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Weekly Prayer Diary

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Acts 1: 1-3

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

- Philip Blaney (Revd Darren Blaney's eldest son) - 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.
- 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) - Chris is gaining strength and starting bimonthly maintenance treatment. Ruth is home, 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 that Chris will be able to cope on his own, now his daughter has returned to work.
- Revd Seyan Tills (Minister at Walmer Baptist Church) - **update** - Seyan has now completed the course of diabetic injections and is back to controlling it with tablets. There are modest signs of fluid reduction although he still has chronic odema in his legs - and he remains greatly fatigued in the mornings. 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 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 29 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.*

Prayer Focus: On Tuesday, the National Settlement Team met for the last time. BUGB is now moving to a new settlement system. Let us give thanks for our Regional Ministers who have worked and prayed tirelessly over the years to help match Pastors and Churches. Let us also pray for the new system--that it works.

Church of the Week: Please pray for all those churches currently in pastoral vacancy and seeking a new Minister, especially as they adapt to the new system. Let us also remember those churches for whom full-time paid pastoral ministry is not an option.

Scripture for the Month: *'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.'*
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Prayer for the Week: from Martin Luther, sentiments I am sure we can all share...

Lord,
you know how unworthy I am to fill so great and important an office.
Were it not for your counsel, I would have utterly failed long ago.
Therefore I call upon you for guidance.
Gladly will I give my heart and voice to this work.
I want to teach the people.
I want always to seek and study in your Word, and eagerly to meditate upon it.
Use me as your instrument.
Lord, do not forsake me.
If I were alone, I would ruin everything. Amen

Prayers for today

BMS World Mission:

Pray for the Lebanese economy after a long period of instability. Pray that it will recover, that people will have employment and that quality of life will increase nationwide.

(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 a sustainable planet. Last week a major study found that 2020 was the warmest year on record in Europe, and that greenhouse gases are at their highest levels in 18 years. God, we pray for a sustainable renewal of our environment, and for ambitious actions to halt warming. [#stayandpray](#)

Read more about this issue: <https://news.sky.com/story/climate-change-2020-was-the-warmest->

[year-on-record-in-europe-study-finds-12283033?fbclid=IwAR1gaAgPeagF-tfzkGinW5vHuQQPexZ6dC6tbIO-Z1BKDIScCV4vT_13af4](https://www.facebook.com/12283033?fbclid=IwAR1gaAgPeagF-tfzkGinW5vHuQQPexZ6dC6tbIO-Z1BKDIScCV4vT_13af4)

Baptist Union prayer diary for week beginning 2 May

This year has been a very different one than planned for our President, Yinka Oyekan. In spite of the difficulties and disruption he has been able to help churches discover 'how do we grow from here?'. Please pray for Yinka as he continues in his ministry.

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