

Coming soon

*These are some of the upcoming events in Thornbury Baptist Church:
please pray for them and those that come.*

SUNDAY EVENINGS @ 6.30pm

MARCH

6th: Tabernacle of David
13th: "The Messiah in the Passover" (Stephen Pacht)
20th : Praise and Prayer
27th: Easter Day Healing Service

APRIL

3rd: Worship Space with Communion (Myrtle Lawrence)
10th: In the Stillness: Responding to his Presence
17th : Praise and Prayer
24th: Digging Deeper: The Book of Romans (David Lawrence)

EVENTS

MARCH

Saturday 12th @ 8am Men's Breakfast
Saturday 12th - Ark Event
Monday 14th@ 2.30pm Inside Out
Friday 18th@ 7.30pm Jonathan Veira Concert
Saturday 19th@ 7.30pm Gospel Choir Concert
Friday 25th@ 10.15am from Christ the King Catholic Church: Walk of Witness
Friday 25th@ 6.00pm Good Friday Service

APRIL

Saturday 2nd @10.00am Local Houses of Prayer Day
Thursday 7th@10.30am Fun Factory
Saturday 9th@8.00am Men's Breakfast
Saturday 30th @10.00am Growing Deeper in Worship

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Loving God, one another and the world

CONNECT

News and Prayer for March 2016

If Children . . .

If Children live with criticism, they learn to condemn.

If children live with hostility, they learn to fight.

If children live with fear, they learn to be apprehensive.

If children live with pity, they learn to feel sorry for themselves.

If children live with ridicule, they learn to feel shy.

If children live with jealousy, they learn to feel envy.

If children live with shame, they learn to feel guilty.

BUT

If children live with encouragement, they learn confidence.

If children live with tolerance, they learn patience.

If children live with praise, they learn appreciation.

If children live with acceptance, they learn to love.

If children live with approval, they learn to like themselves.

If children live with recognition, they learn it is good to have a goal.

If children live with sharing, they learn generosity.

If children live with honesty, they learn truthfulness.

If children live with fairness, they learn justice.

If children live with kindness and consideration, they learn respect.

If children live with security, they learn to have faith in themselves and those about them.

If children live with friendliness, they learn the world is a nice place in which to live

Dorothy Law Nolte, writer and family counsellor

Frontline Mission

This month: Charities

*Each month we pray for an individual and for all those who share the same area of life and work. Their **Frontline!***

This month we are praying for those who work in the Charity sector.

I am privileged to work for Christian Aid, in our Thornbury office, where my role is administrative and includes connecting with our supporters, dealing with incoming donations and keeping the information on our database current. Christian Aid's work is founded on Christian faith: driven by the gospel of good news to the poor, we act to change an unjust world, providing practical love and care wherever the need is greatest. Christian Aid started in 1945 when Christians wanted to offer relief and reconciliation in post-war Europe and from its early days has helped people and communities on the basis of need, regardless of race, religion or nationality. We are active in some of the world's poorest countries, working with and through our partner organisations on the ground.



Please pray:

- For our work for justice, peace and reconciliation.
- For wisdom for our trustees and directors; these are challenging times for the charity sector.

Mary Wood

Personal & Church Renewal

Reaching out to God for a deeper awareness of his life in us

In this Easter month use these words of Scripture as you pray for yourself and for the TBC family: "We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." (Romans 6:4).

- What evidence is there that you are living a "new life"? Give thanks!
- What hunger do you have for a "new life" in Christ? Get asking!
- What needs to be 'put to death' to allow resurrection to happen? Grasp the nettle!

Salvation

Praying for those we long to see come to faith

Continue to pray for your frontline friends by name. Pray for the opportunity to share the love of Jesus with them this month.

Think about the events coming up at TBC. Is there anyone you could invite to:

- Jonathan Veira 'Larger than Life' tour (March 18th)
- Gospel Community Choir Concert (March 19th)
- Easter Day service (March 27th)
- Easter Fun Factory (April 7th)

Healing

Seeking God's healing and wholeness for those with health problems

Pray for . . . Sarah Britten, Jean Cannon, Edna Clarke, Alison Collett, Joan Colwill, Noel Defraigne, Ray Goudie, Rosemary Howell, Ruth Hulse, Joan Jones, Natalia Kent's mum Tanya, Marie Merrick, June Short (now in Winterbourne), Mike Spiller, Len Steele, Lisa Sumner's mum Joan, Dave Tate (recovering after a stroke), young Conan, little Charlie, Tom Pelham (still receiving cancer treatment but back at work) and his young family, and others who are suffering with ill health.

Pray for . . . Jill Soffe, Louise Hambly -Smith and others in the fellowship and community who have recently been bereaved.

Children & Youth

Helping to grow a faith that lasts

Pray:

- * For the SNG (Year 10 to Age 19) Weekend on 4-6 March, in particular to take the opportunity to go deeper with God
- * For the Attic café (Years 10 to 13) Weekend on 11-13 March, in particular to build on the recent Youth Alpha.
- * For X Stream (Years 3-6) where there has been a lot of change among those leading, pray that new relationships will form well and quickly.

National & Global Issues

Crying out to God for the deep needs of our nation and our world

Pray: For the Syrian conflict, that talks due to resume this month will lead to peace for migrants and refugees, and all those agencies working to help them for the issues surrounding the forthcoming EU referendum

This month's TBC Mission Project : Coffee Shop

Soaking our many outreach activities in prayer

The coffee shop continues to be very busy. When dads have a day off work or grandparents are visiting they are regularly dragged along to experience the fun, which reflects how much the mums and children love coming. A recent email from a mum said "I think you have done an amazing job with the coffee mornings at the Baptist Church. Everything about it is great!! It's a lovely place which offers support to mums (and dads) the children always have a great time and your volunteers are very welcoming and supportive." We are building up some great relationships and have been able to have very positive inputs into the lives of some of the families.

Pray:

- * For relationships to continue to develop and deepen
- * For families to recognise Jesus in the love and support they experience, and wisdom to know how to encourage this.
- * For more volunteers to come forward and help.

This month's Local & UK Mission Partner : One25

Soaking our many outreach activities in prayer

This charity works with women aged 18 and over who are involved in or vulnerable to street sex work. They support women needing housing advice, counselling for a range of drug and abuse issues, provide a listening ear, prayer and the encouragement to exit this dangerous way of life. Prayer underpins this charity, the outreach and care is unique. Each year around 300 women are helped by 5 specialist workers and volunteers. The minibus goes out overnight to engage with and help women on the street. The day centre provides anything from nutritious meals to crisis support and specialised information. One 25 has well established links with services and organisations that can assist this vulnerable group to make changes in their lives.

Please pray for:

- contacts with women at risk of harm
- staff and volunteers to have the stamina needed in tough times
- prayer supporters and partners to remain inspired
- compassion towards these women: many have been through the care system, are at risk of violence and have hopeless situations unless they engage with the case workers.

This month's World Mission Partner: ELAM

Touching the world through praying for our wider mission links and for the persecuted Church

As a church we have had the privilege of supporting Elam Ministries prayerfully and financially for a number of years. This is what they say about themselves: **Elam's vision is that all the people of the Iran region would have the opportunity to come to know the Lord Jesus Christ and follow Him as a disciple, and that Iranians would be instrumental in taking the Gospel to other Muslims. To achieve this vision, we: Train leaders for fruitful, effective ministry in the Iran region; Equip the Iranian church with Bibles and resources for evangelism and discipleship; Send the Gospel into the Iran region through trained evangelists, church planters and Christian media.**

Please pray.

- For Christians in Iran who suffer persecution, that their faith will stand.
- For the many Bibles that have been and are being distributed in Iran.
- Praise God for the release of Farshid Fathi from prison.
- For the training of pastors who will return to lead churches in Iran.
- For those from an Iranian background coming to Christ in the UK.