

Weekly Prayer Diary



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inquire in his temple.
For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of
trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his
tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

Psalm 27: 4-5

Please note, there will be no prayer email next week,
due to staff holidays

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

- Ian Birrell (husband of Anne, deacon at Green Fields Baptist Church, Crawley) - **update** - Ian's prostate cancer procedure will be performed today, please pray that it will go well and he will make a quick recovery. Also give thanks for the friend who faithfully provides transport to every appointment.
- 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** - David is recovering well from his operation to have a pacemaker fitted and is feeling better than he has in the last couple of years. He thanks you all for your prayers.
- **Jane Gee** (wife of Steve Gee, Deacon & Treasurer at Strood Gospel Mission Church) has been diagnosed with ovarian cancer. She is due to have surgery on 29th July. Please pray for the success of the operation and that the cancer has not spread.
- Reg Hughes (former President and Chair of the Kent Baptist Association, and a member of Gillingham Baptist Church) - **update** - Reg has now completed his chemotherapy course. There has been a subtle increase in the sign of the tumour but the cancer has not spread anywhere else in the body. The surgeons have decided that there would be no value in any further treatment and have referred Reg to the pain management team. Reg remains in good spirits. He describes himself as 'peaceful' and is rejoicing that he is still alive.
- Revd Steve Lomas (Minister at Arundel Baptist Church) - **update** - Steve has been in hospital, fighting an infection, since finding out recently that he has cancer. The treatment is continuing but Steve has now been told his cancer is inoperable. Please pray for Steve, wife Jill and the rest of the family; and pray for the fellowship at Arundel.
- Revd Bill Miles (retired) - Please continue to pray for a successful and full recovery.
- Peter Millard (Elder & Congregation Leader at Rainham Christian Fellowship) - Please continue to pray for Peter, Ian & Hannah and for the congregation at Rainham Christian Fellowship, following Katie's death recently.
- Revd Christopher & Ruth Russell (Minister, and wife, at Mytchett Baptist Church) - **update** - Chris is gaining strength and continues with maintenance treatment. Ruth is doing well with her walking and has the added bonus of being able to get into the car and attending church.
- Revd Seyan Tills (Minister at Walmer Baptist Church) - Please pray for Seyan and the fellowship at Walmer; Seyan has let the church know that he is standing down as their Pastor at the end of August. Seyan has battled with multiple health issues, and with the recent diagnosis of heart failure adding to his declining health, after much prayer and consultation with others, has taken this difficult decision. Pray for Seyan, that the peace he feels right now, will continue and the transition, together with

moving home, will go smoothly. Pray for the church as they explore the future and seek God's will for what comes next.

- 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 22 July:

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 and reflect on the Scripture for the month:

*"One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:
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to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.
For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock." - Psalm 27:4-5*

Prepare: Sing, read or meditate on the following:

No burden on my back too hard to bear
Only the easy load You bid me wear
Until these troubles pass, my heart will sing
Praise for the holy overshadowing
Underneath Your wings, overshadowing
You are my shield, and my glory
You are the lifter of my head
And though the storms may rage around me
I'll be safe within
Beneath the holy overshadowing

Praise: Let us praise God for His faithfulness in bringing us and our churches through this pandemic. Older generations used to speak of '*raising our ebenezer*', a stone of remembrance that signified '*this far has the LORD helped me*' (from 1 Sam 7:12). Perhaps we can all raise our own Ebenezer this morning?

Prayer: let us pray for the wider SEBA team as they begin planning now to recruit a new Team Leader for next summer.

Public Issues & Power: (Government & Rulers)

Please choose one or more of the issues raised in the BU, BMS or JPIT Prayer

Diaries. Let us especially focus on the plight of those affected by the cuts to foreign aid (JPIT focus).

Pastoral: Please remember those mentioned in the prayer needs at the top of this email. Please we ask you especially to remember Steve Lomas and his family.

Parting: (Blessing) *Wherever God has placed us, let us go in the peace of Christ to love and serve the Lord.*

Prayers for today

BMS World Mission:

Wednesday 21 July

Please pray for the provision of basic services relating to safe birthing and mental health among communities that BMS supports in Afghanistan. Pray especially that these programmes aren't disrupted by insecurity

Wednesday 28 July

Laura-Lee Lovering is moving from Nauta to Piura after nine years of ministry. She will work with CEBP in creation stewardship, while co-ordinating BMS' creation stewardship initiatives globally.

(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 those affected by cuts to the UK's international development budget. Last week, the budget cut was passed in Parliament, potentially for many years, leaving many global development programmes in danger of reduced funding. God, we pray for those whose quality of life will be worse because of this cut, and for compassion in our global relationships. [#stayandpray](#)

Read more about this issue

here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/57362816?fbclid=IwAR1MJ8v7WOLrQMpDM8eGHvYkPyLjiW5husqk6GA10Gn3tcxuxOleq0ri4q0>

As there won't be a prayer emailing next week, anyone on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter, can check out their pages for next Wednesday's #stayandpray

<https://www.facebook.com/jointpublicissues>

<https://www.instagram.com/public.issues/>

<https://twitter.com/publicissues>

Baptist Union prayer diary for week beginning 25 July

This week, we pray for BMS World Mission, and for their new strategy and vision. Pray that God would be preparing paths for all those involved in implementing this, and that this new strategy will be pivotal in carrying out God's work.

www.bmsworldmission.org

Baptist Union prayer diary for week beginning 1 August

As more of our family, friends, and neighbours receive their COVID vaccinations, we rejoice and are glad that our loved ones are protected. We give thanks for all the NHS staff and key workers who continue to save lives across the UK. We lift up to you all those still struggling because of this pandemic. We pray that you, Lord, would go before us as we seek to help those most in need, wherever they are.

www.bmsworldmission.org/appeal/global-vaccine/

www.christianaid.org.uk/give/ways-donate/give-thanks-your-coronavirusvaccine



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