

Weekly Prayer Diary

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1 John 3:1-3

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.
- Alison Hills (wife of Revd Derek Hills) - please pray for Alison and family, Revd Derek Hills (previously Senior Minister at Tonbridge Baptist Church) passed away last week. 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) - Please continue to pray for a successful and full recovery from his recent heart surgery.

- **Revd Ian Phillips (Minister at Crawley Baptist Church)** - please pray for Ian who is suffering from Covid-19. Ian spent some time in hospital, but has since been allowed home, where his wife Lisa is looking after him. Whilst Ian's health has improved since his hospitalisation, your prayers for a full recovery would be greatly appreciated, as well as prayers for the rest of the family. *They have requested no telephone calls - but cards would be appreciated instead.*
- 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 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. 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 4 February:

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: For all our Baptist Churches without a Pastor at the moment. Pray too for those who are seeking God's guidance for a new Pastor

Church of the Week: West Worthing Baptist Church (West Sussex network)

Scripture for the Month: 1 John 3:1-3

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Some verses that remind us:

What We Are Already: Children of God, Loved by the Father

What We Will Be: Fully like Jesus

How We Respond Now: Purify Ourselves because of this Hope

Not so much a mini-sermon as a Scripture to anchor our souls in this difficult time

Prayer for the Week:

*Heavenly Father,
I pray that Jesus Christ returns to Earth soon,
to bring the eternal love and peace of the Kingdom of God to all who believe in Him,
and for every knee to bow to Him,
and for every tongue to confess that Jesus is Lord at His return.
Amen.*

Prayers for today

BMS World Mission:

Please pray for the staff at G2 (Guinebor II hospital, near N'Djamena in Chad) as they begin to consider and implement a new strategy focus following Board of Governance meetings in January (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 Tunisia. Unrest continues to dominate much of public life as civil society groups are demanding economic development, an end to police brutality, and the release of those arrested during the unrest. We pray for those caught up in clashes, and a just and equitable resolution to the protests. [#stayandpray](#)

Read more about this issue: https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2021/jan/27/things-are-getting-worse-tunisia-protests-rage-on-as-latest-victim-named?fbclid=IwAR1C7dHWCs74c9lh0roOHawngJc_0Owvstm8twpKHN_qNh6BlfGZs2PlzBM

Baptist Union prayer diary for week beginning 14 February

Today is Racial Justice Sunday, when we are all encouraged to:

- Remember the importance of racial justice
- Reflect on human diversity and thank God for it
- Respond by working to end injustice, racism and ignorance through prayer
- and action

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