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# Weekly Prayer Diary



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Acts 1: 7-9

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
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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) - 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 Younger (retired) - **update** - Pam, Bob's wife, passed away recently. Please pray for Bob (who has mixed dementia), and the wider family.

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](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 6 May:

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: The many local council, regional mayoral and devolved government elections taking place this week across the country. Also, the situation in India with Covid seemingly out of control.

Church of the Week: Earlswood Baptist Church (our Home Mission Focus for May <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tjIO57KixtI>)

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Scripture for the Month: *He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.*

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Prayer for the Week: An old Lutheran prayer from the German theologian Veit Dietrich, who was a close friend of Martin Luther.

*Lord God, heavenly Father,  
we most heartily thank you  
that by your Word  
you have brought us out of the darkness of error  
into the light of your grace.  
Mercifully help us to walk in that light,  
guard us from all error and false doctrine  
and grant that we may not become ungrateful  
and despise and persecute your Word,  
as your people did long ago,  
but receive it with all our heart,  
govern our lives according to it  
and put all our trust in your grace  
through the merit of your dear Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one true God, now and forever.*

## Prayers for today

### BMS World Mission:

Pray for Baptist partners in Nepal as they roll out church-based programmes aimed at helping individuals recognise how their assets can be used to benefit the wider community and environment.

*(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 people in prison. New figures show that a record number of deaths occurred in prisons across England and Wales in recent months, some due to Covid-

19 outbreaks. God, we pray that those in prison might know your comfort and your presence, and that they might be secure and safe from illness. [#stayandpray](#)

Read more about this issue: <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/prison-deaths-covid-england-wales->

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## Baptist Union prayer diary for week beginning 9 May

Pray for all the events and services happening this Christian Aid Week, face to face and online. Pray that they will create a sense of connection and joy for churches and communities here in the UK and across the world.

*May the spirit of joyful giving transform communities across this nation and the world this Christian Aid Week.*

*Amen.*

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