

Healing & Comfort

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

- Angela Miles following an operation on her broken foot.
- John & Sally Payne's son-in-law, Mike, who has stage 4 cancer.
- Jean Cannon.
- Joan Jones.
- Sue Hallett.
- Marie Merrick.
- John and his daughter who has now made contact – please continue to pray for them.
- Angela DeFraire, 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).
- 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:

- An end to the war in Yemen in which at least 6,660 civilians have been killed and 10,563 injured.
- Those returning to ruined homes after the floods in Kerala, India. Over a million were made homeless by the floods.
- The dire situation of the Rohingya refugees on both sides of the border with Bangladesh. Inside Rakhine they live in fear, without legal status and subject to arbitrary restrictions on their movements and possibly worse. About 140,000 are confined to dismal camps, where they fled in the communal violence of 2012.

Renewal

At the start of this new season pray for a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit on:

- Those who offer leadership within the church.
- Our meetings on a Sunday, morning and evening.
- Those who lead us in worship.
- Those who preach.
- Our small groups and fellowship bands.
- Those with a vision to serve our community through our various outreach projects.

praying together at TBC

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My name is Anna. I've been coming to TBC for about nine years after moving to Thornbury in 2009. I've been asked to write for Connect as a student as I've just had my A-level results and will be heading to Southampton University to study Psychology in September. I'm excited to go to university to expand my knowledge and learn about a subject that I love and am really passionate about. I also can't wait to meet lots of new people, both Christian and non-Christian, and thanks to social media, I've already been able to connect with lots of other people on my course. It is also an amazing opportunity to develop my faith outside of my parents and the church I grew up in. The Christian Union at Southampton looks amazing and is putting on lots of events in Fresher's week. In addition to this the Student link-up app lets students look at churches in their university area and the churches can send messages to them, so they can find a home church and a strong Christian community easily, which is very important. However, I'm also quite nervous, about living away from my family for the first time and I also know that university can be a place full of temptations that could pull me away from my faith. On the other hand, it is also somewhere that is a perfect opportunity to share my faith with people who may not have had much contact with the gospel before.

Prayer Points:

- That new students will find a strong Christian community to be part of to develop and grow their faith.
- That students will feel encouraged to share their faith and confident to live a little differently to their peers.



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and the world*

Community Mission

Inside Out is a social group run by: Bev and Helen Hope-Bell, Kathryn Strode, Juliet and Kevin Goodman and Sheila Tattersall. The name was chosen to illustrate several concepts: looking out to friends and neighbours who don't regularly come to TBC, to encourage fellowship outside of church, to encourage those who might not readily attend church. We have seen deep links grow between folk as we enjoy going on outings, where it's more fun to be with friends than alone, or have speakers at TBC with the added treat of afternoon tea!

Please pray for:

- Health and well being of the Inside Outers - many have had serious illnesses or experience difficulties as they get older.
- Continued good fellowship with opportunities to pray for each other and to speak of Jesus.
- More helpers to join the team.
- A new minibus driver: Bev may have to finish this role soon due to insurance requirements regarding age of driver!

Local & UK Mission

One25 seeks to support female street sex workers in Bristol, in many ways, including: enabling them to access healthcare, safe housing, caring relationship with volunteers and staff of One25. The list goes on as the turmoil and desperation of lives lived in the context of this work, often by women who have had very few positive choices offered throughout their lives, means that they have complex situations to work through.

For prayer:

- For the women known to One25 to be kept safe and to find their true worth.
- For those trying to exit this work to know they are making a step for freedom from all that's held them back and damaged them.
- For staff and volunteers to have the strength and perseverance when there are disappointments and great sadness.
- That the vision of a 'Green Light in Bristol' which indicates safety and positive futures may continue to inspire all those who pray for, donate to and in anyway support One25 and other partners in this work.

One25
step away from the streets

Mission Partners

The mission of Elam Ministries is to strengthen and expand the church in the Iran region and beyond.

Please pray:

- Elam is planning to produce a new batch of New Testaments. So far, things are proving difficult; many issues are happening that are delaying its printing. The Lord really needs to do a miracle and give so much discernment to those involved in the project.
- There will be a Women's Conference in the middle of September in the Iranian area. It will be a complete new experience for some of the ladies that will come for the first time. There will be a need for counselling, and teaching. Praise the Lord some of them who have been believers for a while now, will have the privilege of being baptised! And, it will be also an opportunity for them, to go out and preach the gospel.
- There is a very special request for one young sister. She has been gravely abused since childhood and the team is asking your prayers for all the wisdom needed in order to deal with the situation and bring her closer to her beautiful Father.
- There are several courses for new believers starting in September. Pray for those who attend and for those who lead and minister.

Children & Youth

Please pray:

- That all those who are starting school or moving to a new school will soon adjust and find close, positive and supportive friendships.
- For all of our Children and Youth Groups as they start a new year, that both the teams that lead them and the young people that are part of them have fresh encounters with God.
- That the connections with God made through Summer festivals, events and missions will grow in the routine of life.

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.
- All of those reconnecting with TBC's community work in September (Lunch Club; Coffee Shop; Youth Clubs; Foodbank; Debt Advice). Pray for opportunities to share Jesus with them.