

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

NOVEMBER

1st: Picnic Service led by SNG

8th: Worship Space with communion (No Sunday Night Live this month)

15th : Prayer and Praise

22nd: Bible School: David Lawrence

29th: Regional Celebration: Steve Brady

DECEMBER

6th: Worship Space with Communion

13th: Sunday Night Live : Celestial String Quartet

20th : Carols in the Community

27th: No evening meeting

EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Monday 9th@2.30pm: Inside Out

Saturday 14th @ 8am: Men's Breakfast

Tuesday 17th: Christmas Lights Evening

DECEMBER

Monday 7th@2.30pm: Inside Out

Saturday 12th @ 8am: Men's Breakfast

Saturday 12th @ 7.30pm Gospel Choir Concert

Christmas Eve Thursday 24th @ 6.00pm Carol Service

Christmas Day @ 10.00am Family Service

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Loving God, one another and the world

CONNECT

News and Prayer for November 2015

In Connect this month...

...we are once again focusing on our seven TBC prayer themes.

- * Personal and Church renewal
- * Salvation
- * Healing
- * Children and Young People
- * Mission (Local and UK Mission and our World Mission Partners)
- * National and Global Issues

Corrie ten Boom, the Dutch woman who was imprisoned by the Nazis for hiding Jews during the second world war, once posed the question: "Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tyre?". It's an interesting image.

A spare tyre is only of use in an emergency and so is seldom used. A steering wheel is in constant use.

A spare tyre offers hope only when things go wrong. A steering wheel gives guidance in every journey.

Not every driver knows how to fit a spare tyre. If you don't know how to use a steering wheel, you're probably not a driver at all!

As we move forward as church, we want prayer to be our steering wheel: in constant use, seeking God's guidance and defining us as a community together.

Use the suggestions for prayer in this Connect to play your part in steering the church through November! Pray through Connect by yourself, or use it with friends or in your small group.

David Lawrence

Everyday missionaries

Hello! My name is Mair (Welsh for Mary) and I retired from working as a VAT Auditor for HMRC in September 2008. I enjoyed my work but have never looked back since the day I left! So many special opportunities have come my way. First as a member of the Bible Study Group who go into Eastwood Park prison; then I trained as an advisor for New Start Debt Advice in 2009 and have been Centre Manager for the past 18 months. My work as an advisor links in with my involvement as part of the Foodbank Management Team. I take part in School Assemblies – great fun! I also find time to play tennis, badminton and watching rugby! I have a passion for helping people and so I believe my activities fit in with this passion and with God's perfect plan.



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That those approaching retirement would take time to seek God's plan and purpose for their future

For those who come to Foodbank and New Start that we can provide them with more than their physical needs and find ways of pointing them to Jesus

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Renewal

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

Use this prayer of AW Tozer as your own heart-cry this month:

“O God , I have tasted Thy goodness, and it has both satisfied me and made me thirsty for more. I am painfully conscious of my need for further grace. I am ashamed of my lack of desire. O God, the Triune God, I want to want Thee; I long to be filled with longing; I thirst to be made more thirsty still. Show me Thy glory, I pray Thee, so that I may know Thee indeed. Begin in mercy a new work of love within me. Say to my soul, “Rise up my love, my fair one, and come away.” Then give me grace to rise and follow Thee up from this misty lowland where I have wandered so long.”

Salvation

Praying for those we long to see come to faith

Thinking of our “Fruitfulness on the Frontline” theme:

- * Pray for anyone you have met for the first time on your frontline recently
- * Pray for people who you regularly meet on your frontline
- * Pray for the opportunity to invite someone on your frontline to one of our Guest events in the run-up to Christmas.

Healing

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

Pray for . . . Sarah Britten, Jean Cannon, Edna Clarke, Alison Collett, Joan Colwill, Peggy Crane, Noel Defraigne, Ray Goudie, Andy Graham, Rosemary Howell, Ruth Hulse, Natalia Kent’s mum Tanya, Marie Merrick, Bryan Selway, June Short, Mike Spiller, Valerie Swift, young Conan, little Charlie, Tom Pelham and his young family, and others who are suffering with ill health. Pray also for those in the fellowship who have recently been bereaved.

Children & Youth

Helping to grow a faith that lasts

Pray:

- * That those who experienced God in new ways during summer events would continue to experience him in their daily lives
- * For the youngest, in Crèche, Bubbles, Splash and Two by Two, that they would know the love of God in their lives
- * For the new Youth Socials that they would be instrumental in bringing others to faith

National & Global Issues

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

Pray:

- * For all those continuing to flee their homelands in search of peace and security; that there would be a loving and humane response by European countries to the crisis.
- * For parliament, as it wrestles with those issues which may impact on the most needy in our society
- * For peace and reconciliation in Libya, Syria, Iraq , Yemen, and other areas of the world where there is conflict and division.
- * For those affected by the recent earthquake in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

This month’s TBC Mission Project : Youth Cafés

Soaking our many outreach activities in prayer

There are two Youth Cafés, Basement Café for year 7-9 and Attic Café for Years 10-12. They take place on a Thursday and Friday evening. They are open to all and are places where the young people of the town meet Church. Many of those young people simply want a place where they can be safe, enjoy themselves and be loved; some have very specific needs and are on the margins.

Pray:

- * For all who lead the Cafés, for a soft heart, wisdom, discernment and the presence of God in reaching out, loving and finding ways to share faith
- * For the young people that come, and their families, that they will grow, support each other and welcome the love of God into their lives.
- * For others to engage in this ministry as leaders.

This month’s Local & UK Mission Partner : LZ7

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Based in London and Manchester, the band LZ7 is fronted by Lindz West and Lucy West (née Britten). In the last year they have been in 75 high schools here and abroad, speaking to 750,000 young people about the great news of Jesus and giving them an opportunity to respond to the gospel. Lindz founded the Light charity and the Light Music record label to help artists into the mainstream, tour schools and reach as many young people as possible. He also runs part of the Big Church Day Out which allows church-based young people, those that the band meets, and new Christians to bring their friends and put their faith into action. At a recent schools tour in Maidenhead the band played a gig to 600 and there were 400 responses.

Pray

- * For London Schools Week 16th-26th November
- * For God’s continuing blessings on the work of Lindz and LZ7
- * For the global release of the new LZ7 single “So Good” on 13th November

This month’s World Mission Partner: Mark & Tammy Baker

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

Mark & Tammy, with their children Bethany and David, live in Sabah, Malaysia where they head up YWAM Sabah. Bethany is currently at college in Singapore and David is in his 3rd year at Secondary School.

They plan, run and oversee a number of programmes including a Mission Adventure camp from 23rd Nov - 12th Dec, a Discipleship Training Scheme for 6 months in 2016 and the Alpha Marriage preparation course at their local church. Mark is also involved in YWAM Malaysia leadership, and both Mark & Tammy are attending YWAM Base Leaders training in Bangkok in November.

Pray:

- * For David taking national and school exams, and Bethany for improved health in Singapore where air quality is an issue; and protection and health for all the family
- * For staff speakers and students on DTS, for the logistics to work out on MAC, and for God to touch lives in amazing ways on both these programmes.