

## Healing & Comfort

Please pray for the following members and friends of our church family, who have long term health needs.

- Jean Cannon.
- Joan Jones.
- Sue Hallett.
- Marie Merrick.
- John and his daughter who has now made contact – please continue to pray for them.
- Angela DeFraine, receiving treatment for cancer.
- Phil Down, with ongoing treatment for cancer.
- Vanessa Burke, very poorly with cancer.
- Doreen and Michael (friends of Angela Symonds).
- Jasmine Coe (Joan Jones' great-granddaughter, who is very poorly).
- Rachael Barnes and her family after the death of her Dad.
- Baby twins Etori and Ariana and their family (friends of Simon and Sally Lewis) – born very prematurely. Etori is improving but Ariana now has a chronic lung condition.

## World Events

Use the news as a source of prayer pointers. Pray for:

- The country of Zimbabwe following the recent elections.
- Peace and stability in Nicaragua. For more than 100 days Nicaragua has experienced a political crisis that has left more than 350 dead.
- The safe release of the 35 women and children recently taken captive by IS in SouthWest Syria.
- Those fighting the deadly wildfires in California.
- Ask for protection for Christians in Nepal and praise God that, to date, no believers have been hurt in the many attacks on church buildings. Pray for a change of heart for Hindu extremists who are perpetrating the violence.

## Renewal

**I long for the Lord more than sentries long for the dawn, yes, more than sentries long for the dawn. (Ps 33:6)**

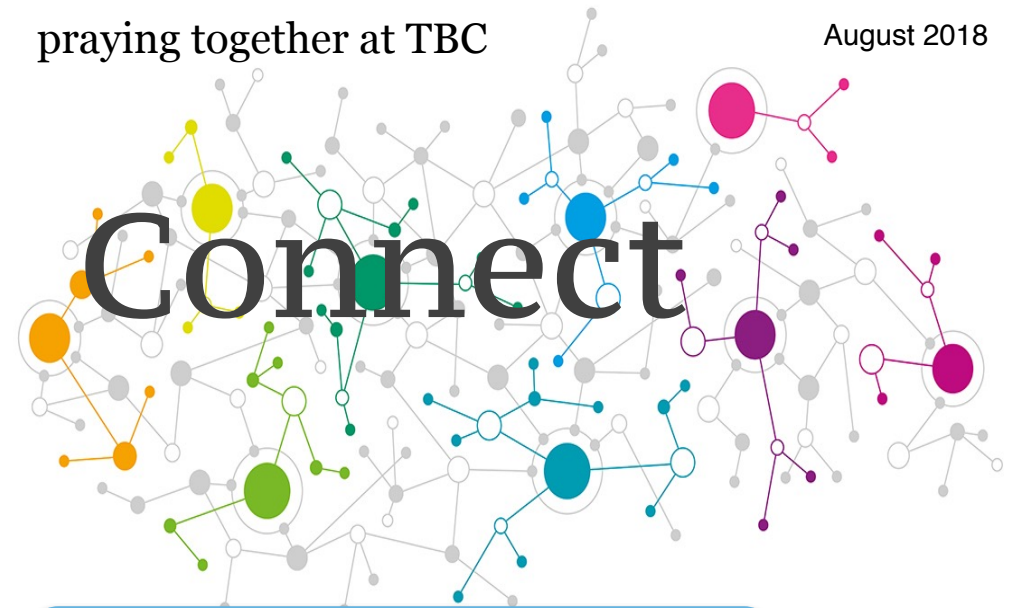
Have you ever longed for anything? How did that feel? How does that feeling relate to your feelings of desire to know God better?

Pray for a:

- deeper sense of longing for God.
- fresh encounter with God.

## praying together at TBC

August 2018



## TBC's Frontline Mission - Emergency Services

My name is Richard Ocone and I was asked to write about my role as a Police Officer. I have twenty-one years service, nineteen with Avon and Somerset and the past eighteen months in Gloucestershire. I have been a detective since 2003 and presently oversee the CID in the county as a Detective Chief Inspector. The work is often challenging and difficult, with long hours. Two of my most notable cases were as the 'Senior Investigator' for the murder of Becky Watts, in Bristol in 2015 and the tragic Bath tipper truck investigation the same year.

As part of my work I am the regional lead for domestic abuse and work closely with the four other forces in the Southwest. This role also involves a significant amount of partnership working. I've seen first hand the effects of domestic abuse on families and children; which can be sustained and incredibly destructive.

Prayer Points:

- That all of society draws together to protect the vulnerable, especially those that are, or have, suffered domestic abuse.
- That professionals dealing with victims of such abuse have the skills to do so with empathy and compassion.



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## Community Mission

The church coffee shop continues to be a very popular place for young families to meet, play and enjoy refreshments, particularly the toasted tea cakes. We open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10-12.

### Please pray for:

- All the families we have had contact with since last September as we are now shut for the summer. Please pray that they will be kept safe and happy during the summer without the support they enjoy from each other and from the coffee shop team.
- The volunteers, that they will all receive refreshment while we are closed so that they will have the stamina to be involved again in September, both practically with serving and as they interact and encourage the families.
- Those families who will not be returning in September because their youngest child is starting school. Please pray for the children as they settle into school and for the adults that they won't forget the care they were shown while among us and that this will lead them closer to meeting with Jesus.
- More opportunities for speaking of the love of Jesus to the families when we return in September.

## Local & UK Mission

We've recently got back from Big Church Day Out Festival, where we had the opportunity to interact with over 30,000 people sharing the Gospel through the LZ7 Stage show and hosting the ILLUMINATE stage. Following the event, we've had 20 brand new leads for the ILLUMINATE tour to go out all across the UK.

### For prayer:

- We're going to be in front of 40,000 young people in schools over the next few months which is incredible! Please pray for energy, the right words to say, and that we see a huge number respond to Jesus.
- We will be travelling a lot internationally so please pray for travelling mercies; that we all arrive safely along with all our gear. Please also pray for discernment, that we have wisdom when we connect with individuals we come in contact with and that Jesus remains central to our conversations.
- As always please do pray for all the new responses to Jesus, that God cements their faith and they continue to attend the AAA Pass follow up discipleship courses in their areas. Along with praying for our families back home who release us to share the life changing message of Jesus all over the country.

## Mission Partners

We continue to receive exciting updates from Mircea and Ronela who lead the Rock of Ages Prison Ministry in Romania as part of Transform Europe Network (TEN). TEN is one of the TBC Mission Partners and work in the often-neglected continent of Europe.

Mircea and Ronela have recently started a new work in the town of Craiova where there are three prisons. Ronela writes:

*"The prison officials over there are so open and the inmates' group we have met was so happy to meet us, so the volunteers were really encouraged to do the work!"*

### Please pray:

- For this new work in Craiova and for all the volunteers getting involved in prison ministry for the first time.
- For the prisoners who have already responded to the Gospel that they may grow in faith.
- For Mircea and Ronela as they travel long distances to train and encourage all the volunteers and also for Ronela who has health problems.
- For the wider work of TEN in Europe and specifically for the training initiatives to raise up the next generation of church leaders.

## Children & Youth

### Please pray for:

- Those going to Soul Survivor (4 August), Scripture Union and other festivals and camps, that God will leave a lasting imprint on their lives.
- Elli, Gwen, Nat and James from SNG who join Mike and Sue (Dunn) on mission in Transylvania (10 August), as they give out so much of who they are that they receive so much in return.
- All those waiting on A level, GCSE, Btec and other results for them to trust that God has the future in His hands.

## Talking of Jesus

### Pray for:

- God-given opportunities to speak about Jesus in your daily life.
- Sensitivity to the Spirit, so that you only say what he gives you to say.
- Courage to speak out.

### Continue to pray for:

- Individuals that you meet regularly on your frontline.
- Members of your family who either do not know Jesus or who have walked away from him.
- Those who took part in our Community Week events. We met loads of people from the community. Pray that God's love will draw them to Jesus.