

## PERSONAL & CHURCH RENEWAL

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

**Bring us back, O God! Show us your mercy, and we will be saved!** These words come from Psalm 80. You might like to read it through. In the Psalm David cries out for God's presence and power to be known again within Israel, his holy nation. Use some of David's words to form your own prayer for renewal within the church, both here at TBC and in the nation.

**'Listen to us, O Shepherd of Israel' (v1)**

**'Show us your strength; come and save us!' (v2)**

**'Bring us back, O God!' (3)**

**How much longer, Lord God Almighty, will you be angry with your people's prayers? (4)**

**Turn to us, Almighty God! Look down from heaven at us; come and save your people! (14)**

**We will never turn away from you again; keep us alive, and we will praise you. (18)**

## SALVATION

*Praying for those we long to see come to faith*

**God isn't late with his promise as some measure lateness. He is restraining himself on account of you, holding back the End because he doesn't want anyone lost. He's giving everyone space and time to change.** (2 Peter 3:9 Message version)

Continue to pray for those that you long to see come to faith, during this time when God is "giving everyone space and time to change".

Pray for your **frontline** friends by name. Pray for the opportunity to be a 'messenger of the good news' to them.

Pray for those on our current Alpha course.

Pray for openness to deeper conversations amongst coffee shop visitors.

Pray for contacts made through our Community Week.

Pray for the young people at our Attic and Basement Café groups.

## 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' niece Carol, Natalia Kent's mum Tanya, Marie Merrick, June Short, Mike Spiller, Len Steele, Lisa Sumner's mum Joan, Dave Tate, young Conan, little Charlie, Tom Pelham and his young family, and others who are suffering with ill health.

Pray for . . . all those known to us who have recently been bereaved.

**following the way of Jesus**

*loving God, one another  
and the world*



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## EDITORIAL

A collector walked into an antique shop and noticed a beautiful piece of glassware under a sign that said "unbreakable". The collector asked the dealer for a price and was told £100,000. **The collector gasped and asked how the dealer could set such a high price.** "Because it is unbreakable" said the dealer. **Despite the price the collector bought the piece because they liked it so much, took it home, put it in a protective case, surrounded it with laser controlled alarms and invited their friends to come and see it.** A few weeks later they went back to the dealer and explained how much care they had taken and how everyone loved the glassware. **During the conversation they noticed another piece in the same place marked up as £100,000.** The collector challenged the dealer because on the last visit they had seen that the price was £500. **The dealer said that £100,000 was the new price because anyone willing to pay that much money for it was going to take as much care over it as the collector had done with the glassware that they had bought.** When we know that something is extremely valuable we tend to take very great care of it. **We have each been "bought with a price"** (1 Corinthians 6:20). **God paid a great price for each one of us; for that reason every person we meet is of great value, because they are of great value to God.**

## FRONTLINE MISSION

*This month: Retail, Sales & Admin*

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

**They say that if you are a good sales person you can sell ice to Eskimos – well – that's probably true in my experience – so long as you are interested in Eskimos and like talking to them. I have found in my 30 years of selling that the main ingredient to success is simple – talking to your clients, having fun with your clients – oh – and going to lunch with your clients where we don't talk business but we talk life and as I'm on my way out we finish off on the business issues.**

**We specialise in importing from the Far East and therefore have to deal with language issues and cultural issues in**

**trying to get our point across – thank goodness for Google! We are an events based industry and therefore work to very tight deadlines – if we miss the event then we don't get paid for the goods – it can be VERY stressful sometimes but hey – what isn't these days.**

I find that the verse that has always inspired my work ethos is Colossians 3v23:

*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters*

It's been a good baseline for me and hasn't ever let me down. If anyone wants to find out more or just come and chat if you haven't before - I love talking 😊 *Sara Fleming*

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## CHILDREN & YOUTH

*Helping to grow a faith that lasts*

Pray for the missional activities this month (Fun Factory, Streamleaze and Youth). Pray for the

- \* Children and young people that they would encounter God
- \* Parents and carers as they engage through their children
- \* Wider community as they see the love of Jesus poured out for all

## NATIONAL & GLOBAL ISSUES

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

Following the EU referendum please pray:

- for peace and healing to be brought to our divided nation, and for an end to discord and bitterness
- that the government will show good conduct and integrity during the forthcoming negotiations to exit the EU, seek to maintain good relationships with Europe, and move forward in a manner that promotes the purposes of God

Please also pray for Yemen where because of civil war there is a massive deteriorating humanitarian crisis, with millions displaced within the country's borders, and extensive malnutrition amongst the population

## WORLD MISSION *This Month: Summer Mission*

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

For a number of years people from TBC have been involved in mission projects abroad and we celebrate the fact that God has used these visits to reach out to communities in other countries and to greatly bless many people, including those taking part. This summer:

- Mike Levy, Julia Jolley and six young people from SNG will be in Transylvania working with Lajos & Evodia in our link church in Szekelyudvarhely, establishing children's work, building a Youth Club and ministering to local churches
- Helen Harrison will be leading a CRED team from Brighton to Bwelero, Malawi for an educational activity week in the rural primary school there
- Dan Potter, Caleb Clode and Abigail Millard are off to Uganda as part of a CRED team for an educational activity week with the Acholi children
- In September Rozzie Harrison starts a year-long internship with a Christian Human Rights organization in Bolivia

Please pray for all these visits, and for any other activities that our people may be involved with during the summer:

- that God will richly bless all those with whom they come in contact,
- that teams and individuals will experience God in powerful ways, and their faith enriched

## TBC MISSION

## *This month: Community Week*

*Soaking our many outreach activities in prayer*

Community week will be happening this year on Tuesday 26th July - Friday 29th July. It is a week when we run activities for young people and their families from the town. It is a great opportunity to invite those connected with the church together with our friends and families to come and have fun and food over a variety of events.

The Fun Factory is for infant age children and is run over the four mornings at church. They play games, do craft, listen to stories, sing songs and generally have a lot of fun!

The Kidz Roadshow is a similar event run at the same time but down on the green at Streamleaze for junior age children. They get to play sport, do craft activities, face painting, take part in treasure hunts around the green and we will also have some go kart racing on Friday this year which is very exciting!

The youth get to hang out at Turnberries in the afternoons and chat, play sport, play music and generally enjoy themselves! They will also have a summer party on Thursday evening this year.

**On Friday evening we will be inviting all the families connected with the children (and anyone else who would like to come!) to a barbecue on Friday evening for a chilled evening with great food, games, competitions and fun.**

All these events are free and we normally have a lot of interest and participation in all which is great!

*We would value prayers for the following:*

- safety for all the events, and good weather
- a real sense of God and His presence in all that is done
- some good conversation and that good relationships will be built with the families
- that there will be a lot of fun!

## LOCAL & UK MISSION *This month: Community Choir*

*Soaking our many outreach activities in prayer*

Gospel Generation Community Choir - we have been very busy over the summer with lots of invitations to sing in a whole variety of places including the Severn Bridge (as seen on the BBC!!) a weekend in Cornwall and around Thornbury as part of the 'The Fringe'! We are so thankful for all the opportunities we have had and the wonderful members of the choir who are so enthusiastic and willing to take part in the activities

We would be very pleased if you would remember us in prayer for the following:

- For continued joy and enthusiasm amongst the choir
- For new members to feel at home and quickly part of the choir
- For all members to know a sense of God's presence and love for them through the songs that we sing and the times we are together
- For wisdom for leaders for the care of the choir members and for future events