

Weekly Prayer Diary



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that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the
days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to
inquire in his temple.
For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of
trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his
tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

Psalm 27: 4-5

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

- Ian Birrell (husband of Anne, deacon at Green Fields Baptist Church, Crawley) - **update** - Ian now has a date for the procedure that should put an end to his prostate cancer, July 23rd. Please pray that he will have peace of mind as he awaits the appointment.
 - Philip Blaney (Revd Darren Blaney's eldest son) - Please pray for Philip, for God's protection over his life, the efficiency of his medication, and that the medical support he needs will be made available.
 - Revd David Doonan (Retired Minister at Headcorn Baptist Church) - please pray for David who has been advised he needs to slow down and take things much easier while on-going heart issues are investigated. He has stepped down from being church secretary. Please
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- pray for David, his wife, Doris, and the fellowship at Headcorn as they support them and seek a new church secretary.
- Reg Hughes (former President and Chair of the Kent Baptist Association, and a member of Gillingham Baptist Church) - Reg has two more chemo sessions, over the next couple of weeks; after that there will be a review, more scans and a decision as to what to do next. Reg describes himself as in 'fair' condition: some days better than others.
 - Revd Steve Lomas (Minister at Arundel Baptist Church) - Steve has been told that he has cancer, please pray for Steve and his wife Jill at this difficult time; and pray for the fellowship who are deeply saddened with this news. Pray for his family and for those who will preach over the next couple of months as an operation may be needed or chemo.
 - Revd Bill Miles (retired) - Please continue to pray for a successful and full recovery.
 - Peter Millard (Elder & Congregation Leader at Rainham Christian Fellowship) - Please continue to pray for Peter, Ian & Hannah and for the congregation at Rainham Christian Fellowship, following Katie's death recently.
 - Revd Christopher & Ruth Russell (Minister, and wife, at Mytchett Baptist Church) - Chris is coping well with the added responsibilities of looking after Ruth. Ruth's recent fall has been a set-back, so your prayers for them both are appreciated. Chris is preaching twice a month at Mytchett Baptist Church, an encouragement to both him and the congregation.
 - Revd Seyan Tills (Minister at Walmer Baptist Church) - **update** - Please pray for Seyan and the fellowship at Walmer; last week Seyan let the church know that he is standing down as their Pastor at the end of August. Seyan has battled with multiple health issues, and with the recent diagnosis of heart failure adding to his declining health, after much prayer and consultation with others, has taken this difficult decision. Pray for Seyan, that the peace he feels right now, will continue and the transition, together with moving home, will go smoothly. Pray for the church as they explore the future and seek God's will for what comes next.
 - Revd Bob Younger (retired) - please pray for Bob (who has mixed dementia) and the wider family.
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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 8 July:

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.*

Pause and reflect on the Scripture for the month:

*"One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.
For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock." - Psalm 27:4-5*

Prepare: Sing, read or meditate on the following:

O spread Your wings of mercy over me
And guard my heart with true humility
No shadow of the darkness pressing in
Only the holy overshadowing
Underneath Your wings, overshadowing
You are my shield, and my glory
You are the lifter of my head
And though the storms may rage around me
I'll be safe within
Beneath the holy overshadowing

Praise: let us praise God that He is our refuge and our shield.

Prayer: let us pray for all our churches, Pastors, leadership teams and volunteers as we begin to plan for the end of restrictions on July 19th. Let us pray for those who will find the transition difficult and will still be nervous. Let us thank God for all those who have helped us in this long journey and let us remember all the good folk we have lost along the way.

Public Issues & Power: (Government & Rulers)

Please choose one or more of the issues raised in the BU, BMS or JPIT Prayer Diaries. In particular, please remember the Baptist World Congress which is meeting on line from the 7th-10th July.

Pastoral: Please remember those mentioned in the prayer needs at the top of this email. In particular let us remember Revd Seyan Tills and the good people at Walmer Baptist Church.

Parting: (Blessing) *Now may the God of peace himself sanctify us completely, and may our whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls us is faithful; he will surely do it.* (from 1 Thess 5v23-24)

Prayers for today

BMS World Mission:

This week, from 7-10 July the 22nd Baptist World Congress meets virtually for the first time. Pray that it will be a time of celebration, learning and fellowship for all involved.

(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 the Pacific North West. Heatwaves in the area in the past weeks have caused hundreds of deaths in Canada, Oregon and Washington. God, we pray for those who have been affected by the heatwaves, and for robust and ambitious solutions to the climate emergency which will increasingly trigger extreme weather. [#stayandpray](#)

Read more about this issue here: https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/historic-northwest-heat-wave-may-have-killed-hundreds-washington-british-columbia-oregon-salem-vancouver-b1876003.html?fbclid=IwAR2-ZDKkBe_XFurpkCczMIhFU3B-Q-3xKaZR1_-a4TwSrdB-oF8mLLyqfQM

Baptists Together Prayer Broadcast - Wednesday 14 July:

The latest in our continuation of Prayer Broadcasts will feature the Revd Johnny Pozzo. Johnny is Pastor of New Malden Baptist Church (NMBC) in south west London - a church of ordinary people on a journey exploring, experiencing and expressing the heart of God. Johnny will be praying alongside our General Secretary Lynn Green, and one of our BSL Interpreters.

Click [here](#) to join the meeting

Baptist Union prayer diary for week beginning 11 July

Please pray for the Central Baptist Association as they seek to journey together in ministry and mission. The Association is made up of 150 churches in Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Northamptonshire and Hertfordshire.

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