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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 Seyan Tills** (Minister at Walmer Baptist Church) - Seyan was admitted to hospital, last week, for tests and consultations regarding concerns over possible heart issues. However, having run tests, Oedema is the latest addition to Seyan's complex condition. He currently feels like a Michelin man with swelling to limbs and abdomen. His feet and lower legs have turned purple (an appropriate colour for Lent). and suspected heart failure has been ruled out by the Cardiac Team. The Vascular Team has yet to report. Intravenous Diuretics are being administered. Additionally, his Parkinson's Specialist has increased the frequency of doses to every 2 hours.
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Please pray for Seyan, his Support Worker, Guy, and the church at Walmer preparing remotely and in faith for 'in person' services over Easter.

- 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 25 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: Let us pray for ourselves, our churches, and all Christian believers as we prepare for our second Holy Week in lockdown. Let us pray that our faith will remain strong, our devotion heartfelt and our witness to the death & resurrection of Jesus clear.

Church of the Week: Angmering Baptist Church [West Sussex network]

Scripture for Lent: Jesus in the Wilderness

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Prayer for the Week: A few years ago Rev Phil Jump produced this Prayer for Palm Sunday for the Joint Public Issues Team.

*Jesus Christ, ruler of all things,  
You invite us to pray for your Kingdom's coming;  
Your heavenly will to be done here on earth.  
Forgive us if we seek your presence  
Only for our own comfort and ease;  
Refusing to be disturbed  
By the challenge of your Gospel.  
Overturn the tables of our self-interest;*

*Scatter to the floor the wares of empty religion.  
Release us from them and grant us courage to follow you,  
Through the realities of our own world,  
On that precarious road which leads to Calvary.  
Amen*

## Prayer Broadcast: Wednesday 24 March

The latest Baptists Together prayer broadcast will feature Linda Hopkins, Minister of Waterloo United Free Church, a Baptist/URC LEP in Sefton, Liverpool. Linda also works for the church in a part time capacity alongside studying for a PhD in Contextual Theology at Luther King House, Manchester, and is a Spiritual Director with the Diocese of Liverpool. Linda will be praying alongside General Secretary Lynn Green, and a BSL Interpreter.

To watch the broadcast, live on YouTube, click here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DL7uOY0194c>

## Prayers for today

### BMS World Mission:

Ask the Lord that BMS workers Liz and Sergio Vilela would contribute to stronger local church ministries through cooperation with CBM (Mozambican Baptist Convention) in child education, safeguarding and mission training.

*(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 Syria. Last week marked ten years since the war in Syria began, with hundreds of thousands having died and many more who are missing or have been displaced. God, we pray for your peace and your comfort in this war-torn region, and for long-lasting and just resolutions to conflict. [#stayandpray](#)

*Read more about this issue: [https://news.sky.com/story/ten-years-of-war-in-syria-why-the-conflict-began-who-was-involved-and-the-consequences-12246470?fbclid=IwAR0rts-QUs4ED-bayyq8qdkEizFSFJw6e7e-RrscLinG-wVMsFg1Jt\\_cu4I](https://news.sky.com/story/ten-years-of-war-in-syria-why-the-conflict-began-who-was-involved-and-the-consequences-12246470?fbclid=IwAR0rts-QUs4ED-bayyq8qdkEizFSFJw6e7e-RrscLinG-wVMsFg1Jt_cu4I)*

## 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>

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

## Baptist Union prayer diary for week beginning 28 March

Please pray for the work of the Joint Public Issues Team, who encourage us to think about what it means to be a Christian in the midst of our changing world and offer resources on how we can live prophetically in a time of political turbulence, social upheaval and climate change.

[www.jointpublicissues.org](http://www.jointpublicissues.org)



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