

Weekly Prayer Diary



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Matthew 4:3-4

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) - 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.
- 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 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 treatment for the lymphatic cancer, and Ruth is showing slow, but encouraging progress from her stroke. 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; 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 25 February:

We are asking everyone who can, to join with us in spirit, praying together at 9am tomorrow (30 minutes earlier than usual, as the 2nd day of the online Ministers' Conference starts at 9.30am) - 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: For wisdom and guidance, not only for us but for our fellow leaders in our churches, as we consider how to respond to the Government's new Roadmap out of Lockdown.

Church of the Week: In a slight change to normal, let us remember SEBA, especially it's Officers, Regional Ministers and Church Pastors, as we meet online for our leadership conference.

Scripture for Lent: Jesus in the Wilderness (part 2)

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Prayer for the Week: A morning prayer from Belief.net...for when it's one of those days.

*Dear Lord,
So far I've done all right.
I haven't gossiped,
haven't lost my temper,
haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or overindulgent.
I'm really glad about that.*

*But in a few minutes, God,
I'm going to get out of bed.
And from then on,
I'm going to need a lot more help.
Amen*

Prayers for today

BMS World Mission:

Thank God for churches providing hospitality to those fleeing injustice. Pray for BMS as we join with others to enable the Global Church to be a powerful witness of Christ's unconditional love, regardless of nationality or religion.

(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 countries unable to access vaccines. The UN secretary general has criticised the unfair distribution of Covid vaccines, identifying that 130 countries have yet to receive a single dose. We pray for an international effort to make vaccine distribution fair and equitable, and not solely based on a country's wealth. [#stayandpray](#)

Read more about this issue: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/feb/18/wildly-unfair-un-says-130-countries-have-not-received-a-single-covid-vaccine-dose?fbclid=IwAR2KEUq0aW-BXspwhlinhz21lzLEH86ecifdUrlYDTxvoTXBCZpSidXDDag>

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 '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-aRq&feature=youtu.be>

Baptist Union prayer diary for week beginning 28 February

Fairtrade Fortnight is held between 22 February and 7 March. This year, the campaign highlights the growing challenge that climate change brings to farmers and workers in the communities Fairtrade works with. Please pray for their online virtual festival which will bring together schools, universities, businesses, supporters, campaigners and farmers from across the world to choose the world they want.

www.fairtrade.org.uk/fortnight





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