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# Weekly Prayer Diary



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And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another."

Galations 5:22-26

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 Robin & Marion Brenchley (Minister & wife at Ferring Baptist Church) - **update** - Robin and Marion would like to thank everyone for their prayers. They, and their son, Sam, have now come through Covid-19. Robin is returning, cautiously, to work.
  - 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
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injections. Treatment to be reviewed in 4-6 weeks following further tests. Please pray for Andrew, for God's healing touch.

- **Alison Hills (wife of Revd Derek Hills)** - please pray for Alison and family, Revd Derek Hills (previously Senior Minister at Tonbridge Baptist Church) died yesterday. Pray for them all at this difficult time.
- 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) - **update** - Bill is now at home and in good spirits, making good progress, whilst adjusting to the surgery; please continue to pray for a successful and full recovery.
- 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) - **update** - Chris is responding well to chemotherapy and immunotherapy for the lymphatic cancer, and is gaining strength and looking well. Ruth's speech is improving and she is learning to walk again, although progress is slow, but encouraging (Ruth suffered a stroke last year). 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.

Please pray for all of our members who have been personally affected by the Covid-19 virus (*we only list by name those who have given their permission, so there are many who are not on the above list*); 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.

**Please 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

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*(Please note, the prayer list is in alphabetical order, and any new requests or updates are highlighted)*

## SEBA Prayers for Thursday 27 January:

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: as the UK passes 100,000 covid-related deaths, let us remember all those who have lost family, friends or loved ones during the pandemic. Let us pray that in the days ahead our churches might become places of healing and comfort for those who grieve.

Church of the Week: This week, rather than a specific church, let us remember all those Baptist Pastors (many supported by Home Mission) who work as Chaplain's. If ever there was a time when their ministry was crucial, it is surely today.

Scripture for the Month: Galations 5:22-26

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Prayer for the Week: (Based on the SEBA mission acronym)

*Heavenly Father,*

*By the power of Your Spirit, let our churches rise-up at this time and be communities of HOPE.*

*Make us a people who offer Help to all who are in need and struggling in our communities, whether they are known or not yet known to us.*

*Help us to grasp the Opportunity to be light in these dark times, and make this the best of times to be Jesus to those around us.*

*Let us be people of Pease – for all to see this in us because we have present peace and future certainty in our Saviour Jesus.*

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And grant us Energy – for what lies ahead, so that living sensibly and well so we can serve others wherever needed.

*These things we ask in Jesus' Name, Amen*

## Prayers for today

### BMS World Mission:

Please continue to ask God to provide a surgeon to serve at Guinebor II hospital in Chad, meeting the needs of the local community.

*(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 Uighur Muslims in China. After the US declared last week that China is committing genocide against Uighurs and other ethnic minorities, we pray for all facing persecution on today, Holocaust Memorial Day. We pray especially for freedom and comfort for those currently interned because of their religion or ethnicity. [#stayandpray](#)

*Read more about this issue: [https://news.sky.com/story/us-says-china-is-committing-genocide-against-uighurs-and-other-ethnic-minorities-12193099?fbclid=IwAR21Bmmq6RjApZTZlk-r0tk2xoJSQcq8QlwlxY45sRNqjUVIb2r\\_03E-xNo](https://news.sky.com/story/us-says-china-is-committing-genocide-against-uighurs-and-other-ethnic-minorities-12193099?fbclid=IwAR21Bmmq6RjApZTZlk-r0tk2xoJSQcq8QlwlxY45sRNqjUVIb2r_03E-xNo)*

## Baptist Union prayer diary for week beginning 31 January

Please pray for the Baptists Together Safeguarding Team, who support churches, associations and colleges to fulfil their safeguarding responsibilities by providing training and resources as well as specialist advice.

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