

PERSONAL & CHURCH RENEWAL

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

As you pray for yourself and for Thornbury Baptist Church this month, use the words of this old worship song to shape your prayers.

Let your living water flow over my soul,
Let your Holy Spirit come and take control
Of every situation that has troubled my mind:
All my cares and burdens onto you I roll.



Come now Holy Spirit and take control,
Hold me in your loving arms and make me whole:
Wipe away all doubt and fear and take my pride,
Draw me to your love and keep me by your side.

SALVATION

Praying for those we long to see come to faith

Pray for opportunities to share the love of Jesus on your frontline this month.

Pray for 'frontline friends' who need a touch of God's love.

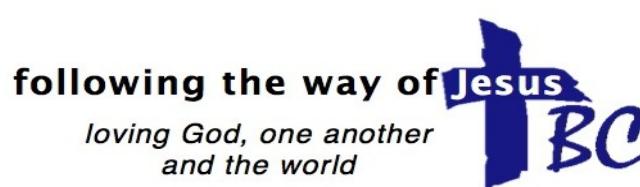


Pray for the local families reached through Community week.
Pray for those on the current Alpha Course.

HEALING

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

Pray for . . . Sarah Britten, Jean Cannon, Edna Clarke, Alison Collett, Noel Defraine, Rosemary Howell, Ruth Hulse, Joan Jones' niece Carol, Natalia Kent's mum Tanya, Marie Merrick, June Short, Mike Spiller, Len Steele, Dave Tate, young Conan, little Charlie, and others who are suffering with ill health. Pray for . . . all those known to us who have recently been bereaved.



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JUST IMAGINE!

Prayer and the imagination are powerful allies. By using your imagination to position yourself for prayer, your prayer life will take on a new meaning. Here's three places to imagine yourself as you pray.

In the Arms of Your Father (Luke 15:20)

Picture yourself being held in the arms of welcoming love, that refuse to let you go. Feel your Father's heartbeat, receive his breath. There's no need to say much, rather, listen to what he may be saying to you

At the Foot of the Cross (Mark 15:39,40)

Kneel at the foot of the cross. See the friend of sinners, crucified there for you. Marvel at his grace. Confess your sin and worship your Saviour. Pray for those who have not yet received his mercy.

Entering heaven's throne room (Revelation 4:1-5)

Stand blinking in the glory of heaven's eternal throne. Approach in awe and with confidence. Worship the king and pray for his kingdom to come in all areas of his world.

FRONTLINE MISSION

This month: Media, Design and Creative

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

As a board game designer my role is to create the working game with an engaging and tested mechanism. However, a lot of designers are the publishers at the same time. The responsibilities of the author/publisher are game designing, testing, artwork, editing, layout, logistics, manufacturing, marketing and sales.

Game designers are shaping the future in many ways. Games are played mostly by children and young adults. Because of their vulnerability, games have a high impact on their personality, views and thinking, etc. The games can be excellent; however, a lot of them are destructive. The question is how we can influence and lead the gaming industry towards the positive and moral games? How to get people to play good games instead of the harmful ones? How can we support independent small authors/publishers with a vision/message?

For Prayer:

- Wisdom, motivation and creativity in designing/publishing good games
- Wisdom in how to reach young people with good games
- That our Lord will create the right connections in the industry
- That the good games can become a blessing for the players, designers and publishers



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CHILDREN & YOUTH

Helping to grow a faith that lasts

Please pray for

- All those who get their exam results in August, that they would know that their identity is in the God who loves them infinitely and that he is with them now and in their future
- For James L, Jesse, Amy, Heidi, Daisy and Anna from SNG as they travel to Udvarhely on Mission - that God will give them a sense of how awesome he is
- All those in TBC who work with Children and Youth, that they would enjoy a restful break over summer



NATIONAL & GLOBAL ISSUES

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

Please pray

- For our new Prime Minister and cabinet, for wisdom as they seek to move forward and negotiate our exit from the EU
- For victims and all those affected by recent atrocities in Baghdad, Nice, Munich, Rouen, Sagamihara (Japan) and in the US and elsewhere
- For the Olympic games in Rio, for safety, and for positive relationship-building as people gather from all over the world

WORLD MISSION *This Month: Romania/TEN*

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

We thank God for our growing links with Romania; over the years God has led us to share his love with this country in a number of ways.

Please pray for

- The work of TEN (Transform Europe Now) who have been supporting churches in the old eastern Europe for a long time and for Terry Wood and his personal links with pastors in southern Romania.
- Our team (Mike and Julia Jolley and the following members of SNG: Heidi Peeck, Anna Colwill, Amy King, Daisy Byrne, James Ling and Jesse Winter) as they mission in Szekeley/Udvarhely later this month, that God's spirit will break out.
- Lajos and Evodia (*pictured*) as they pray over their future in Szekeley/Udvarhely



TBC MISSION

This month: Coffee Shop

Soaking our many outreach activities in prayer

Coffee Shop runs every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday morning from 10-12. From the kitchen the smell of hot cross buns pervades the whole building, while children play and adults chat. There are also tables in the foyer if you prefer some peace. If you would like to help, you would be very welcome - in the kitchen, playing with children, or chatting with adults.

Points for praise:

- The great group of people who serve
- The lovely people who come in and with whom we are building relationships - many share their lives and concerns with us



Points for prayer:

- That more natural opportunities will arise to speak of Jesus and that people will recognise the love of God in action through the care they receive
- Families in particular need - we have parents and children with very serious illnesses; marriages in crisis; parents who find parenting particularly challenging
- Safety - we have had a few scary moments with children escaping!
- The families during the summer holidays, when we will be closed.

LOCAL & UK MISSION *This month: LZ7*

Soaking our many outreach activities in prayer

Lindz West writes: We've been very busy over the last few months; been in 6 countries on 3 school tours, loads of lessons, loads of festivals and loads of young people coming to know Jesus! Some amazing stories of God working in young people's lives.



If you want to know more about LZ7, some copies of the latest Light magazine are available in the foyer.

Prayer and praise points:

- 1/. We have massive mainstream opportunities to tour and perform in front of hundreds of thousands which will be an amazing platform.
- 2/. Pray that God continues to provide funding and give thanks for all that He has done so far.
- 3/. Pray for inspiration and ideas for new songs to reach a generation.