

# 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:

- 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.
- **Philip Blaney** (Revd Darren Blaney's eldest son) - Philip has schizophrenia, and was due to be admitted to hospital last Wednesday, as a matter of urgency; however, a week on, he is still waiting for admission. Please pray for Philip, for Darren and the rest of the family; pray a hospital place will be made available today.
- 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) - **update** - Seyan Tills (Minister at Walmer Baptist Church) continues an extended stay in hospital where a variety of

interventions have and are being used to try to relieve severe fluid retention as a result of Diastolic Heart Failure. Unfortunately this has also affected his Parkinson's and Diabetes medication needs and will, post discharge, require weekly injections by the Community Nursing Team.

Thankful for Zoom, he attended Maundy Thursday and Good Friday worship with folk in Walmer, leading Easter Celebrations together from his hospital bed.

Please continue to pray for Seyan and the fellowship at Walmer.

- 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 8 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: "He presented Himself alive to them after His suffering by many proofs". In this post-Easter season let us pause to give thanks for the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, the proof of our salvation and the anchor of our hope.

Church of the Week: Community Church, Robertsbridge. This is also our SEBA Home Mission Focus for April.

See <https://youtu.be/g8GZLRqRmGc> for more information or check out <https://www.seba-baptist.org.uk/hmchurches.htm>

Scripture for the week:

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*them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. Acts 1: 1-3*

Prayer for the Week: I have found this ancient prayer of St Richard of Chichester one that I have come back to again and again. It has been a help to me when I have not known what to pray.

*Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ,  
for all the benefits thou hast given me,  
for all the pains and insults thou hast borne for me.  
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,  
may I know thee more clearly,  
love thee more dearly,  
and follow thee more nearly,  
day by day.  
Amen.*

## Prayers for today

### BMS World Mission:

Praise God for BMS partner Big Life, who reached over 300,000 people with the gospel in 2020. Pray for the provision of resources to train 10,000 church planters in 2021.

(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 asylum seekers and refugees. This year, amid the pandemic, safe passage out of conflict zones and towards safe places have become even harder to access. God, we pray that your compassion and love for all people might be shown towards asylum seekers by all countries where they might seek safety. [#stayandpray](#)

Read more about this issue: <http://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/issues/asylum-and-migration/?fbclid=IwAR2FUpSVy2llkIFy8uAB0Lq6csnbKSqSULMjnOugbJb9HupV-c5hrXmTqB4>

### Baptist Union prayer diary for week beginning 11 April

Please pray for the Heart of England Baptist Association as they endeavour to stimulate and assist the region's Baptist churches for their God-given task of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ; and nurture values of companionship, generosity, diversity, learning and innovation.

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