baptist Convention asks the global Baptist family to join them in prayer for:

- The health and safety of the people in shelters. Ash has seeped into many of the shelters through the ventilation and people are experiencing respiratory distress.
- The steadfast commitment of church members to evangelism and serving the people. That church members will be a witness of the love of Christ to those who are displaced while they are coping with their own loss and discomfort.
- The leaders within the church to have strength to respond to needs and not become weary. That the church will be an example of accountability and demonstrate true stewardship.
- The Lord will give faith leaders and government agencies wisdom to best respond to this disaster.

[Download the Prayer Guide](#)

General Secretary's Prayer Circle

As violence continues to escalate in the streets of Myanmar, we are calling upon Baptists worldwide to stand in solidarity with those who are suffering.

Would you help engage in prayer, reflection, and advocacy at this critical time?

Find out more: BaptistWorld.org/myanmar

Prayer:

*Christ our God,
sun of righteousness,
by your divine touch
you gave light to the eyes of the blind man
who had been deprived of light since birth.
Enlighten also the eyes of our souls,
and make us sons and daughters of light
so that we cry out to you in faith:
great and beyond words is your compassion towards us!
Loving Lord, glory to you!*

(Vesper Hymn, Sunday of the Blind Man. © 1996 WCC)

Prayers for today

BMS World Mission:

Pray for BMS advocacy work with Christian lawyers in Uganda. Pray that they will empower local communities by making people aware of their rights.

(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 waiting for operations. Figures released last week show that around 4.7 million are waiting for routine operations in England in February, the highest number since 2007. God, we pray for comfort and healing for those who are waiting for medical care, and that the backlog might be cleared quickly. [#stayandpray](#)

Read more about this issue: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-56752599?fbclid=IwAR3mKdJPTL6zMNyVMMScAuOPcBNttUuZnjckcOY6jajEaj9Vc297yX7axyo>

Baptists Together Prayer Broadcast

Wednesday 21 April, 7pm

The latest in our continuation of Prayer Broadcasts will feature Cathy Bunting, life long member at Laird Street Baptist Church, Birkenhead. In her 47 years at Laird Street, Cathy has worked as part of their Sunday Clubs, the Diaconate and their Church secretary until 2015 when she became Laird Street's Minister. Cathy will be praying alongside General Secretary Lynn Green, and a BSL Interpreter.

To watch the Broadcast live on YouTube, click Here <https://youtu.be/arACyTjB-1w>

Baptist Union prayer diary for week beginning 25 April

Please pray for the work of our ecumenical instruments: Churches Together in England, Cytûn (Churches Together in Wales) and Churches Together in Britain and Ireland as they encourage churches to seek a deepening of their communion with Christ and with one another, and to proclaim the Gospel together by common witness and service.

https://www.baptist.org.uk/Groups/220635/Churches_Working_Together.aspx

