

Prayer Guide



The Way, the Truth and the Life

God, so near and far,
journey's beginning, journey's end:
our way to you is Jesus Christ.
He is the truth
which guarantees our integrity;
he is the life,
calling us through death to resurrection.
Help us, then, through him,
to trust you
and, with quiet minds,
to take the way,
proclaim the truth
and live your life
for the sake of all the world.

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Welcome to the second quarter of the 2010 Prayer Guide – your opportunity to pray for the wider Baptist family over the next three months.

✚ If you would like more prayer resources, contact your Baptist association or go to www.baptist.org.uk/prayer_worship.html where you will find a range of materials including monthly prayers of intercession.

April



4 -10 April BUGB Finance and Administration including BU Corporation

Pray for the Finance and Corporation staff as they help churches with practical, financial and legal matters. Pray for BUGB Treasurer Malcolm Broad and all the association Treasurers, as they work with the senior Finance staff to ensure effective use of Home Mission resources.

www.baptist.org.uk



11-17 April South West Baptist Association (SWBA)

SWBA is a family of around 90 churches in Cornwall, Devon, Somerset and a small part of Dorset. Pray for the association team as they seek to serve, support and resource these churches. Pray for the local organisers of the Baptist Assembly being held in Plymouth later this month.

www.swbaptists.org.uk



18-24 April Northern Baptist Learning Community, Manchester (NBLC)

Pray for the Principals, Anne Phillips and Richard Kidd, one year into their co-leadership of the Northern Baptist Learning Community. Pray for the appointment of new Regional Tutors in partnership with our neighbouring associations. Pray for an inspiring event: 'Baptists Doing Theology – Northern Theological Consultation' at the Blackley Baptist Church Centre on Tuesday 20 April.

northernbc.wordpress.com



25 April-1 May Baptist Assembly

Pray that the Assembly theme, 'One world, one mission' will inspire Baptists gathering in Plymouth this coming weekend (30 April to 3 May). Pray that those attending will be encouraged and challenged to act on what God is saying to them as they return to their home churches. Pray for all those taking part and working behind the scenes.

www.baptistassembly.org.uk

May



2 May-8 May Baptist World Alliance (BWA)

2 May is BWA Day when Baptists worldwide recognise the larger body of Christ and pray for each other. Pray that God will bless Baptists in the over 200,000 Baptist churches that are BWA members through 214 conventions and unions in 119 countries. Pray for David Coffey in his last three months as BWA President.

www.bwanet.org



9-15 May West of England Baptist Association (WEBA)

Pray for the new missional community in Portishead, and the development of Re:source Bristol, encouraging partnerships between churches. Pray for the WEBA executive and staff as they review structures in preparation for staff changes next year, and for association events in Swindon and Bristol on the 9th and 23rd May.

www.webassoc.org.uk/



16-22 May Regent's Park Bible College, Oxford

Pray for ministerial students and all who support them, and for other students preparing for a range of vocations and entering a difficult job market. Pray that staff will have the stamina and imagination to serve all these students, and that the college's resources will be of benefit to Baptists and Christians worldwide.

www.rpc.ox.ac.uk

23 May-29 May Wellsprings (see page 6)

Launched this week, Wellsprings is a new eight-week evangelism course for women offering them refreshment, pampering and an opportunity to share Christian truths. Pray for Baptist minister Leesa Barton, who developed the course, as she enables women to run it in their churches. Pray that Wellsprings will strengthen relationships and encourage women on their faith journey.



www.baptist.org.uk/wellsprings

June



30 May-5 June National Family Week

This week sees the second National Family Week, enabling people to celebrate being part of a family. BUGB is encouraging churches to use this 'crossingplace' opportunity to run family friendly events and activities. Pray that the events in your area will help build relationships and enable the good news of Jesus to reach the local community.

www.nationalfamilyweek.co.uk



6 June-12 June Association Assemblies

This coming Saturday four associations are holding their annual assemblies: Eastern, Heart of England (Family Day), London (The London Event), and Yorkshire (Assembly and AGM). Pray for those organising and attending these events. Pray that they will be fun and inspiring. Pray for all the associations as they encourage local Baptist churches in their mission.



13 June-19 June The Baptist Assembly in Wales: Momentum – Moving Forward in Christ

On 18 to 19 June Christians are joining together from the South Wales Baptist Association and the Baptist Union of Wales, along with BMS World Mission, for the All Wales Baptist Assembly in Carmarthen. Pray for all those attending, that they will be blessed as they worship, share fellowship and the word with one another.

www.baptistassemblyinwales.org



20 June-26 June Faith and Unity

The department seeks to reflect on what we as Baptists believe, to nurture our life of prayer and worship, to encourage relations with other Christians, and to promote campaigning and action on issues of justice and equality. Pray for the team led by Graham Sparkes and for the Executive and its Moderator, Sian Murray-Williams.

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THE BAPTIST TIMES

27 June-3 July *The Baptist Times*

The Baptist Times has seen major changes in the way staff work, some quite stressful. But it's now far better placed to prosper in the fast-changing media world, and staff are excited about the future. Pray that God will use them for the work of the gospel among Baptist churches and further afield.

www.baptisttimes.co.uk